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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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The ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture invites, Expression of Interest (EOI) from Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) engaged in agriculture in India to participate in the implementation of Technology Demonstration Component under the National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture Project.

For details, please visit the websites www.nicra-icar.in and www.crida.in. The last date for submission of EOI is 30 days from the date of publication of advertisement.

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Expression of Interest (EOI)

For

Participation of Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

in the implementation of Technology Demonstration Component

of the National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture under the aegis of

ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture

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1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1. Background

Enhancing the resilience of agriculture to cope with climate change and variability is important for the food & livelihood security of millions of farmers in the country. Devising appropriate adaptation strategies will enable farmers to cope with various climate risks and promote efficient use of natural resources to bring sustainability to agricultural production. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research launched the National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) in February, 2011. The Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) is the lead centre and coordinating the NICRA project at the national level. The project has four components viz., (i) basic and strategic research (ii) technology demonstration component (iii) capacity building (iv) competitive and sponsored research. The technology demonstration component is aimed at enhancing the coping ability of farmers by demonstrating proven climate resilient practices and technologies in farmer's fields in adopted villages. Based on climate vulnerability, 100 vulnerable districts were identified for drought, flood, cyclone, heat wave cold wave, frost etc.

Currently, technology demonstration component is being implemented through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in 100 climatically vulnerable districts of the country in XI Plan and 21 new vulnerable districts in XII Plan (121 districts by NICRA KVKs). In addition, under NICRA the 23 centers of All India Coordinated Research Project on Dryland Agriculture (AICRPDA) and Technology transfer divisions of 7 Core NICRA research Institutes are also implementing technology demonstrations in identified districts across the country.

Technology interventions fall into four broad categories viz.,

- i. natural resource management for rainwater harvesting and efficient use (*in-situ* & *ex-situ*)
- ii. resilient practices and technologies in crop production systems
- iii. resilient livestock and fisheries production systems and
- iv. promotion of village level institutional interventions to rope in communities, create awareness and involve in managing custom hiring center for farm implements, training in climate literacy and decision making processes

A baseline information was developed by KVKs through PRA and focus group interactions. Action plan for appropriate location specific technology options with focus on specifically addressing the identified climate vulnerability was developed, prioritized and implemented over a period of 3 years with budgetary support on an annual basis. The project would be monitored by internal and external teams during the crop growing season and also in annual workshop. Monthly, quarterly and annual reporting is required along with statement of expenditure and yearly submission of Audited Utilization Certificate (AUC) duly certified by Chartered Accountant . The project is likely continue till March 2017 (XII plan period).

2.0. Objective and scope of Expression of Interest (EOI)

Objective

The objective of Technology Demonstration Component of NICRA project is to demonstrate location and site-specific practices and technologies with climate focus to enhance resilience to agriculture, increase the coping and adaptive capacities of farmers to climate variability.

Scope of EOI

- The expression of interest is for selection of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with experience in implementing field projects in agriculture/watersheds/climate change including livestock, fisheries in villages as partners under the Technology Demonstration Component of the NICRA project.
- The NGO will need to work in a climatically vulnerable district (identified by NICRA) allotted by lead centre.
- In the identified climatically vulnerable district, the NGO will adopt one village which is representative of the district profile in terms of climate vulnerability and agricultural production systems. The village need to be a revenue village (not a hamlet) and should have a total geographical area of more than 750 ha.
- Selected NGOs will prepare an action plan for implementing climate resilient practices and technologies in the adopted village. Budget will be allocated in a separate workshop for the purpose. Tentative budget allocation will be to the tune of Rs.10-15 lakhs/year.
- The selected NGO will carry out the work as per the agreed plan and will submit monthly, quarterly and annual reports, statements of expenditure and Audited Utilization Certificates related to the project.
- The project work of the NGO will be monitored periodically and will be subject to evaluation and impact studies as deemed fit by the lead centre / ATARIs of ICAR and also commission studies, etc.

