



उद्यान निदेशालय कृषि विभाग, बिहार पटना।



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निदेशक उद्यान, बिहार।

उप निदेशक (सूचना),
कृषि विभाग, पटना।

विषय :-

बिहार बागवानी विकास सोसाईटी के अधीन REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR EMPANELMENT OF AGENCIES FOR SUPPLY OF TISSUE CULTURE BANANA AND OTHER NOTIFIED TISSUE CULTURE PLANTING MATERIALS IN BIHAR. हेतु विज्ञापन प्रकाशित करने के संबंध में।

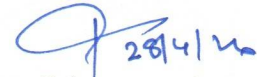
महाशय,

उपर्युक्त विषय के संबंध में सूचित करना है कि बिहार बागवानी विकास सोसाईटी, पटना के अधीन REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR EMPANELMENT OF AGENCIES FOR SUPPLY OF TISSUE CULTURE BANANA AND OTHER NOTIFIED TISSUE CULTURE PLANTING MATERIALS IN BIHAR. हेतु ई-निविदा प्रकाशित किया जाना है। तदनुसार विज्ञापन की प्रति ई-मेल के माध्यम से भेजी जा रही है।

अतः निदेश है कि REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR EMPANELMENT OF AGENCIES FOR SUPPLY OF TISSUE CULTURE BANANA AND OTHER NOTIFIED TISSUE CULTURE PLANTING MATERIALS IN BIHAR. हेतु ई-निविदा की सूचना को विभिन्न राष्ट्रीय/क्षेत्रीय हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी समाचार-पत्रों में प्रकाशित कराना सुनिश्चित किया जाय।

अनुलग्नक: यथोक्त।

विश्वासभाजन



(अभिषेक कुमार)

निदेशक उद्यान, बिहार।



GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR
Department of Agriculture
Bihar Horticulture Development Society, Patna

(Bihar Horticulture Development Society)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

for

**EMPANELMENT OF AGENCIES FOR SUPPLY OF TISSUE CULTURE
BANANA**

**AND OTHER NOTIFIED TISSUE CULTURE PLANTING MATERIALS IN
BIHAR**

Empanelment Period: 2 (Two) Years, extendable by 1 (One) additional year on satisfactory performance

This document is intended to ensure timely availability of quality, properly hardened, traceable and disease-free tissue culture planting material to farmers in Bihar within the prescribed plantation window.

Issued by:

Director Horticulture-cum-Mission Director
Bihar Horticulture Development Society
2nd Floor, Krishi Bhawan, Mithapur, Patna - 800001

Tender Reference No.: _____ Date: _____



NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Through e-procurement mode only over <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>

Bihar Horticulture Development Society (BHDS), Patna invites online bids from eligible Government / Semi-Government organizations / registered companies / LLPs / partnership firms / cooperatives / FPOs / proprietorship firms engaged in tissue culture planting material production, hardening and supply, for empanelment to ensure timely availability of quality tissue culture banana and other notified tissue culture planting materials to the farmers of Bihar at approved uniform rates.

The detailed RFP document, eligibility conditions, technical specifications, indicative demand, bid formats and other terms shall be available on the e-procurement portal and on the Directorate/Department website. Bids shall be submitted only through the notified portal.

Sl. No.	Activity	Date / Details
1	Start date & time for downloading of tender document	05.05.2026 (10:00 Hrs.)
2	Date & time of pre-bid meeting	08.05.2026 (12:00 Hrs.) Directorate of Horticulture, 2nd Floor, Krishi Bhawan, Mithapur, Patna
3	Last date & time for downloading of tender document	15.05.2026 (14:00 Hrs.)
4	Last date & time for submission/uploading of bids	15.05.2026 (14:00 Hrs.)
5	Date & time of technical bid opening	15.05.2026 (14:00 Hrs.)
6	Date & time of financial bid opening	To be intimated to technically qualified bidders only
7	Nodal officer / contact person for queries	Smt Ruby Kumari, Deputy Director Horticulture (Mob No. 9031643115)
8	Mode of selection	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) (70% Technical and 30% Financial)

Mission Director, BHDS reserves the right to revise, amend, cancel or withdraw this RFP at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

Director Horticulture
Directorate of Horticulture
Department of Agriculture,
Bihar, Patna



DISCLAIMER

This RFP is issued solely for the purpose of empanelment of capable agencies for supply of tissue culture planting material in Bihar. It is not and shall not be construed as an agreement or an offer. The information contained herein is intended to assist bidders in preparation of their bids; bidders are required to undertake their own due diligence regarding law, finance, logistics, hardening infrastructure, source laboratory arrangements, statutory compliance and field conditions.

