

Government of Himachal Pradesh

Expression of Interest

For

**SUPPLY OF QUALITY PLANTING MATERIAL DURING THE
YEAR 2020-21**



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1. Text of Advertisement

The Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh invites Expression of Interest (EOI) in sealed cover from duly registered fruit plant nurseries in Public Sector Undertakings/Public/Private Entrepreneurs/Government Agencies engaged in production of Quality Planting Material of various fruit crops & varieties and intending to supply the same to the Farmers/ Department of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh under Government Programme for the FY 2020-21. The sealed EOI should be submitted to this Directorate on or before 28.09.2019 by 02:00 PM through registered/Speed Post/ personally. The Bid will be opened on 28.09.2019 at 4:00 PM in the Committee Room of Directorate, Navbahar, Shimla-2. The sealed envelope should be super subscribed with **“EOI for Supply of Quality Planting Material during FY 2020-21”**. The detail including terms & conditions of the EOI is enclosed and also available in the website (www.hpagrisnet.gov.in).

Applicants meeting the qualification criteria may be invited for presentation / proposal before the selection committee of the Department. Bid Document will be subsequently issued to the short listed applicants only.

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2. Background

The Department of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh is promoting high density plantation, development and expansion of area under subtropical fruits in low & mid hill areas of Himachal Pradesh under externally funded Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation and Value Addition Project (HPSHIVA) through Asian Development Bank.

The project will be implemented in a phased manner. In the first phase, 7 Districts and 28 Blocks will be covered under the project with the coverage of 10000 ha area which will be brought under High density plantation of Citrus, Guava, Litchi, Pomegranate, Mango and other subtropical fruits covering around 25,000 farmers. The Project duration will be 5-7 years. Initial Indicative Financial Plan approved by ADB Mission is \$ 100 Million. During the year 2020-21, pilot testing of project models has been finalized for 17 Subprojects sites in 4 Districts and 13 Blocks incorporating 168 ha of irrigated land.

3. Aims & Objectives

In Himachal Pradesh, large number of farmers are abandoning their cultivable lands because of menace of stray cattle & wild animals like monkeys, wild boars etc. and people are migrating to urban areas only to seek wage employment for their livelihood. Improved varieties of planting stock of key fruit varieties are to be procured and distributed to the farmers. The objective is to be improve the production and productivity of subtropical fruits by introducing high density orcharding that have a shorter gestation period and which will ultimately improve the socio economic status of the subtropical area farmers.

4. Scope of work

During the year 2020-21, the Department of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh have planned High Density Plantation (HDP) programmes of guava, litchi, citrus and pomegranate for which the Quality Planting Material (QPM) as mentioned in the Table below is required for distribution amongst the farmers under HPSHIVA Project. The quantity mentioned below is tentative and may increase or decrease as per actual requirement.

Sr. No.	Name of the Quality Planting Material	Variety	Tentative Requirement (No's)
1.	Guava (<i>Psidium guajava</i>)	Lalit, Shweta, Thai Red Guava, Red Malaysian Guava, Red Fleshed, Pink Supreme, Hong Kong Pink, Maxican Cream, White Seedless, Allahabad Safeda, VNR- BIHI	1,40,000
2.	Litchi (<i>Litchi chinensis</i>)	Dehradun, Calcuttia, Rose Scented, Bosworth (Dwarf), Feizixiad, Dazad	20,000
3.	Citrus- Sweet orange (<i>Citrus sinensis</i>)	Mosambi, Valencia, Washington Navel, Westin, Pera, Natal, Pineapple, Hamlin, Jaffa, Blood Red, Shamouti (Nordia C), Early Gold	1,00,000
	Mandarin (<i>Citrus reticulata</i>)	Daisy, Murcot, Michal	
4.	Pomegranate (<i>Punica granatum</i>)	Bhagwa, Super Bhagwa, Bedana, Wonderful	30,000
	Total		2,90,000

Queries if any, may be referred in writing to the Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh at the Directorate of Horticulture, Navbahar, Shimla-2 or Ph. No. 0177-2842390 or Email: horticul-hp@nic.in

5. EOI Processing Fee

A non-refundable processing fee of Rs. 2000/- (Two Thousands only) in the form of a Demand Draft drawn in favour of the Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh

payable at Shimla, H.P. has to be submitted along with the EOI response. Bids received without or inadequate processing fee shall be rejected.

6. Venue & Deadline for submission of proposal

Proposal in its complete form in all respects as specified in the EOI must be submitted to the Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2. The last date for submission of EOI is on **28.09.2019 at 2:00 PM**. In exceptional circumstances & its discretion, the Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh may extend the deadline for submission of proposal by issuing an amendment through website or otherwise. Bidders and their authorized representatives are required to present at the time of opening of Expression of Interest (EOI). In case of absence of the bidders or their representatives, the Committee has the right to open the EOI.

