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Minutes of the Online Pre- Bid meeting of Expression of Interest (Eoi) GP level Yield estimation under PMFBY of Non Cereal Crops held on 17th December 2020

An online pre-bid meeting of Expression of Interest (Eoi) for GP level Yield estimation under PMFBY of Non-Cereal Crops was held under the Chairmanship of Dr S.S. Ray, Director MNCFC on 17.12.2020 to discuss the issues /queries related to Eoi for non-cereal crops. 57 participants from 23 companies participated in the meeting. Concerned officials from MNCFC also participated in the meeting. The list of participant is given in annexure I.

Director, MNCFC welcomed the members of agencies and briefed about the / importance of Pilot studies being conducted at GP level under PMFBY. Dr Sunil Dubey, AD, MNCFC made a brief presentation about need and scope of current Eoi. He laid emphasis on the role of technology in Yield estimation, briefed about earlier pilot studies and discussed Terms and conditions of current Eoi.

There were lot of queries related to Eoi from the Agencies, which were replied by the MNCFC team. Few of them are given below.

➤ **Query related to Cost/ budget of the Project-**

- In Eoi, it is mentioned that Agency has to work under a component wise ceiling budget, as decided MNCFC/DAC&FW. The per district budget (item/component wise), will be decided keeping in view of the workload for each study, available market rates for each component, etc., duly approved by the competent authority in DAC&FW. The ceiling budget will include agency charges and taxes.

➤ **Agency should use all 11 technologies or any of them**

- The agencies are supposed to use the combination of various advanced technologies (at least 7), as mentioned in the Eoi.

➤ **Whether more than 2 districts can be taken in a state?**

- The study districts should be selected in different agro-climatic zones.
- The districts/States should be spatially well distributed. Crops should be selected as mentioned in EOI.
- Agency should not take more than 2 districts in a state.

- Agency selected earlier for the similar Pilot studies for estimation of Crop Yield at GP level using technology during 2019-20, will not select combination of same location, crop(s) and methodology during 2020-21.
 - Agency selected for validation of results/ large scale Pilot studies for estimation of Crop Yield at GP level for Rice & Wheat using technology during 2020-21, may select the same location, however, cost of inputs such as satellite data etc. will be deducted proportionately.
- **Whether MNCFC will provide any data like weather data, satellite data etc.?**
- MNCFC/DAC&FW is not going to provide any such kind of data for this study. All data have to be procured by the Agency taking up the study, from various reliable sources.
- **Income Tax Return for last two Financial Years i.e. FY 2018-19 & 2019-20 is difficult.**
- As Income tax return submission date for the FY 2019-20 has been extended to January 2021, therefore Agencies can submit IT returns of any 2 years out of 2017-18/2018-19/2019-20.
- **Online /hard copy submission of EMD/bid security**
- All agencies have to attach a proof of EMD in document and need to submit the hard copy to MNCFC either through courier or in person, before 24th December, 2020. As per GFR 2017, Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) as defined in MSE Procurement Policy issued by Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) or are registered with the Central Purchase Organisation are exempted from EMD. However, they have to provide the certification of registration.
- **Is there any penalty for not submitting the report as per the requisite format?**
- The reports, if not submitted as per the format decided by MNCFC/DAC&FW, will not be accepted and the payments will not be released.
- **Relaxation for submitting the utilization certificate.**
- Agencies may submit Invoices, dully certified and verified by the Authorized Signatory of the Agency, along-with a statement of expenditure certified by the competent authority in the agency, for bona fide expenses. Further details will be provided to the selected agencies in the work order.

Meeting is ended with thanks to Chair and Participants.

Annexure: List of Selected Participants

The screenshots show a Zoom meeting participant list with the following participants:

- Screenshot 1 (54 participants):** Call-in User_4, Deepak, Deepankar Khare, Devesh Saraswat, Dr. NEHA DHANAWADE, Dr. Sherwin Lee, Dr. Mariappan Sakkan, GT, GVT, Kiran Prajapati, Kunal Tiwari, Mipaandeeep.
- Screenshot 2 (47 participants):** Dr. NEHA DHANAWADE, Dr. Sherwin Lee, Dr. Mariappan Sakkan, GT, GVT, Kiran Prajapati, Kunal Tiwari, Mipaandeeep, Murali Krishna Gumma, Neetu Scientist MNCFC, Neha Batra, Pradeep Bisen.
- Screenshot 3 (33 participants):** Pranay Panjala, ICRISAT-IN, Puneet Pandey, Rajesh, rajesh.kancherla79, Ravi, Sandeep, Santosh Jhanwar, Shwetangna Singh, Sunil Dubey, venkatesh pithani, Vijayasekaran.

Some of the Agencies, which participated in the discussion

- MNCFC
- Agribazar
- Leadsconnect
- Agritask
- NCML
- Agriwatch
- Saptrishi Consultancy Services
- AMNEX
- Satsure
- BKC Weathesys
- Shivrai Technologies
- GIPE
- Skymet Weather Services
- Gramin Vikas Trust
- Sourcetrace
- ICRISAT
- TCS
- WRMS