

GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR
Department of Agriculture
(State Horticulture Mission)
Bihar, Patna

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR RECRUITMENT OF FIRMS/NGOS FOR CARRYING OUT SURVEY OF FARMERS AND POST SURVEY INTERVENTIONS WITH FARMERS IN NALANDA AND MUZAFFARPUR REGIONS OF BIHAR

1. India has applied for assistance from Asian Development Bank(ADB) towards the cost of Improving Small Farmers Access to Market in Bihar and Maharashtra and the same has been approved under Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR) 9147-IND. The JFPR aims to increase the incomes of the small scale farmers specially those falling in the poor/vulnerable category in the two states through enhanced integration of these farmers with horticulture value chains proposed under the main ADB financed Agribusiness Infrastructure Development Investment Project (AIDIP) in the said states.

2. To facilitate quick implementation of AIDIP, Government of Bihar desires engaging firms/NGOs with experience to carry out a baseline survey of the small scale farmers in the villages in Ekangar Sarai, Noor Sarai, Bihar Sharief, Harnaut, Islampur, Parvalpur blocks, District Nalanda and Kanti, Musahari, Motipur, Meenapur, Sakra, Blocks in district Muzaffarpur, to facilitate pilot interventions for establishing market linkage/access to small & marginal/vulnerable farmers engaged in cultivation of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (FFV). The broad scope of work of the firms/NGOs is to collect full data of each identified farmer which will include the poverty levels and other indicators relating to but not limited to his/her land holdings, crop production, market access, incomes, knowledge, capacities etc., For additional information on the project and the Terms of Reference please visit website: www.horticulture.bih.nic.in or www.adb.org/projects, JFPR No. 9147-IND.

3. The Mission Director, State Horticulture Mission, Government of Bihar, invites applications from reputed national consultancy firms/organizations/NGOs having extensive experience working with the communities in Nalanda and Muzaffarpur districts in the State of Bihar, to quickly carryout a baseline survey of the small & marginal/vulnerable farmers in the designated Blocks referred in para 2 above and facilitate early implementation of the project activities. The work requires extensive consultation and co-operation with beneficiary communities, state Government and other relevant officials of the government departments in the district levels to facilitate data collection.

4. Interested National NGOs are requested to submit their 'Expression of Interest' containing the following documentation:

- (i) Brief profile of the organization in the format which may be down loaded from www.adb.org/projects, JFPR No. 9147-IND.
- (ii) The organization must have been in operation in the agriculture sector, and must have experience in carrying out baseline surveys, consolidation of survey data, preparation of analysis report and provided recommendations for implementation of the project components. Experience in surveying and establishing fruits & vegetable supply chains will be given additional weightage. Please provide details of such projects and scope of work of the organization for each project in the format referred in (i) above;
- (iii) Organizations with extensive experience in the project area will be given additional weightage;
- (iv) List of current commitments, current implementation status and the tenure of these commitments;

- (v) Please submit Annual audited reports for the last three years and other supporting documents to assess the annual turnover and cash flows.
- (vi) Provide list of relevant experts with experience in the organization and confirm availability of the proposed manpower to successfully execute the scope of work in this assignment. An indicative list of up to 3 key experts for the positions of Project Manager, Agriculture Specialist, Retail Marketing Specialist, and Social Development specialist should be submitted. The organization with the first-ranked EOI will be required to finalize the specific expert proposed for the assignment upon submission of their technical and financial proposal
- (vii) Organizations may submit their 'Expression of Interest' in joint venture with other NGOs/organizations or a consortium of organizations to comply with aforesaid requirements. All organizations and experts must be from ADB member countries and otherwise eligible to participate in ADB financed projects under the provisions of ADB's Procurement and Consulting Guidelines.

5. The selection of firms/organization/NGOs for the assignment will be based on the criteria given below.

- a) The organisation should have demonstrated institutional capacity (including sufficient human resources and technical know-how) to successfully implement envisaged project activities;
- b) The organisation should have domain knowledge and experience in the following components of the Project:
 - i). Working with the poor and vulnerable communities in the agriculture sector;
 - ii). Formation of Farmer Groups and Producer companies
 - iii). Capacity development / training of farmers for improving production and marketing activities;
 - iv). Facilitation and experience in negotiating and establishment of farmer-buyer linkages
 - v). Innovative interventions in improving farm production and marketing;
 - vi). Establishment of financial linkages with local banks for financing farmers/farmer groups;
- c) Should have working experience in Nalanda and Muzaffarpur Districts in Bihar. Prior working experience with the farmers in the pilot areas is a must;
- d) A qualifying organisation should have at least 3 years of project implementation experience with farmers in either of the aforesaid districts above preferably or in Bihar;
- e) The organisation should not be in the negative list of the Government of Bihar, and or in the list of organisations declared ineligible for participation in ADB financed projects;
- f) Should be able to commit qualified and experienced personnel for the duration of the project;

6. EOIs will be evaluated based on the aforesaid criteria and will be recruited through consultants' qualification selection (CQS) method in accordance with the "*Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers*".

7. Interested organisations are requested to review the TOR uploaded in www.horticulture.bih.nic.in and make themselves familiar with the scope of work before submitting their EOIs.

8. The 'Expression of Interest' in full along with supporting documents must reach the undersigned at the address given below on or before **21-11-2012** at 3.00 PM. EOIs received after the due date and time will not be considered for evaluation:.

**MISSION DIRECTOR
STATE HORTICULTURE MISSION
DIRECTORATE OF HORTICULTURE
BAIRRAK NO. 13, MAIN SECRETARIAT CAMPUS
PATNA- 800015**

www.horticulture.bih.nic.in