

Empanelment of Support Agencies for procurement of Onion and Potato

Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) has been mandated by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India to create a buffer stock of onion and potato for market intervention to stabilize prices. For this purpose, SFAC proposes to procure potato and onion directly from farmers in the major production hubs in the forthcoming marketing season. To this end, SFAC seeks to empanel technically qualified and experienced support agencies to provide logistics support and undertake the following tasks:-

1. Identification of major production hubs for potato and onion.
2. Organizing procurement operations on behalf of SFAC in the major mandis in identified production hubs.
3. Quality control to ensure procurement as per FAQ norms laid down by SFAC.
4. Maintenance of records of all farmers / farmer organizations from whom procurement is made.
5. Bagging, transportation and storage in identified cold stores / godowns.
6. Identification and hiring of suitable cold stores / godowns within the production hub for storage of commodities.
7. Ensuring quality control and proper maintenance of stocks during storage period.
8. Extraction, bagging and despatch of commodities as per SFAC indents.
9. Any other service related to the above.

SFAC will empanel one or more technical agency for each commodity based on capacity and experience. All costs of procurement will be borne by SFAC. However, it is clarified that payment to farmers will not be routed through the technical agency and will be made directly by SFAC into the farmers' account within three days of the submission of full details by the technical agency.

The estimated procurement quantity is as follows:-

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| Potato | 30000 MTs |
| Onion | 30000 MTs |

Potato is sought to be sourced from Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Madhya Pradesh, while onion will be sourced from Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Interested parties may submit full details of their current business, previous experience, turn over in the last year on trading account and details of manpower. Empanelled agencies will be offered the assignment based on a flat commission to be intimated later.

The last date of submission of offers is 5:00pm on 28th January, 2015. The offers may be submitted in hard copy at the following address:-

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