

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Punjab Resilient and Inclusive Agriculture Transformation (PRIAT) Project (World Bank Financed) Prequalification Criteria for Prequalification of Supply and Service Companies (SSCs) for Installation of High Efficiency Irrigation Systems (HEISs)

The World Bank assisted “Punjab Resilient and Inclusive Agriculture Transformation (PRIAT)” project has been approved at a total cost of Rs.68,672.560 million for its implementation during five years (2022-23 to 2026-27) in the entire Punjab. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to enhance agriculture viz on-farm water productivity and profitability of farmers. One of the key components of the project is to install High Efficiency Irrigation Systems (HEISs) on 40,000 acres at farmers’ fields through prequalified supply & service companies (SSCs)/ private firms.

Government of the Punjab, Agriculture Department invites proposals from eligible supply & service companies (SSCs)/ private firms with the following strength/ background for their prequalification under the PRIAT project.

- i) Preferably have an office in Pakistan and be willing to open a minimum three (3) more offices/ dealerships/ after-sales service centres at various Divisional headquarters in the province (provide affidavit);
- ii) The local firms are encouraged to make joint ventures with the foreign firms. In case of joint venture of local firm with foreign principal, the experience of later elsewhere in the world will be considered. If the applicant is consortium of firms, there must be a leading firm appointed through a Power of Attorney executed by all other consortium members;
- iii) Must be registered with Income Tax/ Sales Tax Departments (Attach evidence in the form of Registration Certificate/ Number supported by latest / updated renewal as well as Income Tax and Sales Tax returns along with annexures for the last three years);
- iv) Must be in business for the last three years with a minimum average turnover of Rs. 3 million per year;
- v) Must have experience of completing similar assignments on at least 150 acres during the last three (03) years (average 50 acres/ year) (Attach list of projects with location, type of system installed and cost incurred and furnish any additional documents to support relevant experience of firm(s)/Joint Venture(s);
- vi) Must have available inventory of HEIS equipment of standards & specifications (<https://ofwm.agripunjab.gov.pk/system/files/B1HEIS-PQD.pdf>) approved by the Punjab Agriculture Department to install the systems on at least 50 acres.
- vii) Must have mix of professional staff including minimum five Agricultural Engineers, three Agricultural Experts including Agronomist, Horticulturist, Soil Scientist and five Diploma Engineers (Provide list of staff and their C.Vs indicating qualifications, their registration with professional institutions & relevant experience.
- viii) Must provide an affidavit confirming that: (a) applicant firm (s)/joint venture(s) (each member in case of JV) have never been blacklisted by any government local or foreign department. (if ever blacklisted, then provide the case history and current status of the firm regarding this decision) - A list of debarred firms/ contractors and individuals is available at World Bank’s external website: www.worldbank.org/debarr); (b) All the information provided by the applicant firm/joint venture is correct; (c) the firm / JV will provide compatible HEIS equipment as per approved standards & specifications along with import documents; (d) the firm / JV will deploy staff as per project requirements/ directions of the Client and avail relevant staff for mandatory training organized by Agriculture

Department on standards and procedures within three months of the pre-qualification and before getting any contract. The pre-qualification will be nullified in case of non-compliance.

- ix) The firm /JV undertakes to performing performance assessment tests (test on uniformity of irrigation for HEIS) for commissioning of the equipment provided/ installed. The test will be performed by the SSC under the oversight of the consultants/ project team and of the beneficiary as per departmental standards/requirements.
- x) The firm /JV undertakes to comply with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) of the project available at https://ofwm.agripunjab.gov.pk/system/files/priat_ESMF.pdf
- xi) Already pre-qualified firms also need to apply for afresh prequalification. They will, however, be allowed to work under the project till the completion of the prequalification process.
- xii) The firms must attach a pay order/ bank draft amounting to Rs. 10,000/- in the name of Director General Agriculture (Water Management) Punjab, Lahore as non-refundable processing fee for pre-qualification.

Applicant firms are requested to provide only relevant and complete information specific to the proposed assignment and avoid submitting generic promotional literature. Incomplete/ irrelevant/ generic information will not be considered. Any misinformation, false and forged statements will lead to disqualification from pre-qualified and any other action as per applicable laws. The department reserves the right to withdraw this REoI at any time and interested firms are responsible for all costs incurred arising from or in relation to this request.

The proposals/ applications will be submitted in the office of the Director General Agriculture (Water Management) Punjab, Lahore/ Project Director (PRIAT). The interested firms may collect additional information/ pre-qualification document/ other documents related to standards and specifications immediately from the office of the undersigned or download from OFWM website (<https://ofwm.agripunjab.gov.pk/system/files/B1HEIS-PQD.pdf>). The last date for submission of proposals/ applications (in hard form only in person or by post) is **28 February 2023 by 11:00 hrs.**

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