

SMALL FARMERS WELFARE FUND

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

For

The Supply of Agro Inputs to registered planters under the Fertilizer Subsidy Programme

1. The **Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF)** is a parastatal organisation established under the Act No 12 of 2002 and working under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security to promote the economic and social welfare of small farmers and their families in Mauritius and Rodrigues.
2. The SFWF will be operating a **Fertilizer Subsidy Programme** under which subsidies will be provided to small planters registered with the SFWF, as follows:

SN	Scheme	Agro Inputs	Subsidy to be provided to planters
1	Fertilizer Subsidy Scheme (FSS)	Fertilizers – Granular or liquid fertilizers	50%
2	Bio Farming Support Scheme (BFSS)	Imported bio fertilizers and bio pesticides	60%
3	Locally produced fertilizers		
(i)	Compost	Manufactured locally from locally available materials	
(ii)	Seaweeds Based Fertilizer	Manufactured locally from locally available Seaweeds	
(iii)	Liquid Fertilizer Chemical or bio fertilizers	Manufactured locally from locally available materials	75%
(iv)	Bio Fertilizer	Locally produced bio fertilizer - Manufactured locally from locally available materials	
(v)	Jeevamrutham	(a) Manufactured locally from cow dung, urine, etc (b) Jeevamrutham produced by farmers and Cooperatives societies.	
(vi)	Any other type of fertilizer being manufactured locally		

3. **The Fund is therefore inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from prospective suppliers (private operators, registered farmers & Cooperatives registered with the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division)) engaged in the production and/or retailing of agro inputs in Mauritius.**

4. **The Objectives:**

The purpose of this assignment is to select suppliers to supply agro inputs, under the above Scheme, to small planters registered with the SFWF in Mauritius and in Rodrigues. You are requested to quote for the items mentioned in Section I.

5. The Operational Modalities of the Scheme:

- (i) The SFWF will select through the Expression of Interest exercise, suppliers with whom the SFWF will work for the supply of agro inputs under the FSP.
- (ii) The Established list of selected suppliers and their retailers together with their lists of proposed agro inputs and rates will be made available to small registered planters (through brochure and website).
- (iii) Small registered planters will apply for the subsidy at the SFWF, on line or in person and indicate their land acreage under crop production, the agro inputs and corresponding quantities they intend to purchase and the supplier from whom they will purchase the products.
- (iv) A Voucher System will be implemented, through which the corresponding original copy of the voucher indicating name of planter, the amount of subsidy to be granted based on the land acreage, and quantity of agro inputs etc;
- (v) Planters will then have to present their original vouchers, National Identity Card and Valid Planter's Card and pay the price difference to the said suppliers before collecting their products;
- (vi) Following delivery of the inputs by the supplier/s against the said original vouchers, necessary claims in terms of a periodic return of said vouchers collected (not exceeding 1 month) would be made thereafter by the supplier/s to the SFWF for payment. The invoice issued in the name of SFWF should be as per amount specified in the SFWF's original voucher.
- (vii) Supplier shall submit a monthly report on sales of agro inputs to the SFWF and/or supplier shall inform the SFWF on each consignment production.
- (viii) A monitoring Team comprising of officers of the SFWF and officers from other relevant institutions would effect amongst others sample field visits to ascertain use of the given agro inputs.
- (ix) Inspection and Tests

The inspections and tests shall be: Sample may be required prior to award.

Following remittance of vouchers to planters, the monitoring team may conduct inspections of the agro inputs at the different locations/outlets of the suppliers and planters. Inspections will be conducted as follows:

- (a) Physical inspections of the product packing.
- (b) Inspections of the product in terms of quality and quantity.

Random sample will be taken from consignment delivered to planters, in the presence of the supplier, to be tested by laboratories accredited by the Mauritius Accreditation Service (MAURITAS), the national accreditation body of the Republic of Mauritius or by any other laboratory accredited by a foreign accreditation body which is signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA).

The Fund may reject the products or any part thereof that fail to pass any test and/or inspection or do not conform to the specifications. The supplier shall either rectify or replace such rejected products or parts thereof or make alterations necessary to meet the specifications.

If discrepancies are identified in the testing results following full delivery, the Fund reserves the right to make a claim to suppliers. The claim would be determined thereon based on discrepancies found.

6. Time Schedule

It is estimated that the duration of this project shall be for a period of 15 months.