BHDS reserves the right to verify the information furnished by any bidder, inspect the bidder's source laboratory and Bihar hardening facilities, seek clarifications, accept or reject any or all bids, empanel one or more agencies, distribute work among empanelled agencies, and modify the process at any stage in the interest of farmers and the State.

1. Background and Rationale

Bihar requires assured, timely and quality supply of tissue culture planting materials within the appropriate plantation window. Past experience has shown that supply failures often arise from inadequate source commitment, weak hardening infrastructure in Bihar, incomplete INM/IPM during hardening, poor transport practices, and hurried dispatch of inadequately hardened plants. This RFP therefore adopts a capacity-linked, quality-controlled and traceable empanelment framework.

2. Objectives of Empanelment

- To ensure timely and equitable availability of quality, true-to-type, disease-free and properly hardened tissue culture planting material to farmers in Bihar.
- To ensure that primary and secondary hardening of plants supplied under this empanelment is carried out in Bihar only through verifiable infrastructure.
- To ensure that empanelled agencies maintain adequate rolling supply commitment and do not leave farmers waiting beyond the notified plantation window.
- To enforce transparent traceability from source tissue culture production facility up to district / block delivery point and farmer lot.
- To ensure proper INM, IPM, sanitation, acclimatization, packaging, transportation, replacement support and complaint redressal.
- To enable BHDS to allocate work based on verified Bihar hardening capacity, past performance, crop/variety availability and farmer interest.

3. Scope of Empanelment

3.1 Initial scope under this RFP shall cover **tissue culture banana** planting material of varieties **Grand Naine (G-9), Malbhog, Chinia, Strawberry, Pineapple, Fig, kinnow and such other tissue culture crops /** varieties as may be notified by BHDS during the empanelment period.

3.2 Empanelled agencies shall supply only properly hardened plants from Bihar-based hardening units and shall be fully responsible for quality, traceability, transport, delivery, unloading, farmer advisory, replacement and complaint redressal.



3.3 Empanelment shall not guarantee any minimum business or quantity. Actual allotment shall depend on scheme demand, budget availability, district-wise requirement, verified capacity, performance, crop/variety availability and farmer interest.

3.4 BHDS may issue district-wise / division-wise / crop-wise call-off work orders to one or more empanelled agencies during the empanelment period.

4. Empanelment Period

The empanelment shall remain valid for 2 (Two) years from the effective date of empanelment and may be extended for 1 (One) additional year on the same or revised terms, subject to satisfactory performance, continued eligibility, mutual agreement and administrative approval. Annual rate validity and rate review shall be governed by Clause 15 of this RFP.

5. Indicative Demand

The requirement indicated below is only indicative and may increase, decrease, be redistributed across districts, or be modified crop-wise and variety-wise based on approved schemes, farmer demand and budget.

Sl. No.	Plant / Crop	Variety	Indicative Requirement (Nos.)
1	Tissue Culture Banana	G-9	1,26,92,718
2	Tissue Culture Banana	Malbhog	7,05,151
3	Tissue Culture Banana	Chinia	7,05,151
4	Anjeer (Figs)	Black Mission, Brown Turkey, Kadota, Calimynra etc.	87,500
5	Strawberry	Chandler, Winter Dawn, Sweet Charlie, etc.	1,80,00,000
6	Pineapple	MDQ, Giant Kew, Queen, etc	11,25,000
7	Kinnow	Kinnow LS and PAU Kinnow, etc	49,400

Additional tissue culture crops / varieties may be notified during the empanelment period through addendum, corrigendum, seasonal schedule or work order.

6. Definitions

- "BHDS" means Bihar Horticulture Development Society, Patna.
- "Bidder" means the entity submitting the bid.
- "Empanelled Agency" means a technically qualified bidder who has accepted the discovered / approved uniform rate and executed the empanelment agreement.
- "Source TCPF" means a tissue culture production facility recognized under the National Certification System for Tissue Culture Raised Plants (NCS-TCP) or other authority acceptable to BHDS for the crop concerned.
- "ATL" means an Accredited Test Laboratory recognized under NCS-TCP or equivalent authorized laboratory for the crop concerned.
- "Hardening Centre" means the Bihar-based primary and/or secondary hardening infrastructure operated by the bidder for acclimatization and preparation of planting material prior to dispatch.
- "Plantation Window" means the crop-wise and district-wise permissible supply / planting period notified by BHDS or district horticulture office.
- "Lot / Batch" means a traceable quantity of plants of one crop / variety linked to one source and one hardening cycle, identified by unique batch ID.



