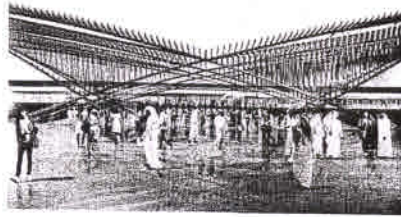




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## Surprise low bid for Route 2020 metro link



Team submits commercial bid that is 29 per cent cheaper than second-lowest bid

A team of Turkey's Nuroi, Italy's Astaldi and Spain's Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles has submitted the lowest commercial offer for the deal to design and build the new metro link connecting to Dubai's Expo 2020 site.

The group submitted a price of about AED7bn (\$1.9bn) with no alternative offer, which is 29 per cent cheaper than the second-lowest offer of about AED10bn with no alternative offer.

The work involves building a 15-kilometre-long line branching off the existing Red Line at the Nakheel Harbour & Tower station.

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**Emaar tenders Opera  
residential tower**

Local developer Emaar Properties has invited selected firms to bid by 22 March for the estimated \$136m contract to build its Opera Grand Residential Tower in Dubai.

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**Bahraini developer  
tenders Dubai  
Internet City hotel**  
Bahrain's Thalia Real  
Estate has invited  
companies to bid  
by 28 March for a  
contract to build a five-  
star hotel in the Dubai  
Internet City area.

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