

SMALL FARMERS WELFARE FUND

Exercise for the Selection of Suppliers for the Supply of Soil Test Kit to registered planters under the Soil Test Kit Scheme

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, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries (Agro-Industry and Food Security Division) to promote the economic and social welfare of small farmers and their families in Mauritius and Rodrigues.
2. The SFWF will be operating the **Soil Test Kit Scheme** under which grant to the tune of 50% of the cost of equipment will be provided to all farmers registered with the SFWF to acquire the soil test kit.
3. **The Fund is therefore inviting potential service providers for the supply of soil test kit. Interested service providers are requested to submit their proposals as per Section 1.**

4. **The Objectives:**

The purpose of this assignment is to select suppliers to supply soil test kit, under the above Scheme, to small planters registered with the SFWF in Mauritius.

5. The SFWF is not the purchaser of the equipment but will act as a facilitator between the planters and the suppliers.

6. **The Operational Modalities of the Scheme:**

- (i) Small registered planters would need to apply at the SFWF to benefit from the scheme and should submit necessary documents as would be required.
- (ii) A Voucher System will be implemented by the SFWF whereby the SFWF will issue a voucher to the concerned planter representing the grant.
- (iii) Planters will then have to present their original vouchers, National Identity Card and Valid Planter's Card and pay the price difference to the selected supplier to acquire the soil test kit;
- (iv) Following delivery of the inputs by the supplier 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. VAT invoice to be submitted for suppliers who are VAT registered.
- (v) Inspection and Tests

The equipment shall be inspected by the Purchaser or its authorized representative.

7. **Time Schedule**

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

8. Delivery

- (i) Delivery shall be within eight (08) weeks or Ex Stock after acceptance/issue of Purchase Order
- (ii) 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;

9. Other conditions

- (i) 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.
- (ii) If any supplier has been found tampering with the system set by the SFWF, the concerned supplier would be disqualified and concern authorities would be informed.

10. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to participate in this Bidding exercise, you should:

- (a) have the legal capacity to enter into a contract to supply the goods and related services;
- (b) not be insolvent, in receivership, bankrupt, subject to legal proceedings for any of these circumstances or in the process of being wound up;
- (c) not have had your business activities suspended;
- (d) not have a conflict of interest in relation to this procurement requirement; and
- (e) have a valid trading licence.
- (f) Produce valid:
 - (i) Company profile
 - (ii) Business Registration Certificate

- 11. Potential Suppliers who do not possess the documents at Section 10 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 proposals

Proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked **SFWF/STK/01/26** 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 **Monday 02 March 2026 up to 3.00 p.m (local time) at latest.**

13. Queries

Any clarifications sought by any supplier 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 exercise without hereby incurring any liability whatsoever to any participant.

Section 1

SN	Description of Goods	Unit of Measures	Country of Origin	Unit Price (Including VAT) (Rs)	Availability of Stock
1	Multi- Function Soil Test Kit including Soil nutrient NPK element (Specification as per Annex I)	Unit			
2	Multi- Function Soil Test Kit without Soil nutrient NPK element (Specification as per Annex II)	Unit			

SPECIFICATIONS AND COMPLIANCE SHEET

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2	Electroconductivity	0- 2000 µs/cm		
3	Soil nutrient NPK element	0-1999 mg/kg		
4	Moisture content	Percent		
5	Temperature	0°- 80°C		
6	Stainless steel probe	Yes		
7	LCD screen	Yes		
8	Battery operated	Yes		
9	Easy to operate, Plug and play.	Yes		
10	Fast test- fast reading, response and High precision	Yes		
11	Certificate of conformity	Yes		
12	Any Other Features	To be specified by bidder		
13	Catalogue / Manual	Bidders should submit original catalogue of the equipment proposed and clearly specify the following: Make, Model, Country of Origin, delivery date, warranty period, and the technical specifications for the equipment		
14	Training of Operators and Maintenance Staff	The Supplier shall provide an induction training course after the completion of commissioning and testing of the equipment.		
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