

## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

### **Punjab Resilient and Inclusive Agriculture Transformation (PRIAT) Project (World Bank Financed)**

#### **Prequalification Criteria for**

#### **Prequalification of Precast Concrete Parabolic Segments (PCPS) Supply Firms/ Companies for Community Watercourse Improvement**

The World Bank assisted “Punjab Resilient and Inclusive Agriculture Transformation (PRIAT)” project has been approved at a total cost of Rs.68,672.560 million for its implementation during five years (2022-23 to 2026-27) in the entire Punjab. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to enhance agriculture viz on-farm water productivity and profitability of farmers. The key component of the project is to improve/line 1,000 unimproved/new watercourses; extend lining on 2,000 already improved watercourses; reconstruct 1,000 outlived watercourses; and develop 3,000 irrigation schemes outside canal commands. The Precast Concrete Parabolic Segments (PCPS) technology would be used to line watercourses under the project to be supplied by private supply Firms / Companies.

Government of the Punjab, Agriculture Department intends to pre-qualify supply Firms/ Companies for supply of pre-cast concrete parabolic segments (PCPS) for lining of watercourses under the scheme for the project period. The Supply Firms / Companies having the following strength/ background would be eligible for pre-qualification under the scheme for the project period.

- i) Firm/AOPs/Sole Proprietorship/ Supply Company/ Joint venture(s) has a registered office in Punjab and has yards/ manufacturing units and a dedicated website for the purpose.
- ii) Registration of Firm/AOPs/Sole Proprietorship/ Supply Company/ Joint venture(s) as a legal entity with relevant authority/ forum (Registrar of Firms, SECP, etc.).
- iii) Enlistment/ registration of Firm/AOPs/Sole Proprietorship/ Supply Company/ Joint venture(s) as Manufacturer of concrete products with concerned agencies (Valid STN, registration or enlistment certificate).
- iv) Registration with Income Tax Department (Valid NTN registration certificate).
- v) Proven experience of at least three (3) years in precast business (list of completed assignments must be provided as proof of experience amounting to at least PKR 5 million).
- vi) Minimum average annual turnover of Rs. 5.00 million during last three (03) years to affirm firm’s financial soundness. (Annual Audit reports/ IT returns/ ST returns and bank statement must be submitted with the prequalification application for assessment of annual turnover).
- vii) Must not be involved in Tax Evasion (ST Returns of the last three years must be provided).
- viii) Availability of technical staff at each yard including at least one Resident Sub-engineer (having three years Diploma in Civil Engineering), and at least one trained Technician to operate the Automatic/ Semi-automatic Concrete Mixing Plant/ Unit.
- ix) At least one each of the following machinery/ equipment must be available at yards:
  - Automatic/ Semi-automatic Concrete Mixing Plant for manufacturing of pre-cast concrete elements/ structures
  - Vibrating Table with the leveled platform & balanced springs

- x) SSCs/ suppliers need to comply with the following requirements within six months after they are prequalified, and before getting any contract. Their prequalification will be nullified if the following requirements are not fulfilled within six months of the prequalification date:
- Appropriate curing facilities (at least any one of the following must be available at Yard):
    - Curing Ponds (adequate capacity to accommodate production of at least 07 days)
    - Compound curing
    - Steam curing
  - A minimum of 150 new PCPS molds (of 5, 6 & 7 sizes) must be available at the yard or undertaking to prepare/ offer the requisite number and sizes of molds within six months (The prequalification will be effective only after verification of requisite molds within the specified timeframe).
  - Availability of mandatory material/ quality testing equipment including at least one of each of the following in the lab of each yard.
    - Compressive Strength Testing Machine (properly calibrated from an authentic source)
    - At least 04 cubes/ cylinders molds for each production lot
    - Slump Test Cone
    - Sieve Analysis Set for gravel and sand
    - Schmidt Hammer
    - Digital Weighing Balance
    - Measuring cylinders
    - Mason's level
    - Handheld grinder
  - Availability of the following mandatory safety equipment for labor at yards (provide affidavit):
    - Helmets/ goggles
    - Fire Extinguisher
    - First Aid Boxes
    - Proper Dress Code
- xi) Must provide affidavit confirming that (a) applicant firm/ joint venture have never been blacklisted by any local or foreign government departments. (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/ joint venture are correct (c) the firm will provide PCPS as per approved standards & specifications (<https://ofwm.agripunjab.gov.pk/system/files/B3PCPSfWC-PQD.pdf>). A list of debarred firms/ contractors and individuals is available at World Bank's external website: [www.worldbank.org/debar](http://www.worldbank.org/debar)). Moreover, an undertaking shall be provided for no child or forced labour used in the supply chain.
- xii) The firm undertakes to comply with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) of the project available at [https://ofwm.agripunjab.gov.pk/system/files/priat\\_ESMF.pdf](https://ofwm.agripunjab.gov.pk/system/files/priat_ESMF.pdf) to ensure plantation of requisite number of trees (at least planting three (03) trees against each fallen tree) at the yards.”
- xiii) Pay order/ bank draft amounting to Rs. 10,000/- in the name of Director General Agriculture (Water Management) Punjab, Lahore/ PD-PRIAT as non-refundable processing fee for prequalification.
- xiv) Already pre-qualified firms also need to apply for afresh prequalification. They will, however, be allowed to work under the project till the completion of the prequalification process.

Applicant firms are requested to provide only relevant and complete information specific to the proposed assignment and avoid submitting generic promotional literature. Incomplete/ irrelevant/ generic information will not be considered. Any misinformation, false and forged statements will lead to disqualification from pre-qualified and any other action as per applicable laws. The department reserves

the right to withdraw this REoI at any time and interested firms are responsible for all costs incurred arising from or in relation to this request.

The proposals/ applications will be submitted in the office of the Director General Agriculture (Water Management) Punjab, Lahore/ Project Director (PRIAT). The interested firms may collect additional information and pre-qualification/ other documents immediately from the office of the undersigned. The last date for submission of proposals/ applications (in hard form only by in person or post) is **28 February 2023 by 11:00 hrs**

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