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Agricultural Technology Transfer (ATT) Project

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Invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

The Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) has been allocated a grant of Tk. 2000.00 lakh to implement the Agricultural Technology Transfer (ATT) Project under financial support of JDCF (Japan Debt cancellation Fund) for a period of initially 2 years (2005-07) which further extended upto December 2010. Major portion of agricultural technology transfer activities for the extended period of 3 years 6 months (July 2007 – December 2010) will be implemented by selecting one of the short listed agencies called “Apex Agency” through NGOs/POs. The objectives of the project are as follows:

1. Refine and validate package technologies, which are profitable and sustainable (generated by the NARS institutes/universities and others) and facilitate their wider dissemination for the farming and small business communities.
2. Disseminate improved and profitable agricultural technologies through GO-NGO-Private Organization (PO) in order to facilitate transfer of new information for wider adoption, attain higher productivity and harness greater income.
3. Stimulate and enhance capacity of the small and medium farmers and entrepreneurs through linking farm producers with marketing channel to produce raw materials for agro-based industries and value added products.
4. Strengthen research-extension and farmers-marketing linkages, capability of the BARC/NARS in technology refinement, dissemination capacity of the extension agencies and NGOs/POs and develop human resources for effective program implementation.

The selected agency will be responsible for operational support and smooth implementation of the technology transfer activities under the project. Functions of the Apex Agencies shall include, but not limited to the followings:

1. Selection of technologies (crops, livestock, fisheries, forestry etc.) and also their packaging, dissemination and uptake.
2. Invitation of proposals from NGOs/POs on agro-technology transfer, entrepreneurship and business development for farmers using value chain approach for sustainable linkage of producers with the market, review and also their initial screening, and processing for approval.
3. Capacity development of scientists, extension personnel, entrepreneurs, farmers, etc.

Therefore, the agencies should be a renowned firm and active for longtime in Bangladesh and involved in agricultural research, extension and entrepreneurship development activities. They should have also proven records in technical and financial management with strong linkages and sufficient experience in Bangladesh condition.

Expressions of interest from the experienced and well-established national/international NGOs/POs/firms/agencies working in Bangladesh to act as 'Apex Agencies' are hereby invited to perform the above activities. The expressions of interest (EOI) should contain the following information:

- Organizational Profile including Registration.
- Personnel/Staff Profile (should have a professional team of experts in different disciplines of agriculture).
- Financial status and experience in financial management for agricultural development.
- Proven experience in handling similar project with global network and working experience at the regional level having adequate technical and management capabilities.
- Work experience in Bangladesh specifically on technology transfer, agri-business and entrepreneurship development.

Five copies of the proposal must be submitted in sealed envelope clearly marked with "EOI for ATT Project" during office hours (9 am-5 pm) on or before **14/08/2007** to the following address:

Member-Director (Admin. & Finance)
Bangladesh Agricultural Research council (BARC)
New Airport Road, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215
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The review and short-listing will be done following the Public Procurement Regulations-2003.

BARC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all expressions of interest without explaining the reason(s).

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