Sr. No.	Critical Dates	Date	Time
1.	Publishing date		
2.	Document sale start date		
3.	Document sale end date		
4.	EOI Submission Start Date		
5.	EOI Submission End Date		
6.	EOI Opening Date		

7. Validity of offer

The EOI will be valid upto 31st July, 2020 initially, which may be extended if required by Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh.

8. Instruction to the Bidders

The expression of interest is to be submitted in the manner prescribed below. All information as detailed below is to be submitted in two hard copies in a separately sealed envelope.

1. Applicant Expression of Interest as per Format-1.
2. Organization details as per Format-2.
3. Experience of the organization as per Format-3.
4. Financial strength of the Public Sector Undertakings/Public/Private Entrepreneurs/Agencies as per Format-4.
5. Additional information as per Format-5.
6. Declaration as per Format-6.
7. The financial offer will be on F.O.R. basis upto farmer's point in District Mandi, Kangra, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Una, Solan & Sirmour.
8. Quality Planting Material (QPM) should be true to type and the quality of the planting material is the sole responsibility of the producer/supplier.
9. Any dispute arising regarding quality of planting material in the field will be verified through Scientists from Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan and Officers of the Department of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh.
10. The source verification i.e. Quality Planting Material, production requirement, mother plant, production capacity, technical manpower etc. shall be verified by the expert team constituted by Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh.
11. The detail of the essential quality parameters w.r.t. Quality Planting Material is given at **Annexure-I**.
12. The communication can be entertained over Telephone, through mail or in person.

EOI documents have been hosted on the website www.hpagrisnet.gov.in and may be downloaded from the website. The bidders are expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms & conditions and other details in the EOI document carefully. Failure to furnish complete information as mentioned in the EOI document or submission of a proposal not substantially responsive to the EOI document in every respect will be at

the Bidder's risk and may result in rejection of the proposal.

9. Qualification Criteria

Following will be the minimum pre-qualification criteria. Each eligible bidder should possess all the following pre-qualification criteria. Responses not meeting the minimum pre-qualification criteria will be rejected and will not be evaluated.

Sr. No.	Pre-qualification Criteria	Supporting Compliance Document
1.	The applicant shall be a Public Sector Undertakings/Public/Private Entrepreneurs/Agencies	Copy of Certificate to this effect be provided.
2.	Nursery Registration Certificate, indicating permission for raise nursery of crop and variety for which quote is to be submitted	Copy of Certificate from the competent authority to this effect be provided.
2.	The firm should be in the business of providing similar services for at least 03 years as on 30-08-2019	Copy of Certificate/documents to this effect be provided.
3.	The Bidder has to be profitable and should not have incurred loss in the last 3 consecutive Financial Years (FY 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)	Format-5 to be certified & validated by Chartered Accountant (CA) of the bidder's organization
4.	The firm should not be blacklisted by any Central Govt. / State Govt. / PSU/Govt. Bodies	Certificate signed by the Authorized signatory
5.	PAN No. /GST/ Service Tax Registration Certificate	Copy of Certificate to be enclosed.

10. Evaluation Criteria and Method of Evaluation

- a. Screening of EOIs shall be carried out as per eligibility conditions mentioned in this document and based on verification of testimonials submitted.

- b. EOI will be evaluated for short listing inter-alia based on their past experience of handling similar type of project, financial strength of firm and presentation / proposal to the selection committee whose decision will be final.
- c. Short listed agencies will be issued Bid Documents and asked to submit their proposal accordingly.
- d. Decision of the committee will be final & the same cannot be challenged at any forum thereafter.

11. Response

- a. Bidders must ensure that their bid response is submitted as per the formats attached with this document. Special comments on the objectives and scope of the service projected in the enquiry may also be submitted along with the offer.
- b. Application in sealed cover superscribed as **“EOI for Supply of quality planting material for the year 2020-21”**.

12. Conflict of Interest

- a. Where there is any indication that a conflict of interest exists or may arise, it shall be the responsibility of the Bidder to inform the Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh detailing the conflict in writing as an attachment to this Bid.
- b. The Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh will be the final arbiter in cases of potential conflicts of interest. Failure to notify Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh of any potential conflict of interest will invalidate any verbal or written agreement.

13. Condition under which EOI is issued

The EOI is not an offer and is issued with no commitment. The Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh reserves the right to withdraw EOI and/or vary any part thereof at any stage. He further reserves the right to disqualify any bidder, should it be so

necessary at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever.

