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Subject: Expression of Interest for engagement of Government Department / Research Institutions / Universities etc. as Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (Northern Region-1) of NMPB.

National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush intend to set up Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (Northern Region-1) of NMPB for active co-ordination among the different stakeholders and for better implementation of the programme and activities of medicinal plants sector in Northern Region of the country.

National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush invites bids (Technical and Financial in two separate envelopes) from Government Department / reputed Research Institutions / Universities etc. to act as Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (Northern Region-1) of NMPB, Ministry of Ayush for coordinating the activities in the medicinal plants sector in state of Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.

For more details, visit NMPB's website www.nmpb.nic.in or Ministry of Ayush's website <https://www.ayush.gov.in>.

Last date for submission of proposal shall be **within three weeks** of the publication of the advertisement.

Expression of Interest (EOI) for engagement of Research Institutions/ Universities etc. as Regional Cum Facilitation Centre for Northern Region - 1 of NMPB

1. National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India is mandated for overall development of medicinal plants sector in the country in coordination with relevant Ministries/Department of Government of India. The board is presently implementing "Central Sector Scheme for Conservation Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants" under which there is provision to establish Regional Cum Facilitation Centre in project mode within existing Government Departments / Institutions (like Institution of ICAR, CSIR, ICFRE, Universities, AYUSH Institutions etc.) in various eco-regions of the country.

2. It is proposed to engage reputed Research Institutions / universities etc. for co-ordinating the activities in the medicinal plants sector and to act as Regional Cum Facilitation Centre for Northern Region - 1 of NMPB in state of *Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh* of the country. This Regional Cum Facilitation Centre will act as one stop centre for the growers, cultivators, Researchers, traders and other stakeholders of medicinal plants and to function in close co-ordination with State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPBs), other implementing agency of the medicinal plants activities in the region concerned. The Regional Cum Facilitation Centre shall provide a service window for growers of Medicinal Plants (MPs) for supporting conservation, development, marketing, cultivation of Medicinal Plants and provide handholding support to stakeholders in terms of technology dissemination and also for establishing primary processing facilities etc. and other activities relevant to the area concerned as and when assigned.

3. The broad functions identified for these Regional Cum Facilitation Centre shall be as indicated below:

- i. The Centres can act as one Stop shop for all matters related to Medicinal Plants in the region concerned and would provide support to NMPB to fulfill its mandate and to act also as Facilitation Centre of NMPB.
- ii. To facilitate and get engaged in setting up of Primary Processing, grading, marketing facilities etc. in collaboration with local Stakeholders/ organisations of repute.
- iii. To develop managerial and technical skill among the concerned stakeholders including growers, collectors and to provide strategic support by organizing trainings, workshops, seminars etc.
- iv. Development of Agrotechnology of medicinal plants especially endangered and high demand species in the region with focus on organic cultivation and customization/ field trials of already developed Agrotechniques.
- v. Development of Region Specific Quality Planting Materials and to scientifically handle issues concerned with it.
- vi. Facilitation of sale of Medicinal Plants/ produce etc. resolving demand supply issue etc. and also develop a database on demand, quantity sold and price of major species along with development of marketing facility in the region by

- setting up of minimum support price.
- vii. To provide inputs on conservation, sustainable cultivation, technology upgradation, training & research on Medicinal Plants and to engage Forest Departments and other concerned Departments of the States in those activities.
 - viii. Domestication of wild species which is in demand and endemic to the region and developing varieties thereof.
 - ix. To take forward initiatives on GAPs, GFCEs etc. in the States concerned and develop species specific GAPs & GFCEs of the region & dissemination.
 - x. To function as a platform for bringing together the different stakeholders of the medicinal plants in the States (SMPB, other implementing agencies, other institutions, and civil organisations involved in the development of Medicinal Plants Sector).
 - xi. Assisting the various organizations in the region for formulating project proposals in the priority areas identified by NMPB and also for giving wide coverage of the scheme with emphasis on identification of region specific / issues.
 - xii. To develop capacities of concerned stakeholders by developing and implementing training programmes, orientation session etc.
 - xiii. To organise periodical meetings/ workshops/ consultation of stakeholders
 - xiv. Review of the projects sanctioned by NMPB to various organisations in the concerned states and also to conduct monitoring and evaluation of the projects sanctioned by NMPB as and when assigned.
 - xv. To collect and maintain database of all concerned Sectors of the Medicinal Plants in the states and Integration of database of various States of the region concerned.
 - xvi. To undertake identified research study of relevance of the region and other matters concerned with Medicinal Plants including dissemination of research findings/ new technologies in the Medicinal Plants sector as and when assigned by NMPB.
 - xvii. To develop strategy for IEC (Information, Education and Communication) and implement IEC activities.
 - xviii. To document and disseminate success stories of activities supported by NMPB.
 - xix. To publish yearly report of the activities of the centre.
 - xx. Any other work assigned by NMPB from time to time.

Note: Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (RCFC) will be set up in an existing reputed institution, while using the infrastructure of the Host Institution, the Regional Centre will be an independent centre working under the Administrative control of the Host institution. Functioning of the centre should be as per the technical guidance of NMPB, envisaged in the mandate of NMPB. RCFC shall solely working for Medicinal Plants Sector and shall notify to NMPB about all the activities in advance.

The interested institution may submit their proposals with details to Chief Executive Officer, National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush, First Floor, Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Annexe Building, Red Cross, Road, New Delhi – 110 001. The EOI may be submitted **within three weeks of advertisement**.

