**CENTRE FOR RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT**

**(Centre of Excellence for Protected Cultivation)**

**Horticultural Research Station**

**Dr.Y.S.R.Horticultural University**

**Venkataramannagudem, West Godavari Dist, Andhra Pradesh, Pin : 534101**

**Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Grafted Vegetable Seedling Production**

**Ref No: Memo No. 2868/Res.I/2020 dated.06.09.2020**

**Background**

Centre for Research and Development (CRD) was established in the year 2016 at Dr.Y.S.R.Horticultural University, Venkataramannagudem under NABARD RIDF-XX. The project was aimed to demonstrate different technologies for intensive and commercial cultivation of horticultural crops. The centre was established to act as a nodal centre of research and development work, training and transfer of technology on the above aspects. This unit is having a Hi-Tech nursery with state of art facilities for growing vegetable seedlings for the benefit of farmers. This Centre has one climate-controlled greenhouse (1075 sqm) and hardening chamber (2112 sqm) with boomer irrigation systems where vegetable and flower crop seedlings are being produced and supplied to the farmers since 2016. There is a need to supply grafted vegetable seedlings in larger quantities to the farmers. Keeping in this view this Centre is planning to start grafted vegetable seedling production initially for two years in partnership with experienced organisation in the relevant field. Hence, experienced organizations are invited to use the facilities on cost basis.

**Requirement**

The requirement for the first two years is given below

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| **S No** | **Crop** | **Quantity of Grafted vegetable seedlings to be produced** |
|  |  | **2020-21** | **2021-22** |
| 1 | Chilli | 1,00,000 | 2,00,000 |
| 2 | Brinjal | 50,000 | 75,000 |
| 3 | Tomato  | 50,000 | 75,000 |
| 4 | Capsicum | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| 5 | Gourds and Melons | 75,000 | 1,25,000 |
| **Total** | **3,00,000** | **5,00,000** |

Interested Companies/Firmscan participate in the EOI process and are shortlisted based on the prequalification criteria.

**Expression of Interest Format**

Interested companies are invited to submit their Expression of Interest in the format below:

1. Covering letter on the company's letterhead

2. Contact information of the company with email address, phone number, postal address of thehead office and all branch offices along with name of the representative

3. Organization profile including details of incorporation, strength and constitution

4. Name and designation of the head of the organization and institutional structure

5. Annual turnover for the last three financial years

6. Details of the grafted vegetable seedling/seedling production projects undertaken/ completed so far and any other projects of similar kind

7. Brief plan for procurement of root stocks, seeds, grafting methods, major items or equipment expected to be usedfor operations

**Pre-qualification Criteria**

The company should have

* Prior experience i.e. production of vegetable seedlings and grafted vegetable seedlings in the mentioned crops for at least threeyears and presently it should be in operation
* A current annual turnover equivalent to INR 1 crore or more

**Presentation**

Shortlisted companies shall be contacted to make a presentation to Dr YSRHU onaspects mentioned in the Request for Information below.

**Request for Information**

Information on the following aspects may be sent as part of the Expression of Interest or provided as part of thepresentation to Dr YSRHU by those shortlisted. The response to the Request for Information is not part of thepre-qualification criteria.

1. Description of the methods of grafting to be adopted by the company for production of grafted vegetable seedling production including root stocks/seedlings.

2. The terms and conditions or participation mode with government agencies on similar vegetable grafting project(s)

3. Details of the modifications need to be made in the greenhouse and hardening chamber at CRD where vegetable grafting will be taken upby the firm

4. Client certificates regarding satisfactory handling of such projects, with reference names fromwithin your customers

**Terms and Conditions**

1. Physical assets, facility and on ground infrastructures will be provided by Dr.YSRHU and the Firm/Company will take care of the property with good care, hygiene and adhere to all safety norms
2. The Firm/Company shall hand over all the items/assets as listed and provided in as it’s condition at the time of leaving the facility with general wear and tear during daily operations
3. The Firm/Company shall agree to withdraw completely from production of grafted seedlings out of this facility once the period of agreement ends
4. The Firm/Company should not cause disturbance to the other activities in the Hitech nursery and the polyhouses as well

**Submission**

Expressions of Interest should be sent to dr@drysrhu.edu.inwith the Subject: “EOIfor grafted vegetable seedling production at CRD, Dr YSRHU” not later than 05th October, 2020.

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| Principal Investigator |  | Director of Research |

Date : 21.09.2020

Place : Venkataramannagudem