14. Last date of submission of EOI

The last date of submission of EOI is 28.09.2019 at 2:00 PM and Bid Opening Date & Time is on same date at 4.00 PM.

FORMAT – 1

APPLICANT’S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

To,

The Director of Horticulture,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2

Sub: Submission of Expression of Interest to for supply of quality planting material for 2019-20.

Dear Sir,

In response to the Invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI) published on for the above purpose, we would like to express interest to carry out the above proposed task. As instructed, please find attached two sets of the following documents in separately sealed envelope alongwith one soft copy. The detail is as under:

1. Organizational Details (Format-2)
2. Experience in related fields (Format-3)
3. Financial strength of the organization (Format-4)
4. Additional information (Format-5)
5. Declaration (Format-6)

Yours sincerely

Signature of the applicant

Full name of applicant

Stamp.....

Date:

Encl.: As above.

Note: This is to be furnished on the letter head of the organization.

FORMAT - 2

Sr. No.	Organizational Contact Details	Particulars
1	Name of Organization	
2	Main areas of business	
3	Public Sector Undertakings/Public/Private Entrepreneurs/Agencies	
4	NHB Accreditation certificate, if available	
5	DBT certificate in case of Tissue culture plants, if available	
4	Whether the firm has been blacklisted by any Central Govt. / State Govt./PSU/ Govt. Bodies / Autonomous? If yes, details thereof.	
5	Address of registered office with telephone no. & fax	
6	Contact Person with telephone no. & e-mail ID	

Enclose: -

1. Copy of Certificate of Incorporation.
2. Copy of Article of Association in respect of 3 above.
3. Undertaking in respect of 4 above.

Signature of the applicant
Full name of the applicant
Stamp & Date

FORMAT – 3

Past experience in production/supply of Quality Planting Materials (year wise for last 3 years)

Year	Fruit crops	Varieties
2016-17		
2017-18		
2018-19		

Production capacity for 2019-20 (Variety wise)

Fruit crops	Variety	Number

Source of budwood/availability of mother plants (No's, Age, Location, Variety)

Number	Age	Location	Variety

Signature of the applicant
Full name of the applicant
Stamp & Date

FORMAT - 4

Financial Strength of the Organization					
Sr. No.	Financial Year	Whether profitable Yes/No	Net worth of firm	Overall annual turnover (Rs. In Crore)	Annual turnover from sale In Rs.)
1	2015-16				
2	2016-17				
3	2017-18				
Note: Auditor's certificate in support of claim is mandatory.					

Signature of the applicant
Full name of applicant
Stamp & Date

FORMAT – 5

Additional Information			
Sr. No.	Description	No. of pages	

2. Additional information to support the eligibility (Not more than 2 pages).

Signature of the applicant
Full name of applicant

Stamp & Date

FORMAT - 6

Declaration

We hereby confirm that we are interested in “supply of quality planting material during the year -2019-20” to the Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh, Navbahar, Shimla-2.

All the information provided herewith is genuine and accurate.

Authorized Person’s Signature.

Name and Designation:

Date of Signature:

Note: The declaration is to be furnished on the letter head of the organization.

Sr. No.	Crop	Type of Planting Material	Quality Parameters			
			Height of bud/graft union	Plant Girth	Plant Height	Others
1.	Guava (<i>Psidium guajava</i>)	Layered/ Grafted / Inarched	8-10 cm	Not greater than 1.50 cm	Not less than 50 cm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plants should be raised in polytubes/containers on moderate to dwarf vigor rootstocks free from suckers having good tolerance to pests and diseases. In case of layered plants root length should not be less than 15-20 cm and root numbers shall not be less than 20
2.	Litchi (<i>Litchi chinensis</i>)	Layered/ Grafted	-	Not greater than 1.25 cm	Not less than 30 cm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plants should be raised in polytubes/containers on moderate to dwarf vigor with good tolerance to pests and diseases and free from suckers. In case of layered plants root length should not be less than 15-20 cm and root numbers shall not be less than 20
3.	Citrus (Sweet orange), (<i>Citrus sinensis</i>) Mandarin	Grafted / Layered	15-20 cm	Not greater than 1.25 cm	Not less than 55 cm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plants should be raised in polytubes/containers on moderate to dwarf vigour with good tolerance to pests and diseases and free from suckers. In case of layered plants root length should not be less than 15-20 cm and root numbers shall not be less than 20
4.	Pomegranate (<i>Punica granatum</i>)	Cuttings/ Layered	-	0.75-1.25 cm	Not less than 30 cm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In case of layered plants root length should not be less than 15-20 cm. Root numbers shall not be less than 20