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INVITATION NOTICE FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF FIRMS

Pir Mehr Ali Shah–Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) intends to establish a facility and conduct advanced research for microbial development under the project “**Establishment of National Centre for Industrial Biotechnology for Pilot Manufacturing of Bioproducts using Synthetic Biology and Metabolic Engineering Technologies**” that would enable to produce marketable innovative bio-products indigenously. For this purpose, Applications for Pre-qualification/ Expression of Interest are invited from reputed national firms who are authorized partners (Distributors, Resellers or have Authorized Letter from mentioned Partners of reputable national/ international companies) and registered with income tax and sales tax Department for:

- **Procurement of Microbial Editing and Development Services to PMAS-AAUR at an estimated cost of 300 million PKR**

Interested firms/ companies can obtain/ download detailed prequalification document having detailed eligibility criteria and terms & conditions of pre-qualification from PPRA website link <https://eproc.punjab.gov.pk/ActiveTenders.aspx> and University website link <https://www.uaar.edu.pk>. The pre-qualification applications/EOI (in sealed envelope marked with title “Pre-qualification Application for Microbial Editing and Development Services (NCIB Project)”) should be submitted in the office of Project Director (NCIB) at 14:30 hrs, 09 November 2020. The proposal will be opened on the same day at 15:00 hours in the same office, in the presence of those bidders who may wish to participate. PMAS-AAUR will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the applicant/bidder in connection with preparation or delivery of the bids. Clarification/ queries may be sent in writing to email address mjm.cheema@uaar.edu.pk. Response to clarifications will be sent to all applicants who will provide their email by sending a request to the above email address. RFP will be issued to only the pre-qualified firms for bid submission as single stage two envelop bidding procedure according to Punjab PPRA rule 38(2a). University may reject any or all applications on any grounds and at any time during pre-qualification process or prior to acceptance of a bid/ proposal as per PPRA Punjab rule 35, however, upon applicant/ bidder’s request the ground of rejection will be communicated to the concerned but no justification will be given as per PPRA rule 35(2). Any late proposal/application will not be accepted and returned.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

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- **Procurement of “Microbial Editing and Development Services” to PMAS-AAUR**

Eligibility Requirement

Firms (having capacity to deliver complete package for the aforementioned domain) with the following strength/ background may submit their application with appropriate documentation and certificates:

- (i) The applicant may be a firm that is a locally registered private entity, who itself is a Principal Service Provider or an authorized representative of a Principal Service Provider.
- (ii) An applicant/ Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest. Any applicant/ Bidder found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. An applicant/ Bidder may be considered to have a conflict of interest for the purpose of this bidding process, if the applicant/ Bidder:
 - *directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with another applicant/ Bidder; or*
 - *receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy from another applicant/ Bidder; or*
 - *has the same legal representative as another applicant/ Bidder; or*
 - *participates in more than one bid in this bidding process. Participation by an applicant/ bidder in more than one bid will result in the disqualification of all bids in which such applicant/ bidder is involved; or*
 - *any of its affiliates has been hired (or is proposed to be hired) by the Purchaser for the contract implementation.*
- (iii) The applicant (local bidder) must be principal or sole distributor or authorized dealer/agent of principal provider of the afore-mentioned services. (Attach valid authorization certificate);
- (iv) The applicant (local bidder) is required to make association with the foreign firms/principal service provider for this project. A project specific Authorization Letter from principal service provider would be required.
- (v) The international experience and capability of principal will also be considered for pre-qualification. For this, attach principal’s profile, technical capability/ experience, number of researchers/ experts in the firm, list/profile of main experts, projects list, annual turnover for last two years, and any additional document to support relevant experience.
- (vi) The principal should have prior experience of metabolic engineering of microbes for the production of bio-products.
- (vii) If the applicant (local bidder) is a consortium of firms, there must be a leading local firm appointed through a letter of association executed by all other consortium members.
- (viii) The applicant must have a fully operational office in Rawalpindi/Islamabad, Pakistan.
- (ix) The applicant (local bidder) must be registered with FBR for Income Tax and relevant revenue authorities (specifically Punjab Revenue Authority) for General Sales Tax (GST)/ Provincial Sales

- Tax (PST). (Attach copies of NTN & STN Registration Certificates supported by active ATL status and Acknowledgement Receipt of latest submitted Tax Return);
- (x) The applicant (local bidder) as well as its principal service provider must be in technology-oriented business for last ten years;
- (xi) The applicant (local bidder) must have experience of completing multiple assignments having worth of at least PKR 20 Million during last three (03) years (Attach following documents to justify the experience claim):
- *list of completed and on-going projects with location, components, size/scope, cost, period and share/ role (in case of Joint venture)*
 - *List of Clients*
 - *List of Staff (preferably working in Bio-technology)*
 - *Any additional document to support relevant experience*
- (xii) The applicant (local bidder) must have minimum average annual turnover of Rs. 100 million (Attach acceptable proof like audited financial statements or bank statement, etc.);
- (xiii) The applicant (local bidder) must have mix of professional staff in relevant field (Provide list of staff and their CVs indicating qualifications & relevant experience supported by relevant documents. The firm will also furnish undertaking to recruit the additional staff as per project requirements, if needed);
- (ix) The applicant (local bidder) must provide affidavit on judicial stamp paper confirming that:
- (a) *applicant firm/ association have never been blacklisted by or involved in any active litigation against any government department of Pakistan anywhere. (if ever black listed, then provide the case history, current status of the firm regarding this decision);*
- (b) *all the information provided by the applicant firm/ association are correct; and*
- (c) *the firm will deploy staff as per project requirement/ directions of the Client.*
- (x) For the information of applicants/ bidders, at the present time firms, goods, products, works and services from **Israel and India are excluded** from this pre-qualification/bidding.
- (xi) PMAS-AAUR at its discretion may invite an applicant to give presentation on its capabilities, expertise, resources, approach, etc. as part of the pre-qualification evaluation process.
- (xii) Any hiding/twisting of facts will result immediate rejection.
- (xiii) The pre-qualification applications (in sealed envelope marked with title "Pre-qualification Application for Microbial Editing and Development Services (NCIB Project)" must reach either by post or by hand delivered at the address mentioned below.
- (xiv) PMAS-AAUR will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the applicant/ bidder in connection with preparation or delivery of the bids.
- (xv) Clarification/ queries may be sent in writing to email address mjm.cheema@uaar.edu.pk before 1600 hrs, 04th November. Response to clarifications will be sent to all applicants who will provide their email by sending a request to the above email address.
- (xvi) University may reject any or all applications on any grounds and at any time during pre-qualification process or prior to acceptance of a bid/ proposal as per PPRA Punjab rule 35, however, upon applicant/ bidder's request the ground of rejection will be communicated to the concerned but no justification will be given as per PPRA rule 35(2).
- (xvii) RFP having exact scope of work/ requirements will be issued to only the pre-qualified firms to submit their bids comprise in single stage two envelop bidding procedure according to Punjab PPRA rule 38(2a). The pre-qualified bidders will have to submit 2% bid security of the estimated cost of work (PKR 300 million) at the time of bid submission.

The applications/ EOI should be submitted in the office of the undersigned at given address before 1500 hrs, **November 09, 2020**. Any late application will not be accepted and returned. The applications will be opened the same day after at 1530hrs in the presence of the interested bidders or their representatives who may wish to attend.

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