7. Delivery

- (i) Suppliers must be able to start delivery of products to planters one week after a firm confirmation through a letter of acceptance by the SFWF;
- (ii) The supplier must be able to supply the total quantity of product/s to be distributed to the targeted planters equivalent to their requirements, on periodic basis;
- (iii) The supplier must have its own distribution system for the Fertilizers either directly to planters on fields or through its own retail outlets or those of intermediaries in Mauritius. In case the supplier is working through intermediaries, supplier should ensure that the SFWF voucher system is being adhered to. The SFWF would not bear any responsibility in terms of mismanagement of the delivery system;
- (iv) The supplier must be able to abide to the modus operandi of the Scheme, including vouchers system and payment as per the set procedures of the SFWF;
- (v) The packaging should be clearly labelled and suppliers must provide direction of use on the packaging of their products. Labelling shall be in English or French;

8. Other conditions

- (i) All agro inputs shall be accepted only upon clearances/certification of FAREI, MSB, Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security, DCCB or any relevant local Authority acceptable to the SFWF.
- (ii) Price quoted shall reflect the market price during the contract period. However, suppliers shall inform the SFWF within ten (10) days of any fluctuation in price. The supplier shall provide the Fund with justifications of such change in price.
- (iii) After closing date of EOI, suppliers may include new products under the FSP as available at their end and inform the SFWF accordingly.
- (iv) Suppliers should practice same price on the FSS Scheme that is provided off Scheme.
- (v) If any supplier has been found tampering with the system set by the SFWF, the concerned supplier would be disqualified and the Procurement Policy Office and concern authorities would be informed.

9. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to participate in this EOI, you should:

- (a) (i) Be an importer/local manufacturer of agro inputs;
- (a) (ii) Importers/Local Manufacture should ensure that their distributors adhere to norms of the ACD and local authorities and submit their documents as per section (b) to (g) where applicable.
- (b) Be duly registered with Agricultural Chemistry Division and local authorities;
- (c) have the legal capacity to enter into a contract to supply the goods and related services;
- (d) not be insolvent, in receivership, bankrupt, subject to legal proceedings for any of these circumstances or in the process of being wound up;
- (e) not have had your business activities suspended;
- (f) not have a conflict of interest in relation to this procurement requirement;
- (g) be VAT registered if turnover is more than 6 million.
- (h) Produce valid:
 - (i) Business profile
 - (ii) Business Registration Certificate
 - (iii) Audited Yearly Accounts for the last three years to demonstrate the soundness of financial position.
 - (iv) Proof of importation.
 - (v) Proof of three years' experience in retailing of agro inputs.
 - (vi) License issued by Agricultural Chemistry Division of the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security and DCCB as per nature of business.
 - (vii) MRA return for last three years.
 - (viii) Cooperatives should provide a Registration Certificate from the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division). The SFWF will submit the list of co-operatives submitting their offer for the Scheme to the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division) for clearance. Co-operatives found to be under inquiry at the Ministry or under liquidation shall not qualify for the EOI.
 - (ix) SME Certificate (where applicable).
 - (x) Farmers supplying the Jeevamrutham must be registered with the SFWF.

The Public Body may choose to request any Bidder to substantiate compliance with these criteria.

10. Documents Establishing Conformity of Goods and Related Services

SN	Scheme	Bidders shall submit along with their bids the documents hereunder
1	Fertilizer Subsidy Scheme (FSS)	<p>(i) Documentary evidence to establish to the satisfaction of the Purchaser that goods proposed, as per other than the brand name, catalogue numbers or standard as specified by the Purchaser, ensures substantial equivalence or are superior.</p> <p>(ii) Bidders shall submit the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each proposed product (if available).</p> <p>(iii) A clearance from FAREI stating that the products are certified to be used, where applicable.</p> <p>(iv) Produce a Test Report/Certificate issued by an accredited laboratory (local or international) that the fertilizers to be supplied are conformed to standards as established by the Republic of Mauritius as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) Goods manufactured locally – for each production batch</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) Imported goods – for each consignment and batches.</p> <p>The laboratory issuing the Test Report/Certificate shall be accredited by MAURITAS, the national accreditation body or any other accreditation body signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA)</p>
2	Bio Farming Support Scheme (BFSS)	<p>(i) Documents to establish conformity of goods as specified in Schedule of Requirements, highlighting deviations, if any, so as to establish substantial responsiveness of the proposed goods item;</p> <p>(ii) Documentary evidence to establish to the satisfaction of the Purchaser that goods proposed, as per other than the brand name, catalogue numbers or standard as specified by the Purchaser, ensures substantial equivalence or are superior.</p> <p>(iii) Bidders shall submit a Certificate of Analysis from an approved organic certifying institution (e.g Ecocert, OMRI, etc) (where applicable).</p> <p>(iv) A clearance from FAREI stating that the products are certified to be used in bio/organic plantation.</p> <p>(v) Bidders shall submit the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each proposed product (if available).</p>
3	Locally produced fertilizers	
(i)	Compost	<p>(i) A Certificate from an approved organic certifying institution (e.g Ecocert, OMRI, etc) or any other accredited institution (if available).</p> <p>(ii) A clearance from FAREI stating that the products are certified to be used.</p> <p>(iii) MSB Certificate of Analysis for the compost to be delivered.</p> <p>(iv) Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the proposed product (if available).</p>
(ii)	Seaweeds Based Fertilizer	<p>(i) A Certificate from an approved organic certifying institution (e.g Ecocert, OMRI, etc) or any other accredited institution (if available).</p> <p>(ii) A clearance from FAREI stating that the products are certified to be used.</p> <p>(iii) MSB Certificate of Analysis for the compost to be delivered.</p> <p>(iv) Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the proposed product (if available).</p>

