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Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (RKVY Division)

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Corrigendum

Sub: Expression of Interest (EoI) to participate in Impact Evaluation Study (IES) of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) in Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW)- reg.

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Expression of Interest is invited from reputed agencies/ organizations/ institutions having:-

- (i) experience of successfully completing at least 3 evaluation studies of Government Schemes in last 5 years ending 31.03.2017,
- (ii) minimum annual turnover of Rs. 10 crore during the last 3 Financial Years (However, the Govt. Research Institutions are exempted from this eligibility condition), and
- (iii) Having qualified and experienced key personnel (doctorate with post doctoral experience of minimum five years in agriculture and / or allied subjects / statistics / economics).

to participate in Impact Evaluation Study (IES) of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) - a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

Submission of Expression of Interest

Interested Institutions/organizations may submit their applications online https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/ as well as in a sealed envelope to Dr. Chandramani Sharma, Director(RKVY), Department Of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Room No. 247-C, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 super-scribing "Expression of Interest for Evaluation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme – RKVY" of Department Of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare by 3:00 P. M of 28.04.2017 which is the closing time.

The employer (i.e. D/o Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare) shall apply pass – fail test and shortlist all the Consultants who meet the minimum requirement as specified above. The shortlist will comprise only National Consultants (firms registered or incorporated in the country) who will be given Request For Proposal i.e. RFP to participate for bidding (two bid system).

TERMS OF REFERENCE /SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE AGENCY TO CONDUCT END TERM / IMPACT EVALUATION STUDY OF RKVY FOR XII PLAN

1. Objective:

The main objective of the End Term/ Impact Evaluation Study is to examine the extent to which the components and activities under the RKVY have actually met or/are meeting their stated objectives as well as efficiency and effectiveness in each of the States in implementing of RKVY. End Term/Impact evaluation must come out with corrective and remedial measures. The main objectives of the scheme are as under -

- (i) To incentivize the States so as to increase public investment in Agriculture and allied sectors.
- (ii) To provide flexibility and autonomy to States in the process of planning and executing Agriculture and Allied Sector Schemes.
- (iii) To ensure the preparation of Agriculture plans for the Districts and the States based on agro-climatic conditions, availability of technology and natural resources.
- (iv) To ensure that the local needs/crops/priorities are better reflected in the Agricultural plans of the States.
- (v) To achieve the goal of reducing the yield gaps in important crops, though focused interventions.
- (vi) To maximize returns to the farmers in Agriculture and allied sectors.

(vii) To bring about quantifiable changes in the production and productivity of various components of Agriculture and allied sectors by addressing them in a holistic manner.

2. Scope of Evaluation

- <u>Planning Process in the State</u>: Adequacy and relevance of State and District Agriculture Plans, State Agriculture Infrastructure Development Programme (SAIDP).
- <u>Functioning of State Level Committees</u>: State Level Project Screening Committee (SLPSC), State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC).
- Process of Project formulation: How the States are preparing and screening projects, level of convergence linkage with DAP, SAP, SAIDP etc.
- <u>Fund Flow in the State</u> (from State to Implementing Agencies) How efficient or inefficient is the process, extent of delay, why and how?
- <u>Level of monitoring by States</u>: Mandated by para 12.3 & 12.4 of RKVY Guidelines.
- Field Level project execution and their impacts (major projects): Field Survey twice a year in all implementing States. Field level study will cover sub sector wise impact / evaluation for production growth of major projects (e.g., crop, horticulture, animal husbandry, mechanization, etc.,) as well as evaluation of major multi-sectoral infrastructure projects like Dairy development, Custom Hiring Centres, Cold Storage, Soil Testing Laboratory etc.

3. Coverage and Sample Size:

- a) All States.
- b) Major components and activities.

- c) At least 10% of RKVY projects in each programme component (stream) should be covered in the study which will include both production growth and infrastructure & assets projects. Selection of RKVY projects should be such that it will cover maximum types of scheme under RKVY with due focus an innovative projects undertaken by the states. In Infrastructure and assets category, the sample should also include appropriate mix of projects continued from previous year in the year of study, projects substantially completed or completed during the year of study. In completed projects, it may be seen whether benefits have actually started flowing to intended beneficiaries.
- d) Sample size should be at least 20% of districts in the State but not less than 5 districts in any State or all the districts if a state has less than 5 districts.
- e) Unit of study should normally be beneficiary household / producer / farmer within a taluka or cluster of villages (for production oriented projects). The sample size/number of household to be surveyed should be representative of the village or cluster of villages (General/SC/ST/Gender) as per Census 2011. For infrastructure & community projects, the unit would be the concerned implementing agency. In case of a cluster project, the whole cluster shall be included for study as unit.

4. Methodology:

The selected agency/organization/institution would finalize evaluation methodology, questionnaire etc. for the study.

5. Deliverables:

The Impact Assessment Study shall be completed within a period of 6 months from the date of release of the first instalment. There will be three reports, viz, First Report based on secondary data on major RKVY schemes/projects related to the pattern of utilization, number of beneficiaries and its impact in terms of output and outcomes, divergence from stated goals and actual implementation etc. Additional templates will be sent to the states in order to get outcome data. Second Report would cover major sectors having higher Expenditure/Allocation among the RKVY projects implemented in various states. The outcome of the projects in terms of increase in production, productivity, income and living standard of the farmers will be evaluated. The report would identify the shortcomings in implementation of RKVY scheme and suggest corrective measures and guidelines for allocation of RKVY funds. Third Report would present Impact analysis of RKVY programmes/schemes at the state level. The report would attempt to identify the benefits of RKVY project separately from similar on-going projects/schemes sponsored by the states. The Assessment would include process of implementation and divergence of RKVY programmes, strengths and weakness in the implementation of RKVY schemes, state level peculiarities and methods to deal with them. The tentative Timeline for submission of Reports from the date of release of First instalment would be First Report -within 2 months; Second Report - within 5 months; Third Report - within 6 months.

6. Budget/ Payment Schedule:

The terms of payment for assignment under this Scheme will be as under:

- (i) First installment: 25 per cent of the contract amount on signing of the agreement shall be made as mobilization advance.
- (ii) Second installment: 25 per cent of the budget on submission of first report.

- (iii) Third installment: 25 per cent on submission of second report.
- (iv) Fourth instalment: 25 per cent on submission of third report.

The second and subsequent instalments for payment will be released upon acceptance of the reports by Consultancy Management Committee after selection of the agency.

7. Period of Engagement

The Agency will be expected to finish its study survey and report submission within 6 months from the date of signing of MOU for undertaking End Term/ Impact Evaluation.