
CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Spices Board invites applications for Expression of Interest (Eoi) who wish to provide services in carrying out e-auction for Small Cardamom anywhere in India. The Eoi may be forwarded to the undersigned by Registered Post/Speed Post in sealed cover up to April 30 2013 superscribed "Expression of Interest as Auctioneer" to:-.

The Secretary

Spices Board, Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Palarivattom

Cochin-682 025. Kerala

The detailed Guidelines and details to be submitted by the applicant against the Expression of Interest are given below **and** the applicants are advised to go through the same before submitting the application for Expression of Interest. Any corrigenda, addenda, amendments, time extension, clarification etc to the above Expression of Interest will be uploaded in our website and will not be published. Prospective bidders should visit the Board's website from time to time to take note of corrigenda if any.

The decision of the Spices Board regarding selection of the applicants shall be final and binding. The Board reserves the right to amend or modify any of the eligibility conditions or cancel the Eoi without assigning any reasons or may call fresh Eoi without assigning any reason whatsoever if it appears appropriate in the public interest. The selection of the applicants will be in accordance with the norms set out in the Guidelines. Failure to furnish complete information as mentioned in the guidelines, documents or submission of a proposal not substantially responsive to the guidelines and required documents in every respect will be at the bidders risk and may result in rejection of the proposal for shortlisting. The Call for Eoi is not an offer and is issued with no commitment. By submitting a proposal each bidder shall be deemed to acknowledge that it has carefully read the Guidelines and annexure thereto, if any, and has fully informed itself as to all existing conditions and limitations. Responses submitted through agents/intermediaries will not be considered and will be rejected outrightly.

The objective of this Expression of Interest is to solicit proposals from the interested auctioneers including the present auctioneers for participation in the auction process for small cardamom.

Applications found incomplete are liable to be rejected and no correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

No fee is required to be remitted along with the submission of application for Expression of Interest.

Secretary

Details to be submitted by the Applicant against the Call for Expression of Interest

- 1) The full legal name and address of your company, contact person and the email address with contact details.
- 2) Place(s) at where the auctioneer proposes to conduct the auction:
- 3) Locations of Depots proposed to be started:
- 4) Approximate quantity that is expected to pool in the proposed depot(s) at the location(s) specified.
 - 5) Whether the auctioneer proposes to set up an office in the above mentioned location(s):
 - 6) Whether the firm has Registration No. for CST;VAT;TIN;PAN.
(If yes, give the details)
- 7). Is the applicant at present conducting auctions for any agriculture commodities and if so, mention the commodities and the places where the auctions are conducted:
- 8) If the auctioneer is conducting auctions at present for cardamom, please provide details with regard to total quantity pooled for the last three years and the locations of auctions conducted.
- 9) Expression of Interest should be submitted by the present auctioneers to whom the license have been issued by Spices Board as well as new applicant-auctioneers in order to consider them for short listing for the final phase.

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GUIDELINES FOR ISSUE OF AUCTIONEER LICENCE

The following are the Guidelines on which the Auctioneer License would be issued in addition to the applicability of the provisions in the Cardamom (Licensing & Marketing) Rules 1987.

- The applicant shall be registered under Companies Act 1956 or Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act 2002 or the Indian Partnership Act 1932 or a Charitable Society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860.
- The applicant shall produce a Bank Guarantee from a Nationalised Bank or any Banks approved the Government.
- The amount of Bank Guarantee will be computed as per the formula given below:-

=(Total quantity of cardamom sold through auction in a crop season in kilograms / No. of auctions in the crop season) X Weighted Average Price per kilogram of cardamom for the crop season X 2.

The period from 1st August to 31st July of the last completed crop season before commencement of the block period of the preceding year will be treated as a crop season. This can be explained by means of an example based on the figures extracted for 2011-12 crop season. The total quantity of cardamom sold through e-auction (Kerala & Tamilnadu) during said period was 20306 MT in 352 auctions with a weighted average price of Rs.645.94 per kg. Therefore, the amount of Bank Guarantee applicable is worked out as : $20306/352 \times 1000 \times 645.94 \times 2 = \text{Rs.}745.25 \text{ lakhs.}$

- The revised rule will be made applicable for the Block Year 1st September 2014 to 31st August 2017 onwards.
- The application for Issue of License as Auctioneer shall be submitted along with documents and requisite fees as prescribed by the Board from time to time.

- An Affidavit on Non-Judicial Stamp Paper worth Rs 100/- has to be provided by the auctioneer-applicant at the time of submitting application for auctioneer license in the prescribed format.
- The applicant shall have a central warehouse facility to store the cardamom pooled. It is desirable that the applicant possess the facility for cleaning and grading of cardamom. Warehouse/private storage facility taken on lease/rent should be secure and it is the responsibility of the applicant to see that the facility is adequate for storage of cardamom during all seasons.

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