

Expression of Interest (EOI)

HIRING THE SERVICES OF PRIVATE SECTOR SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR PROVISION OF EXTENSION SERVICES IN 04 TEHSIL OF THE PUNJAB

Govt. of the Punjab has earmarked budget towards the cost to Improve the Delivery of Agriculture Extension Service through Private sector Extension Service Providers under “**PRIVATIZATION OF AGRICULTURE EXTENSION SERVICES TO ENHANCE THE SERVICE DELIVERY**”. Private Sector service Provider model will help to meet the challenges of productivity enhancement, diversification, mechanization, intensification, and value addition for profitable agriculture without harming soil, water and environment. Moreover, major challenges related to low reach of the extension agents can also be addressed through additional deployments because number of farmers are increasing due to land fragmentation and to address challenges like, diversification and intensification, low adoption of latest packages and practices, low mechanization and no agriculture engineering services, deterioration of soil health, depletion of water resources and deficit of irrigation experts, harvest and post-harvest losses and food preservation.

2. To cope with the challenge of the crop sector, it is necessary to engage the services of Private sector extension service providers for provision of agriculture extension services and to increase the reach of agriculture services to the farmers in 04 Tehsils of the Punjab, i.e. Okara, Jhang, Sadiqabad and Kot Addu.
3. Director General Agriculture (Ext & AR), Agriculture Department, Government of the Punjab invites Expression of interest (Eoi) from interested firms who are on Active Taxpayers List (ATL) of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for Income Tax and ready to registered with Punjab Revenue Authority (if not registered) for execution of Extension services in above mentioned Tehsils of the Punjab. Method of selection will be Least Cost Based Selection.
4. Expression of interest documents, (containing detailed terms and conditions, etc.) can be purchased from office of the **DG Agriculture (Extension & AR) Punjab, 21 Davis Road, Lahore**. The price of Eoi document is PKR 1000/-. Eoi documents can be viewed at <http://www.ppra.punjab.gov.pk/> & <http://www.agripunjab.gov.pk/> for information only.
5. The entire procurement process under this Eoi shall be governed by Punjab Procurement Rules-2014 (as amended up to date). Eoi applications, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the Eoi document must reach at office of **Director General Agriculture (Extension & AR) Punjab, 21 Davis Road, Lahore** on or before 11:00 AM on **January 15, 2024**. Eoi applications will be opened on the same day at 11:30 AM.
6. List of shortlisted applicants will be displayed on www.agripunjab.gov.pk. The advertisement is also available on PPRA website at www.ppra.punjab.gov.pk and Department of Agriculture website www.agripunjab.gov.pk.

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