2.1 Timeline Activity and Schedule

- Submission of Expression of Interest is 30 days from the date of publication of advertisement
- All submissions are to be made to the Director, CRIDA
- Further details are available at www.crida.in and www.nicra-icar.in websites

3.0 Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

- i. Registered NGOs with minimum 5 years of establishment and experience in agriculture (including livestock and fisheries) & watersheds, livelihoods, climate change related fields are eligible to participate in the expression of interest.
- ii. Screening of applications will be done as per a) Pre-qualification criteria and b) Evaluation criteria given below:

a. Pre-qualification criteria

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

- Registered NGOs with minimum 5 years of establishment.
- A certificate duly signed by authorised signatory that the organization has not been blacklisted by any Central Govt./State Govt./PSU/Govt. Bodies/Autonomous as required in Format 1.
- Format 7 should be signed by Chartered Accountant (CA).
- Submission of signed declaration (Format 10).

b. Evaluation criteria

- Organization details as per Format 1
 - Purpose / mandate of the NGO as per Format 2
 - Relevant work experience as per Format 3
 - Professional expertise as per Format 4
 - Physical presence / infrastructure facilities available as per Format 5
 - Quality of performance as per Format 6
 - Financial status of organization as per Format 7
 - Networking strength as per Format 8
- iii. Ten NGOs with higher score will be selected as per evaluation criteria.

- iv. Each shortlisted NGO will be allotted one district based on their scoring and their preference.
- v. The distribution of 10 districts among climate vulnerability categories is 6 districts for drought, 3 districts for flood and one district for cyclone.
- vi. For adequate representation across states, one district per State in each climate category is preferred.
- vii. The decision on final allotment of districts for the 10 shortlisted NGOs rests with the competent authority of ICAR and reserves the right to make any further changes.

4.0 Instructions to the applicant

4.1. Nature of job

The applicant should undertake implementation of technology demonstration component under NICRA project for demonstrating location specific resilient practices and technologies for climate resilient agriculture in adopted village to combat climate variability.

4.2. Submission requirements

4.2.1. The expression of interest is to be submitted in the manner prescribed below:

All information as detailed below is to be submitted in one hard copy and one soft copy in CD. Along with the letter of applicants expression of interest, the following documents as per section 6.0 should be submitted:

1. Details of organization as per Format 1
2. Purpose / mandate of the NGO as per Format 2
3. Relevant work experience as per Format 3
4. Professional expertise as per Format 4
5. Physical presence / assets as per Format 5
6. Quality of performance as per Format 6
7. Financial status of organization as per Format 7
8. Networking strength as per Format 8
9. Additional information as per Format 9
10. Declaration as per Format 10

In case the application is signed by authorized persons, Power of attorney in favour of authorized signatory is to be submitted

4.2.2. The submission is to be made to

The Director

ICAR - Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture
Santoshnagar, Saidabad PO, Hyderabad - 500 059

5.0. APPLICANT'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(covering letter for submission of EOI)

To

The Director
Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (ICAR-CRIDA)
Santoshnagar, Saidabad (PO)
Hyderabad - 500059

Subject: Submission of Expression of interest to implement technology demonstration component of the National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) Project-Reg.

Dear Sir,

In response to the Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) published on _____ for the above purpose, we would like to express interest to carry out the above proposed task. As instructed, we attach the complete set of required documents in sealed envelope.

Sincerely Yours,

Signature of the applicant

(Full name of applicant)

Office Stamp

Date : _____

Encl : As above

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

6.0 Formats for submission

FORMAT-1

Organizational Details

1. Name of organization	
2. Main areas of mandate	
3. Registration details of organization	
4. Date of establishment	
5. Whether the organization has been blacklisted by any Central Govt./ State Govt./ PSU/ Govt. Bodies/ Autonomous? If yes, details thereof.	
6. Address of registered office with telephone no. & fax (Headquarters & Regional centres/field units etc)	
7. Contact Person with telephone no. & e-mail ID	

Signature of the applicant

(Full name of applicant)