The proposal should consist of:

(a) Full particulars of the constitution of the organization, ownership, organizational structure, main activities including details of full time Scientists / professionals available, consultant, other staff, infrastructural facilities available etc.

(b) Unabridged annual reports or audited financial accounts for the last three years.

(c) Details of major assignments of a similar nature and magnitude, undertaken by the organization with details such as cost of the assignment, time span, outcome etc.

(d) The institute should make provision for the Human resources / activities and other infrastructural facilities as indicated below. These posts shall be purely on outsourcing basis carrying fixed emoluments.

Details of staff support, activities and budget head for RCFC of NMPB shall be as below:

S. No.	Items
Details of staff support	
1.	Project Manager (on contract) (1)
2.	Assistant Project Manager (Technical) (on contract) (1)
3.	Assistant Project Manager (Marketing) (on contract) (1)
4.	Project Consultant (Technical) (on contract) (3) Project Consultant (Marketing) (1)
5.	Supporting Staff Project Assistant / Office Assistant / DEO (on contract) (3) MTS/Attendant (on contract) (1)
6.	Subject Matter Specialist / Domain Expert
Details of activities / Budget head	
7.	i. Office Expenses ii. Printing of brochures, posters and stationery, etc.
8.	Mobility support including TA/DA and monitoring etc.
9.	Training and Capacity Building (Nursery & Cultivation, PHM & Processing, Value Addition & Marketing aspects) i. Stakeholders Meets / Seminars / Buyer-Seller Meets ii. Training programmes / Workshops (for a minimum of 500 farmers / collectors in the region)
10.	Development of QPM Minimum of 5.00 to 6.00 lakh seedlings / saplings including tree species (Medicinal Plants species important to the state, region from 140 prioritized species covering RET & endemic)
11.	Marketing initiatives i. Species-wise demand and supply data collection of cultivators / collectors, traders and industry / manufacturers. ii. Schedule TA data collected from the AYUSH Drug manufactures in concerned regions

	iii. Data collected from line Departments and other organizations in the region for area covered (in hectare) under cultivation of medicinal plants iv. Collection of real time information on market rates of medicinal plants of raw material from mandis / trade centres and other activities concerned assigned by NMPB. v. Documentation of Success Stories / Short Videos vi. Other activities concerned assigned by NMPB
12.	Creation Of Common Facility for PHM / Value Addition / Innovative Products etc.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Research institutions / organisations of repute under the Central Govt. / State Govt. / Universities recognized under UGC supported by Central / State Govt.

5. Payment to Regional Cum Facilitation Centre

Grants for a year will be released as decided by NMPB, Ministry of Ayush.

6. Bank Guarantee

The identified agency shall have to enter into an Agreement with NMPB and also to furnish a Bank guarantee which shall not be less than the amount of advance payment or as decided by NMPB. The validity of the agreement shall be for one year or as decided by NMPB. The agency would arrange for required extension of the bank guarantee from time to time as per the terms of the agreement. However, Government institutions can be exempted from the purview of the Bank guarantee.

7. Submission of Expression of Interest (EOI)

EOI shall consist all technical details along with commercial terms and conditions and financial requirements. The agency shall submit the proposal (EOI) in two parts viz. Part-I containing Technical requirements and Part-II containing Financial requirement. The Technical requirements and the Financial requirements for a year should be sealed by the bidder in separate covers duly superscribed and both these sealed covers, are to be put in a bigger cover should also be sealed and duly superscribed.

The proposals are to be addressed to Chief Executive Officer, National Medicinal Plants Board on its official address. The Part-I containing Technical requirements shall be opened at the first instance and evaluated by the Competent Committee or Authority. The agencies submitting proposals (EOI) may also have to make presentation before the Committee for which they shall be called by NMPB.

At the second stage, Part-II of the proposal (EOI) containing financial details of only technically acceptable organisations shall be opened for further evaluation. Information on the following and other aspects as felt appropriate by the agency shall have to be submitted:

(Part-I) Technical Requirements:

- i. Name and address of organization along with Telephone no., Fax, e-mail etc.
- ii. Offices / branches located in different parts of the region concerned with their postal address, telephone number, e-mail ids etc. and outreach.
- iii. Area of work of organization and expertise available.
- iv. Details of the different divisions / extension of the institute.
- v. Details of the technical skill available with the organization.
- vi. Experience in the field with supporting documents indicating the core competence.
- vii. Number of regular key personnel available with the organization (total) in office / branches and the number of employees who can be spared for the work of RCFC.
- viii. Number of key personnel, required with their qualifications etc. to be engaged for the assignment of the Regional Cum Facilitation Centre.
- ix. Any other information to highlight their strength and the claim to undertake the activities of Regional Cum Facilitation Centre.
- x. Infrastructural facilities available with the institution.

8. (Part-II) Financial Requirements:

Annual financial requirement shall have to be submitted along with the Technical requirements as indicated at para '7' above. The financial requirement should include all liabilities including Service Tax etc., if any. However, financial requirement of only the technically acceptable offers shall be opened for further evaluation. Any proposal which is incomplete in any respect will be rejected by NMPB without any further reference.

Documents in electronic form will not be accepted.

9. General terms and conditions of the work

The selected organization has to sign an Agreement with the NMPB, Ministry of Ayush for rendering satisfactory services and completion of the work in a time bound manner.

Note: NMPB, Ministry of Ayush shall have the liberty to amend any of the above mentioned clauses at any point of time (*If it is essentially required for achieving objective of the EOI and selection of institution*) with the approval of Competent Authority.