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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION/ REGISTRATION OF FIRM(S)/ JOINT VENTURE AS SUPPLY AND SERVICE COMPANY (SSC) FOR INSTALLATION OF HEIS SYSTEMS (DRIP/ SPRINKLER ETC.) UNDER PUNJAB IRRIGATED-AGRICULTURE PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PIPIP)

Agriculture Department has launched "Punjab Irrigated-Agriculture Productivity Improvement Project (PIPIP)" at a total cost of Rs. 36,000.705 million. The project envisages installation of drip & sprinkler irrigation systems on 120,000 acres, improvement of 5,500 unimproved canal watercourses, completion of lining on 1,500 partially improved watercourses, rehabilitation of 2, 000 irrigation schemes in non-canal commanded acres, and provision of 3, 000 Laser units to farmers/service provider. The key objective of the project is to maximize productivity of irrigation water.

2. Directorate General Agriculture, Water Management (DGA-WM) invites eligible firms/ consortium/ joint venture with specific and proven competence and experience in installation of high efficiency irrigation systems on turnkey basis and provision of postinstallation services under projects of similar nature to indicate their interest. Eligible firm(s)/joint venture(s) should submit their applications in English language alongwith relevant complete details to enable DGA (WM) to prepare a short list of eligible firm(s)/joint venture(s) for participation in subsequent proceedings of the project as supply & service company.

3. The firm(s) with appropriate in-house expertise may form joint venture with local or international firms or choose foreign principal to supply the requisite expertise in terms of manpower and HEIS equipment.

- 4. The firm(s)/ joint venture(s) shall be evaluated on the following criteria:-
 - Preferably must have an office in Pakistan and willing to open minimum three (3) more offices/ dealerships/ after sales service center at various Divisional headquarters in the province;
 - Must registered with Income Tax/ Sales Tax Departments (Attach evidence in the form of Registration Certificate/ Number supported by latest / updated renewal);
 - (iii) Must be in business for last five years;

- (iv) Must have experience of completing similar assignments on at least 500 acres during last five (05) years (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);
- (v) 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.
- (vi) Must be available inventory of HEIS equipment of standards & specifications approved by the Punjab Agriculture Department to install the systems on at least 150 acres.
- (vii) Must have mix of professional staff including minimum five 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. The firm will also furnish undertaking to recruit the additional staff as per project requirements, if needed);
- (viii) Must have minimum annual turnover of Rs. 5 million;
- (ix) Must provide affidavit confirming that (a) applicant firm (s)/joint venture(s) have never been blacklisted by any government department. (if ever black listed, then provide the case history and current status of the firm regarding this decision) (b) All the information provided by the applicant firm/joint venture are correct.
- Must attach 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;

5. The proposals/ applications will be received in the office of Director General Agriculture (Water Management) Punjab, Lahore at following address till **31 October, 2014** during office hours. A pre-qualification committee already constituted under the PIPIP will evaluate the proposals/ offers and decide about acceptance/ rejection of proposals/ offers. The committee has the right to reject all or any of the proposals/ offers without assigning any reason.

6. For further details/ clarifications, the firm(s)/ Joint Venture(s) can contact office of the undersigned within office hours.

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