7. Eligibility Criteria and Minimum Technical Qualification

Only those bidders satisfying all mandatory conditions below shall be considered responsive. BHDS may seek clarifications and conduct physical verification before finalizing technical qualification.

Sl. No.	Eligibility Parameter	Minimum Requirement	Documentary Proof
1	Eligible legal entity	Government / Semi-Government organization / company / LLP / partnership firm / cooperative / FPO / proprietorship legally competent to enter into contracts. Joint Venture / consortium is not allowed under this RFP.	Certificate of incorporation / registration; PAN; GST; constitutional documents
2	Office in Bihar	Bidder shall have a functional office / branch office in Bihar; if not, it shall furnish an undertaking to establish the same within 15 days of empanelment.	Office proof / rent deed / utility bill / undertaking
3	Source laboratory compliance	Bidder shall either (a) own a valid NCS-TCP recognized tissue culture production facility; or (b) submit legally enforceable tie-up / assured supply agreement(s) for the entire empanelment period with one or more valid NCS-TCP recognized TCPFs. The committed source-wise quantity shall not be double-pledged.	Recognition certificate(s), validity proof, tie-up agreement(s), source-wise capacity commitment
4	Bihar hardening infrastructure	Bidder must own / lease / operate primary and secondary hardening centres in Bihar with adequate protected infrastructure, water, power backup, drainage, fertigation / misting, insect proofing, sanitation and trained manpower. Direct dispatch from outside Bihar to farmers / blocks is prohibited.	Details of all Bihar hardening centres, geo-coordinates, covered area in sq.m., title / lease documents, photos, layout, infrastructure list
5	Financial capacity	Average annual turnover during the last 3 financial years should ordinarily be at least Rs. 1.00 crore. Relaxation, if any, for Bihar-based startups / MSEs shall be only as per applicable policy and shall not dilute quality, source recognition, hardening infrastructure or performance security requirements.	CA certified turnover certificate with UDIN; audited financial statements; ITRs
6	Experience	At least 2 completed assignments during the last 3 financial years in tissue culture plant production / hardening / supply / operation of TC lab / protected nursery of similar nature; or demonstrated commercial supply of substantial quantity.	Work orders / supply orders, invoices, payment proof in bank statement, performance certificates if available



Sl. No.	Eligibility Parameter	Minimum Requirement	Documentary Proof
7	Quality system and SOP	Bidder shall submit crop-wise SOP for source traceability, primary and secondary hardening in Bihar, INM, IPM, sanitation, dispatch, transport, unloading, planting advisory and complaint handling.	Signed SOP manual and hardening / crop health management plan
8	Tax and statutory compliance	Valid GST registration, PAN, filing of returns, labour law compliances as applicable, and affidavit regarding non-blacklisting / no fraudulent practice.	GST certificate and returns; PAN; affidavit on stamp paper
9	Declaration of truthfulness	Bidder shall confirm that all information furnished is true, no material fact is concealed, and BHDS may inspect any source / hardening facility.	Signed declaration and affidavit

8. Mandatory Technical and Quality Requirements

8.1 Source and certification requirements

- All supplied plants shall originate only from valid source TCPFs meeting applicable crop-specific standards. For crops covered under NCS-TCP, supply shall be from recognized TCPFs and tested / certified batches only.
- Each dispatched lot shall carry unique batch identification linking source TCPF, variety, initiation / multiplication record, hardening centre, dispatch date, quantity and ATL / test certificate reference.
- Each lot shall be accompanied by: (i) batch-wise certificate / test report; (ii) source TCPF details; (iii) hardening lot record; (iv) self-certification of true-to-type and disease-free status; and (v) dispatch challan / QR-coded lot note, if implemented.
- For banana, plants shall comply with crop-specific standards, including freedom from prescribed viruses, varietal purity, sanitation, insect-proof protected environment and traceable batch testing before supply.
- In the event of positive detection of banned pathogens / viruses / severe off-types in a lot, that lot shall not be supplied and shall be destroyed / quarantined at bidder's cost as per law.

8.2 Mandatory Bihar hardening requirement

- Primary and secondary hardening of the plants supplied under this empanelment shall be done in Bihar only through the bidder's declared and verified hardening centres.
- No direct supply from out-of-state laboratory, nursery or hardening facility to farmers / block headquarters / district points shall be permitted.
- Every hardening centre shall maintain lot-wise inward register, transplant register, mortality register, crop health log, fertigation / watering log, plant protection log, dispatch register and reject / destruction register.
- Each bidder shall declare peak simultaneous hardening capacity in Bihar. Work allocation shall be capped by the lower of declared, document-supported and physically verified capacity.
- BHDS may depute any officer / committee for surprise inspection of any Bihar hardening centre during the empanelment period.

