

CALLING FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)



Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security

Selection of Appropriate Entity to Operate and Manage the Dambulla Temperature and Humidity Controlled Warehouse

The Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security (**MOTCFS**), on behalf of Department of Food commissioner has decided to invite Expression of Interest (Eoi) and Request for Proposals (RfP) from reputed local organization or consortium to operate and manage the Dambulla Temperature and Humidity Controlled Storage Warehouse, for ten (10) years period. Those who are interested must able to demonstrate and establish sound financial strength and capability for the entire investment.

The temperature and humidity-controlled storage complex established near the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Center (DEC), has been built on an area of 1.246 hectares and which consists six (06) chambers with the full capacity of around 5000 Metric Tons that can be stored fresh agricultural products

The objectives of Operating and Managing the Dambulla Temperature and Humidity Controlled Warehouse are

Primary Objectives

- Safeguard the production of the farmers.
- Safeguard the farmers from price fluctuations.
- To control the increase in the price levels faced by the consumer regularly for agricultural production.

Secondary Objective

- To generate rent income for the government of Sri Lanka outsourcing the storage space.

Investors must meet the following minimum qualifications criteria for eligibility to award the contract.

- **General Experience** :- Minimum two years experience in operating and managing warehouses for Food category.
- **Specific Experience** :- Minimum one year experience operating and managing Temperature Controlled Warehouses Nationally/ Internationally for Food category.
- The average minimum annual turnover should be LKR 100 million in Agricultural based products.

Applicants who fulfill the above qualifications and are interested should submit their EoI and RfP for operating and managing of Temperature and Humidity Controlled Warehouse. Before submission of EoI and RFP, those applicants can visit location from 05th to 07th August 2024 at 9.00 a.m to 01.00 p.m. to get more information. Prospective applicants can download the EoI and RfP in English from the official website of the MOTCFS. (<https://www.trade.gov.lk/downloads/ministry-notifications>)

Interested applicants should submit sealed EoI and RfP applications (with soft copies, PDF Format, CD) in separate envelopes by registered post or by hand with the top left-hand corner of the envelope written "**Selection of Appropriate Entity to Operate and Manage the Dambulla Warehouse EoI/ RfP**" addressed to Chairperson, Ministry Procurement Committee, the Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security, Mezzanine Floor, No. 492, R A De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 03, **on or before at 03.00 p.m. on 26th August 2024**. EoI applications will be opened immediately at the closing time and any applicant/or his authorized representative could attend the EoI opening. Qualified EoI applicants' RFP will be opened in later on. Time and date will be announced to the entities in writing.

Pre-Meeting for this procurement will be held on **07th August 2024 at 11.30 a.m. in Auditorium, Divisional Secretariat Office Dambulla**

For any clarification, please contact **Food Commissioner, Tel- + 94 011-2304049, Email - foodcommissioner@gmail.com / Chief Accountant 0112 110577**

The decision of the Ministry Procurement Committee will be the final.

Chairperson
Ministry Procurement Committee
Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security
No. 492. R A De Mel Mawatha,
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25.07.2024