Office seal

Date : _____

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Certificate of Incorporation
2. Copy of Article of Association in respect of 3 above
3. Undertaking in respect of 5 above certifying that the organization has not been blacklisted

FORMAT-2

Purpose / mandate of the NGO

Rank	Relevant field*
1	
2	
3	

*as per nature of work of NGO (eg., agriculture, climate change, watershed management, forestry, education, health, sanitation, livelihoods, drinking water etc); only top three fields will be considered for scoring

FORMAT-3

Relevant work experience

Overview of the past experience of the organization in conducting projects in fields related to agriculture/watersheds. Provide details of watershed development programmes handled during the last 10 years funded by IWMP, NWDPR, NABARD, GoI & other externally funded organizations

a) Details of projects handled

S. No.	Project/ assignment*	Area covered (ha)	Household covered (No.)	Sponsoring by (agency)	Order value of Project/ assignment (Rs in lakhs)	Category of project (watershed, livelihood, climate change, agri development, drought etc)

* provide proof of assignment / project order and completion certificate

b) Details of capacity building activities conducted for state government/other government agencies in the last 3 years; number of programmes conducted for sponsoring agencies

S.No.	Area of capacity building	Sponsoring agency	Year	No. conducted

FORMAT-4

Professional expertise

Details of 3 permanent active staff from research/ management/ administrative/ finance to be involved (exclude patrons/ directors etc.)

S.No.	Name*	Designation	Qualification	Relevant Experience
1.				
2.				
3.				

*enclose 1 page resume of each expert

FORMAT-5

Infrastructure facilities available

Facility/ Infrastructure	Yes/No	Details (area/capacity/number/ ownership, any other detail etc)
Office building		
Land		
Vehicle		
Training hall		
Other infrastructure (specify)		
Field offices, if yes, No. and employees per field office		

FORMAT-6

Quality of performance

Provide documentary proof with respect to:

- Testimonials
- Award for quality of services/ performance
- Third party evaluation reports on projects/work done by the organization etc.
- Any other

FORMAT-7

Financial status of organization*

S.No.	Financial year	Client / sponsoring agency	Grants received for projects / assignments relevant to agriculture	Project status (ongoing/ completed etc)	Audited statement enclosed (Yes/ no)
1.	2011-12				
2.	2012-13				
3.	2013-14				
4.	2014-15				

** to be certified by Chartered Accountant*

Signature of Chartered Accountant

Regd. No.

Seal

FORMAT-8

Networking strength

S.No.	Linkages established with organizations (name of organization)	Purpose of linkage	Documentary proof enclosed (yes/no)	Present status (ongoing/ completed)
1.				
2.				
3.				

FORMAT-9

Additional Information

List all enclosures to the previous sections

Sl.No.	Description	No. of pages

Signature of the applicant

(Full name of applicant)

Office seal

Date : _____

FORMAT-10

Declaration

We hereby confirm that we are interested in undertaking the proposed assignment to the best of our capabilities and the proposal has the approval of the management of the participating organization. Our order of preference for identified districts in Annexure-I is as follows:

Preference	District name
1	
2	
3	
4	

All the information provided in the application is genuine and accurate.

Authorized Person's Signature:

Name and Designation:

Date of Signature:

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

7.0. Pre-qualification criteria

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3. Format 7 should be signed by Chartered Accountant (CA).
4. Power of attorney in favour of authorized signatory with long and short signatures of authorised persons.
5. Submission of declaration.

Annexure-I

List of 30 shortlisted districts identified under NICRA for Technology Demonstration by NGOs in XII Plan

Drought

Beed, Bhavanagar, Bhind, Bidar, Budaun, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Junagadh, Kaithal, Latur, Mahabubnagar, Mathura, Moga, Osmanabad, Rajgarh, Salem, Sirohi, Surendranagar
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Flood

Barpeta, Darbhanga, Dhemaji, Jagatsingpur, Kishanganj, Krishna, Murshidabad, Nadia, Puri
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Cyclone

Balasore (Baleshwar), Midnapore (East), Nellore