8.3 Minimum hardening, crop health and dispatch requirements

- Banana plants** supplied to farmers shall ordinarily be 45-60 days hardened, healthy, vigorous, true-to-type and ready for field planting. The lot shall not be over-aged or under-hardened.



- **Banana plants** shall ordinarily have minimum plant height of 25-30 cm (10-12 inch), minimum collar / pseudostem girth equivalent to healthy field-ready stage, at least 5 functional leaves, active root system and no visual symptoms of disease, pests or severe mechanical injury.
- **For other tissue culture crops** notified by BHDS, crop-specific minimum size, age, container, hardening and quality standards shall be prescribed in the seasonal schedule / work order and shall be binding on the empaneled agency.
- **Anjeer Plants (Fig)** shall ordinarily have
 - minimum plant height -10 inch & Above (Height should be measured from top portion of the planting pots).
 - Plant Health: - Plant should be healthy and should be free from all types of diseases and pests.
 - All the plants should be true to the variety & ready to plant.
- **Strawberry plants** supplied to farmers shall ordinarily be disease free, healthy and pure (3 healthy leaves min 5-6 visible white roots and fibrous roots system)
- **Strawberry Plants** shall ordinarily have
 - Plant Height: 4 inch & above with 3-4 healthy leaves (Height should be measured from top portion of the planting cup/Pro Trays)
 - Plant Health : - Plant should be healthy and should be free from all types of diseases and pests. Free from red stele, crown rot, powdery mildew aphids or mites. Material should be fungicide and growth promoting bio fertilizer treated, well packaged and accompanied with plant health certificate; dispatched within 48 hours of uprooting
 - Minimum Crown diameter: 8-10mm
- **Kinnow plants** supplied to farmers must be 1–2 years old, healthy, and vigorous. Each plant should have a minimum height of 1.5–2 feet measured from the grafting union, and must be true to type.
- **Pineapple plants** should generally have a minimum height of 20–25 cm with 4–6 well-developed leaves. The plants must be properly hardened to withstand natural field conditions and should typically be supplied in polybags or plug trays.
- All lots shall undergo proper acclimatization, nutrient management and crop protection during hardening in Bihar. No visibly weak, chlorotic, wilted, etiolated, root-bound or physiologically unfit plant shall be supplied.
- The bidder shall maintain batch-wise digital / photographic evidence of hardening stages and make the same available to BHDS on demand.

8.4 INM/IPM and sanitation requirements

- Bidder shall implement approved crop-wise INM and IPM protocol in all Bihar hardening centres, with special attention to sanitation, substrate hygiene, vector exclusion, nutrition, water quality and acclimatization.
- At least one qualified horticulture / agriculture / biotechnology professional shall supervise hardening and plant health management in Bihar. Each centre shall maintain a weekly scouting register and a lot-wise intervention register.
- All protected structures shall be kept insect-proof, well drained and sanitized. Entry hygiene, foot dips / disinfection, weed control, rogueing of symptomatic plants and safe disposal of rejects shall be mandatory.
- Water source, growing media, trays / containers and implements shall be kept clean and fit for use. Any batch showing unusual mortality or disease incidence shall be isolated immediately and reported.
- Use of crop protection chemicals shall comply with applicable law and label claims. Residue-inducing misuse, prohibited molecules, or non-recorded application shall be treated as serious default.



9. Packaging, Transportation and Delivery Protocol

- Plants shall be packed and transported in a manner that prevents desiccation, overheating, crushing, tipping, physical damage and varietal mixing.
- Vehicles shall be clean, ventilated and protected from direct sunlight, hot wind and rain. Plants shall be transported upright in trays / crates / racks or other approved packaging. Loose, compressed or bulk dumping of plants is prohibited.
- Loading and unloading shall be done by trained staff. Transit from Bihar hardening centre to delivery point shall be planned to preserve plant vigour and shall ordinarily be completed within the same day or within the period specified in the work order.
- Each consignment shall be accompanied by lot documents, plant count, variety details, dispatch time, source and hardening details, farmer / district destination, and the name of the responsible supervisor.
- Any transit damage, shortage, mix-up or physiological stress noticed at the destination shall be recorded immediately and the bidder shall replace the affected quantity within the timeline specified in the work order or inspection memo.