(iii)	Liquid Fertilizer Chemical or bio fertilizers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Documents to establish conformity of goods as specified in Schedule of Requirements, highlighting deviations, if any, so as to establish substantial responsiveness of the proposed goods item; (ii) Documentary evidence to establish to the satisfaction of the Purchaser that goods proposed, as per other than the brand name, catalogue numbers or standard as specified by the Purchaser, ensures substantial equivalence or are superior. (iii) Produce a Certificate of Analysis issued by a local accredited body or MSB Certificate (if available). (iv) A clearance from FAREI stating that the products are certified to be used. (v) A Certificate from an approved organic certifying institution (e.g Ecocert, OMRI, etc) or any other accredited institution (if available).
(iv)	Bio Fertilizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Documents to establish conformity of goods as specified in Schedule of Requirements, highlighting deviations, if any, so as to establish substantial responsiveness of the proposed goods item; (ii) Documentary evidence to establish to the satisfaction of the Purchaser that goods proposed, as per other than the brand name, catalogue numbers or standard as specified by the Purchaser, ensures substantial equivalence or are superior. (iii) Bidders shall submit a Certificate of Analysis from an approved organic certifying institution (e.g Ecocert, OMRI, etc) (where applicable) (iv) Produce a certificate of Analysis issued by a local accredited body or MSB Certificate. (v) A clearance from FAREI stating that the products are certified to be used in bio plantation. (vi) Bidders shall submit the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each proposed product (if available).
(v)	Jeevamrutham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A clearance from FAREI stating that the products are certified to be used. <p>Note: In an event of any disease outbreak as declared by the Livestock and Veterinary Division (LVD), the supply of Jeevamrutham will be temporarily stopped.</p>

11. Potential Suppliers who do not possess the documents at Section 9 above may do needful to avail for the same and register themselves at a later stage with the SFWF within the duration of this project, after obtaining the necessary documents.

12. Submission of the EOI

Proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked **SFWF/Agro Inputs/01/24/EOI** addressed to the **Manager, Small Farmers Welfare Fund, MCIA Building, 2nd Floor, St Pierre** and should be deposited in the Tender Box on or before **Tuesday 25 June 2024 up to 3.00 p.m (local time) at latest.**

13. Opening of EOI

EOI will be opened by the “Public body” at **Small Farmers Welfare Fund, 2nd Floor, MCIA (Ex-FSC) Building, St Pierre at 3.15 p.m on Tuesday 25 June 2024.** Bidders or their representatives may attend the Bid Opening if they choose to do so.

14. **Queries**

Any clarifications sought by any bidder in respect of the EOI shall be addressed in writing to the **Manager, Small Farmers Welfare Fund, Fax No. 433 3249** so as to reach him at least seven (7) days before the deadline for the submission of the application.

The SFWF reserves the right to accept or reject any interest expressed and to annul the whole Expression of Interest exercise without hereby incurring any liability whatsoever to any participant.

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17	Or any other fertilizers available for open field cultivation**									
	Fertilizers for Hydroponics cultivation									
18	Potassium Nitrate									
19	Monoammonium phosphate									
20	Magnesium Sulphate									
21	Potassium Sulphate									
22	Mono potassium phosphate									
23	Calcium nitrate									
24	micro elements (Kanieltra)									
25	Hydro Pack no 1									
26	Hydro Pack no 2									
27	Hydro Pack no 3									
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30	Or any other fertilizers available for hydroponics cultivation**									

Note: 1. **Subject to clearance from FAREI

Name of Bidder:

Signature of Bidder:

Date:

