

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL MECHANISM FOR CEYLON CINNAMON GI

Sri Lanka Export Development Board (EDB) is calling applications from suitable service providers or consultants to establish an Internal Control Mechanism for Ceylon Cinnamon GI Association (CCGIA) as per the Ceylon Cinnamon Geographical Indication (CCGI) specifications and Control plan.

EDB is working with the Cinnamon Industry stakeholders in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in the framework of the EU-Sri Lanka Trade Related Assistance to obtain Geographical Indication (GI) for "Ceylon Cinnamon" in the European Union (EU). EDB together with industry stakeholders has finalized "Ceylon Cinnamon GI Specification" document and submitted to the EU along with the GI application. The product characteristics and production methods mentioned in the specification document has to be assured & implemented by the members of the Ceylon Cinnamon GI Association (CCGIA) comprised of stakeholders of the Cinnamon value chain; nursery owners, growers, collectors, processors, traders, exporters to hold the ownership of "Ceylon Cinnamon GI" (CCGI). It is expected to establish a digital traceability platform which will enable the country to record the data of the members of the value chain.

The control mechanism for CCGI is to be implemented in three levels as per the control plan.

- a) Self-control by CCGIA members,
- b) Internal control by CCGIA
- c) External control by Department of Export Agriculture.

EDB wish to appoint an independent service provider/consultant having competency on establishing internal control mechanisms, in order to ensure the CCGIA members' compliance with the GI specification,

1. **OBJECTIVE**

It is expected to hire a service provider or consultant who can develop required documentations, conduct training programmes for CCGIA members to improve technical capacities to implement internal control system as per the CCGI specifications and Control plan within in a **6-month** time period.

2. DELIVERABLES

- **o** Develop Documents as per the item No 4.1.2 in the TOR
- o Training sessions as per the item No 4.1.3. in the TOR

3. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The ideal service provider or consultant,

- Should possess minimum of 3 years experience in similar nature work during the recent past
- Should have a proven track-record of mobilizing resources for systems development,
- Should provide evidence of successful client management skills and special emphasis on capacity development and training to better facilitate the certifying updated Food Safety and Quality certification schemes such as GLOBAL G.A.P, GAP, GMP, GHP, HAACP, Organic and ISO 22000 and knowledge on ISO/IEC 17065.

Information on Ceylon Cinnamon GI Internal Control mechanism together with Terms of Reference (TOR) could be downloaded from the Website: <u>www.srilankabusiness.com</u> under announcement section.

4. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Eligible companies/individuals are invited to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) indicating "EOI for ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL MECHANISM FOR CEYLON CINNAMON GI" on the top left hand corner of the envelope. Duly completed application forms should be sent through registered post to reach the Chairman Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Export Development Board, NDB-EDB Tower, No 42, Nawam Mawatha, Colombo 02 or place in the Tender Box kept in the procurement unit (Level 06) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board, on or before 15th July 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

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