10. Demand Planning, Buffer Stock and Supply Assurance

- BHDS / district horticulture offices may issue indicative pre-season demand and district-wise plantation window. Empanelled agencies shall submit season-wise acceptance, source-wise production reservation and monthly rolling supply plans.
- Each empanelled agency shall maintain a rolling buffer, either as in-hardening or ready-to-dispatch stock in Bihar, sufficient to service confirmed short-term obligations. BHDS may prescribe the minimum buffer by crop / season / district.
- Before the start of each major supply season, the empanelled agency shall furnish a source-wise commitment and Bihar hardening availability statement for the next 60 days.
- Failure to maintain declared capacity, source commitment or buffer stock, resulting in supply disruption, may lead to reduction or withdrawal of district allocation, risk purchase and penal action.

11. Bid Submission

11.1 The bid shall be submitted only through the notified e-procurement portal in two parts: (i) Technical Bid and (ii) Financial Bid / BOQ. The Financial Bid shall be opened only for technically qualified bidders.

11.2 The Technical Bid shall contain all eligibility and documentary proof, affidavits, source TCPF details, Bihar hardening details, SOPs, manpower plan, quality assurance plan, logistics plan and other forms prescribed in the Annexures.

11.3 The Financial Bid shall quote variety-wise unit rates and committed monthly supply capacity, inclusive of all taxes, duties, packing, freight, loading, unloading, insurance and all incidentals up to the designated delivery point in Bihar.

11.4 Conditional bids, incomplete bids, bids with missing critical documents, or bids containing financial information in the technical bid may be rejected.

12. Evaluation Methodology

12.1 Preliminary responsiveness



Prior to detailed evaluation, BHDS shall examine whether the bid is complete, timely, properly signed, supported by required bid security / exemption document, free from conditions and substantially responsive to the RFP.

12.2 Technical evaluation

Technical evaluation shall include scrutiny of documents and may include physical verification of source laboratory tie-up, Bihar hardening infrastructure, stock registers, manpower, quality systems and logistics readiness. Bidders scoring below the minimum qualifying threshold or failing any critical mandatory condition may be rejected.

Sl. No.	Evaluation Parameter	Maximum Marks
1	Source laboratory compliance, recognition validity, batch testing arrangement and source-wise capacity assurance	20
2	Bihar hardening infrastructure, geo-verified area, utilities, insect-proofing, sanitation, grading / dispatch readiness	25
3	Relevant experience and past performance in TC plant supply / hardening / lab operations	20
4	Quality systems, crop-wise SOPs, INM/IPM plan, traceability and documentation	15
5	Manpower deployment in Bihar, logistics and supply assurance plan, rolling stock / buffer plan	15
6	Financial strength and statutory compliance	5

Minimum qualifying marks in technical evaluation: 70 out of 100. BHDS may additionally prescribe minimum marks for critical components such as source compliance and Bihar hardening infrastructure.

12.3 Financial evaluation and rate discovery

- Only the financial bids of technically qualified bidders shall be opened.
- For banana, financial evaluation shall ordinarily be made on the basis of the aggregate discovered cost computed from the quoted rates and the indicative quantities of G-9, Malbhog and China, unless otherwise specified in the BOQ.
- BHDS may negotiate with L1 / discovered lowest bidder(s) in the interest of farmers and may determine a uniform approved rate for the State.
- All technically qualified bidders willing to match / accept the approved uniform rate may be empanelled.
- For other notified tissue culture crops introduced later, BHDS may conduct separate rate discovery among empanelled agencies or issue a separate addendum / rate schedule.

13. Empanelment, Work Allocation and Rate Validity

- Empanelment shall not create any exclusive right or assured quantity in favour of any agency.
- District / division crop-wise work allocation may be made among empanelled agencies based on verified Bihar hardening capacity, availability of crop / variety, geographic convenience, past performance, complaint history, timely replacement record and farmer interest.
- Agencies may be required to indicate division-wise / district-wise preferred supply coverage based on their Bihar hardening locations.



- The uniform approved rate shall ordinarily remain valid for one financial year. Rate review for subsequent year, if any, shall be at the sole discretion of BHDS and may consider market conditions, performance, reasonableness and farmer interest.
- If an empanelled agency refuses to supply at the approved rate after accepting empanelment, BHDS may suspend or de-empanel it and forfeit applicable security.