3. Locally produced fertilizers

(i) Compost

Price Schedule : Goods Manufactured in Mauritius

Bidder's name and address:				Prices to be in Mauritian Rupees			Date: _____		Procurement Ref. No: _____
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Line Item N°	Description of Goods and related services	Delivery	Quantity and physical unit	Unit price EXW	Total EXW price per line item (Col. 4x5)	Price per line item for inland transportation to convey the Goods to their final destination	VAT payable per line item if Contract is awarded	Total Price per line item (Col. 6+7)	
			In Tons/Litre/M³ physical unit	<i>[insert EXW unit price]</i>	<i>[insert total EXW price per line item]</i>	<i>[insert the corresponding price per line item]</i>	<i>[insert VAT payable per line item if Contract is awarded]</i>	<i>[insert total price per item]</i>	
1	Compost manufactured from locally available materials , normally used for composting	Up to 500 tons monthly as from July 2024	7500 tons to be supplied in tons/Litre/M ³						
							Total Bid Price		

Prices are: fixed

Name of Bidder:

Signature of Bidder:

Date:

(ii) Seaweeds Based Fertilizer

Price Schedule : Goods Manufactured in Mauritius

Bidder's name and address:			Prices to be in Mauritian Rupees				Date: _____		Procurement Ref. No: _____
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Line Item N°	Description of Goods and related services	Delivery	Quantity and physical unit	Unit price EXW	Total EXW price per line item (Col. 4×5)	Price per line item for inland transportation to convey the Goods to their final destination	VAT payable per line item if Contract is awarded	Total Price per line item (Col. 6+7)	
			Physical unit - To be proposed by suppliers	<i>[insert EXW unit price]</i>	<i>[insert total EXW price per line item]</i>	<i>[insert the corresponding price per line item]</i>	<i>[insert VAT payable per line item if Contract is awarded]</i>	<i>[insert total price per item]</i>	
1	Seaweeds: Manufactured locally from locally available Seaweeds		Based on planters' orders						
							Total Bid Price		

Prices are: fixed

Name of Bidder:

Signature of Bidder:

Date:

(iii) Liquid Fertilizer - Chemical or bio fertilizers

Price Schedule : Goods Manufactured in Mauritius

Bidder's name and address:			Prices to be in Mauritian Rupees				Date: _____	
					Procurement Ref. No: _____			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Line Item N°	Description of Goods and related services	Delivery	Quantity and physical unit	Unit price EXW	Total EXW price per line item (Col. 4x5)	Price per line item for inland transportation to convey the Goods to their final destination	VAT payable per line item if Contract is awarded	Total Price per line item (Col. 6+7)
			Physical unit - To be proposed by suppliers	<i>[insert EXW unit price]</i>	<i>[insert total EXW price per line item]</i>	<i>[insert the corresponding price per line item]</i>	<i>[insert VAT payable per line item if Contract is awarded]</i>	<i>[insert total price per item]</i>
1	Liquid Fertilizer: Chemical or bio fertilizers - Manufactured locally from locally available materials		Based on planters' orders					
							Total Bid Price	

Prices are: fixed

Name of Bidder:

Signature of Bidder:

Date:

(iv) Bio Fertilizer

Price Schedule : Goods Manufactured in Mauritius

Bidder's name and address:			Prices to be in Mauritian Rupees				Date: _____ Procurement Ref. No: _____	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Line Item N°	Description of Goods and related services	Delivery	Quantity and physical unit	Unit price EXW	Total EXW price per line item (Col. 4x5)	Price per line item for inland transportation to convey the Goods to their final destination	VAT payable per line item if Contract is awarded	Total Price per line item (Col. 6+7)
			Physical unit - To be proposed by suppliers	<i>[insert EXW unit price]</i>	<i>[insert total EXW price per line item]</i>	<i>[insert the corresponding price per line item]</i>	<i>[insert VAT payable per line item if Contract is awarded]</i>	<i>[insert total price per item]</i>
1	Bio Fertilizer: Locally produced bio fertilizer - Manufactured locally from locally available materials		Based on planters' orders					
							Total Bid Price	

Prices are: fixed

Name of Bidder:

Signature of Bidder:

Date:

(v) Jeevamrutham

Price Schedule : Goods Manufactured in Mauritius

Bidder's name and address:			Prices to be in Mauritian Rupees				Date: _____ Procurement Ref. No: _____	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Line Item N°	Description of Goods and related services	Delivery	Quantity and physical unit	Unit price EXW	Total EXW price per line item (Col. 4x5)	Price per line item for inland transportation to convey the Goods to their final destination	VAT payable per line item if Contract is awarded	Total Price per line item (Col. 6+7)
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1	Jeevamrutham Manufactured locally from cow dung, urine, etc		Based on planters' orders					
							Total Bid Price	

Prices are: fixed

Name of Bidder:

Signature of Bidder:

Date: