

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

For Matching Grants to Agribusinesses

Chief Technical Advisor, Agriculture Delivery Unit, Department of Agriculture, Government of Punjab has launched a Program 'Matching Grants to Agribusinesses' under its Agricultural Innovation & Development Enterprise (AIDE) Fund to provide support in following Sectors:

- Fruits & Vegetables Pulping Enterprises
- Essential Oils Extraction Enterprises
- Fruits and Vegetables Grading Enterprises

The applicant(s) may apply in all sectors for the grant according to their EOIs. Grants will be approved through a competitive process on the basis of clearly defined eligibility and evaluation criteria. The purpose of the grants is to provide technology support and technical assistance to promote agriculture value addition; so as to ultimately benefit the local farmers by improving marketability of farmers' produce.

2. Chief Technical Advisor, Agriculture Delivery Unit, Department of Agriculture, Government of Punjab invites Expression of interest (EOI) for aforesaid sectors from the interested investors, who hold a valid National Tax Number (NTN), to apply for these matching grants. The agribusinesses selected through this EOI will receive Government's support as Matching Grant of up to 50% of total project's cost in form of technology transfer (machinery, equipment, tools and software) and business development services.

3. Expression of Interest documents, (containing detailed terms and conditions, etc.) can be obtained IMMEDIATELY from the office of Chief Technical Advisor, Agriculture Delivery Unit, 21- Davis Road Lahore, Pakistan. The EOI documents can also be downloaded from the websites of Agriculture Department, Government of Punjab <http://www.agripunjab.gov.pk/>. A pre- EOI meeting shall be held on 30.09.2020 at 11 AM in the office of Chief Technical Advisor, Agriculture Delivery Unit, 21-Davis Road, Lahore to address all queries regarding the EOI documents and the application process.

4. The expression of interest, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the EOI documents, must reach at Chief Technical Advisor, Agriculture Delivery Unit, Department of Agriculture, Government of Punjab at Agriculture Delivery Unit, 21 Davis Road Lahore Pakistan on or before **3:00 PM on November 02, 2020** and will be opened on same day at 03:30 PM.

5. Applications will be evaluated and informed about the approval or rejection by contacting them through email and/or letter. This advertisement is also available on PPRA website at www.ppra.punjab.gov.pk and Agriculture department website www.agripunjab.gov.pk.

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