14. Ordering, Delivery, Inspection and Acceptance

- Supply shall be made only against work order / allocation issued by BHDS / District Horticulture Office / competent authority. The work order shall specify crop, variety, quantity, district / block destination, delivery window and special instructions.
- The empanelled agency shall acknowledge the work order within 3 working days and submit a district-wise supply schedule, lot details and dispatch plan.
- Pre-dispatch inspection may be conducted at the Bihar hardening centre by BHDS / district team / authorized committee. BHDS may draw samples, verify batch records and inspect hardening age, health, uniformity and plant count.
- At destination, the receiving authority may verify quantity, apparent quality, varietal labelling, condition of packaging and accompanying documents. Acceptance at destination shall not waive BHDS' right to later reject a lot found defective on deeper inspection or on verified farmer complaint.
- Plants found dead, severely stressed, mixed, visibly diseased, under-sized, under-hardened or materially non-conforming may be rejected wholly or partly.
- Transit shortage / damage, if any, shall be recorded on the delivery challan and shall be made good by the bidder within the time allowed by the receiving authority.

15. Farmer Advisory, Complaint Redressal and Replacement Obligation

- At the time of delivery, the empanelled agency shall provide crop-wise planting and immediate aftercare advisory in simple language, including spacing, planting depth, irrigation, staking / support if needed, initial nutrition and crop protection precautions.
- The agency shall nominate district / division contact persons and a complaint redressal number. Complaints relating to quality, mix-up, weak hardening or transit injury shall be attended within 48 hours.
- Where mortality or poor establishment beyond permissible tolerance is jointly attributed to plant quality, hardening deficiency, varietal mix-up or transport failure, the agency shall replace the affected quantity or compensate as directed, without extra cost to farmer / Government.
- The bidder shall maintain complaint registers, joint inspection records, replacement records and closure reports.

16. Payment, Subsidy and Farmer Price Protection

- Admissible payment / subsidy / reimbursement shall be governed by the relevant scheme guidelines, district verification, digital records, beneficiary confirmation and acceptance of supply.
- No amount above the approved rate shall be charged from the farmer / beneficiary except the beneficiary share, if any, admissible under the relevant scheme and clearly communicated by the Directorate/Department.
- The approved rate shall be inclusive of all taxes, freight, loading, unloading, packaging, insurance and all incidental costs up to the designated delivery point.
- No separate claim for escalation, transport surcharge, packing, handling or other incidental cost shall be entertained unless specifically permitted in writing.



- If any payment is linked to field verification, survival / acceptance, the scheme norms shall apply. However, BHDS may withhold payment in case of unresolved quality complaint, shortage, misrepresentation or non-submission of required records.

17. Bid Security and Performance Security

- Bid security / EMD of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only) shall ordinarily be submitted through online mode, unless exempt under applicable law / policy and supported by valid documentary proof. BHDS may revise the quantum in the NIT / BOQ.
- Successful / empanelled agencies shall furnish Performance Security in the form of NEFT / RTGS / Bank Guarantee / other acceptable form, equivalent to 3% of the annual allocated value subject to such minimum / maximum as may be prescribed in the NIT or empanelment letter.
- Performance Security may be forfeited, wholly or partly, in case of supply default, serious quality lapse, refusal to honour approved rate, fraudulent document, non-replacement, or other breach causing prejudice to farmers or the Directorate/Department.

18. Penalties, Risk Purchase and De-Empanelment

- Delay in supply beyond the work-order timeline or plantation window may attract liquidated damages, reduction in future allocation, or both.
- In case of failure to supply, short supply, or refusal to replace rejected material, BHDS may procure from another empanelled agency or other lawful source at the risk and cost of the defaulting agency.
- Supply of under-hardened, diseased, mixed, falsely certified or materially non-conforming plants shall be treated as major default and may result in rejection of lot, forfeiture of security, blacklisting / de-empanelment and legal action.
- Repeated complaints, repeated shortfall against committed capacity, concealment of source, double-pledging of stock, forged certificates or manipulation of lot records may result in immediate suspension and de-empanelment.

19. Monitoring, Reporting and Digital Traceability

- Each empanelled agency shall submit monthly stock and supply reports, indicating source-wise availability, Bihar hardening stock, crop / variety, batch age, district-wise dispatch, mortality during hardening, complaints and replacements.
- BHDS may require geo-tagged photographs, digital batch registers, QR-code / barcode traceability, WhatsApp / portal-based stock reporting or any other reasonable digital system during the empanelment period.
- Empanelled agencies shall preserve all relevant records, certificates, invoices, delivery documents, farmer-wise distribution data, complaint records and test reports for audit during the empanelment period and for at least 3 years thereafter.

20. Performance Review for Extension

Extension for the additional one-year period shall be considered only on the basis of satisfactory performance, continued eligibility and administrative approval. The performance review shall consider, inter alia, the following:

Sl. No.	Performance Parameter	Marks
1	Timely supply within plantation window	20
2	Quality conformity, batch certification, traceability and complaint history	25



Sl. No.	Performance Parameter	Marks
3	Maintenance of Bihar hardening infrastructure and crop health protocol	15
4	Accuracy of supply commitments and sustained flow of planting material	15
5	Replacement performance and grievance redressal	10
6	Reporting discipline and cooperation in inspection	5
7	Farmer feedback / field establishment / district feedback	10

Indicative threshold for considering extension: 75 marks or such threshold as may be prescribed by BHDS, with no major default or pending blacklisting proceedings.

21. General Terms and Conditions

- Participation in this tender shall imply unconditional acceptance of the RFP, pre-bid clarifications, corrigenda and work-order terms.
- All submitted documents shall be self-attested; BHDS may insist on originals for verification.
- BHDS may accept one or more bids, reject any or all bids, negotiate in the interest of farmers, and distribute work among one or more empanelled agencies.
- BHDS may seek clarification, additional documents or presentations from any bidder. Failure to respond within the stipulated time may result in rejection.
- Sub-contracting of the bidder's core obligations under this empanelment is prohibited except for transport / handling services expressly disclosed and permitted; even then, full responsibility shall remain with the bidder.
- Any false statement, forged document, material concealment or misleading claim shall result in rejection and may invite civil / criminal / administrative action.
- The successful bidder shall comply with all applicable laws, taxes, labour laws, biosafety norms and local statutory requirements at its own cost.
- In case of dispute, parties shall first attempt amicable resolution. Failing that, courts at Patna shall have jurisdiction, unless otherwise provided by law.

22. Disqualification

- Bid submitted after due date / time.
- Incomplete bid or bid without required documents / EMD / exemption proof.
- Conditional bid or bid containing financial information in technical bid.
- Misleading, false, fabricated or forged information / document.
- Failure to furnish clarification within specified time.
- Attempt to canvass, influence or interfere with the evaluation process.
- Non-compliance with critical source recognition, Bihar hardening or quality conditions.

ANNEXURES

The following annexures form an integral part of this RFP. Bidders shall use the prescribed formats as applicable. BHDS may seek additional information, add schedules or modify formats through corrigendum.



Annexure I - Authority Letter

(On the letterhead of the bidder)

I / We hereby authorize Shri / Smt. _____, Designation _____, to sign and submit the bid, clarifications, undertakings and all related documents on behalf of the bidder and to do all acts necessary in connection with this RFP.

Name of Bidder / Firm	
Registered Address	
Name of Authorized Signatory	
Designation	
Specimen Signature	
Date & Seal	

Signature of Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Seal of the Firm



Annexure II - Proposer / Bidder Information Sheet

1. Name and legal status of bidder	
2. Registered address and correspondence address	
3. Bihar office address (if any)	
4. Telephone / mobile / e-mail / website	
5. PAN / GSTIN / Udyam / Startup recognition details (if applicable)	
6. Details of source TCPF(s) with recognition validity	
7. Details of Bihar hardening centre(s) with full address, area in sq.m. and GPS coordinates	
8. Contact person for technical / district coordination	
9. Whether bidder has accepted all terms of RFP (Yes/No)	

(Handwritten signature)



Annexure III - Details of Bid Security / EMD

Name of bidder	
Mode of payment / exemption claimed	
UTR / Transaction No.	
Date of payment	
Amount (Rs.)	
Bank / Branch	
Supporting document attached (Yes/No)	

(Handwritten signature)



Annexure IV - Technical Compliance and Key Undertakings

The bidder shall tick compliance and attach documentary proof.

Sl. No.	Requirement	Complied (Yes/No)	Page / Proof Reference
1	Valid source TCPF recognition / tie-up		
2	Bihar-based primary hardening facility available		
3	Bihar-based secondary hardening facility available		
4	Crop-wise SOP for hardening, INM and IPM submitted		
5	Logistics and packaging plan submitted		
6	Rolling supply assurance / buffer plan submitted		
7	Complaint redressal and replacement undertaking submitted		
8	Affidavit regarding non-blacklisting and truthfulness submitted		



Annexure V - Affidavit / Declaration

(To be submitted on appropriate Rs 1000/- non-judicial stamp paper, duly notarized)

- That the bidder is not blacklisted / debarred by any Central or State Government Directorate/Department, PSU, autonomous body or statutory authority as on the date of bid submission.
- That the bidder has not submitted any false, forged, fabricated or misleading information in the bid.
- That the tissue culture plants proposed to be supplied shall be true-to-type, disease-free and properly hardened in Bihar as per the applicable standards.
- That no direct supply from outside Bihar to farmer's / block points shall be made under this empanelment.
- That the bidder accepts risk-purchase, replacement and penal action in case of default.

Signature of Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Seal of the Firm



Annexure VI - Financial Proposal (To be filled in BOQ only)

The bidder shall quote variety-wise unit rate inclusive of all taxes and FOR destination basis in Bihar, along with committed monthly hardened supply capacity.

Sl. No.	Crop	Variety	Unit Rate (Rs. per plant)	Committed Monthly Hardened Supply Capacity in Bihar (Nos.)
1	Tissue Culture Banana	G-9		
2	Tissue Culture Banana	Malbhog		
3	Tissue Culture Banana	Chinia		
4	Anjeer (Figs)	Black Mission, Brown Turkey, Kadota, Calimynra etc.		
5	Strawberry	Chandler		
6	Pineapple	MDQ, Giant Kew, Queen, etc		
7	Kinnow	Kinnow LS and PAU Kinnow, etc		

Rates shall be inclusive of taxes, packing, freight, loading, unloading, insurance and all incidental charges up to the designated delivery point. Scanned financial formats uploaded outside the BOQ may lead to rejection.



Annexure VII - Turnover Certificate

Financial Year	Annual Turnover (Rs. in lakh)	Supporting document reference
FY 2022-23		
FY 2023-24		
FY 2024-25		

Certified that the average annual turnover of M/s _____ during the above three financial years is Rs. _____ lakh.

Signature and Seal of Chartered Accountant (with UDIN)



Annexure VIII - Work Experience of the Bidder

Sl. No.	Name of Client / Issuing Agency	Nature of work	Order value (Rs.)	Work order / supply order attached	Invoice attached	Payment proof attached
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

Note: Payment details highlighted in bank statements should match invoice references. Where there is a mismatch, reconciliation statement shall be submitted.



Annexure IX - Source TCPF(s) and Assured Supply Commitment

Sl. No.	Name & address of Source TCPF	Recognition No. & validity	Crop / variety	Annual recognized capacity	Quantity reserved for bidder for this empanelment	Supporting tie-up / authorization enclosed
1						
2						
3						
4						

Undertaking: The bidder certifies that the above reserved quantity is genuinely tied up, not double-counted for another bid to the extent committed here, and is available to support the bidder's declared monthly supply capacity.



Annexure X - Bihar Hardening Centre Details

Sl. No.	Location / Address	GPS Coordinates	Type (Primary/Secondary)	Covered Area (sq.m.)	Key Infrastructure	Peak Simultaneous Capacity (Nos.)	Title / Lease document enclosed
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							

Key infrastructure shall include, as applicable: protected structure, insect-proofing, double-door entry, misting / fogging / irrigation, fertigation, drainage, potting area, grading / packing area, water source, electricity backup, sanitation arrangement and crop health supervision.



Annexure XI - Manpower and Bihar Operations Plan

SI. No.	Position	No. of staff in Bihar	Qualification / Experience	Role in supply chain / QC / hardening
1	Horticulture / TC In-charge			
2	Plant Health / IPM Supervisor			
3	Hardening Supervisor			
4	Dispatch & Logistics Supervisor			
5	Field Support / Complaint Coordinator			



Annexure XII - Monthly Rolling Supply Plan (Illustrative Format)

To be furnished season-wise by empanelled agencies.

Month	Crop / Variety	Expected inward from source	Expected Bihar hardening availability	Expected dispatch quantity	Remarks / district preference
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					

(Handwritten signature)



Annexure XIII - Complaint Redressal and Replacement Undertaking

- We undertake to maintain active district-wise complaint contact details throughout the empanelment period.
- We undertake to respond to any written / digital complaint within 48 hours and participate in joint inspection whenever called.
- We undertake to replace, without additional cost, any lot or part-lot found non-conforming on account of source quality, hardening deficiency, varietal mix-up or transport damage, as determined through joint inspection.
- We accept that repeated complaints or non-replacement may lead to reduction in allocation, forfeiture of security, suspension or de-empanelment.

Signature of Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Seal of the Firm



End of RFP Document

Bidders are advised to carefully read the entire document, pre-bid clarifications and any corrigendum before submitting bids. In case of conflict, the latest corrigendum and the provisions of the empanelment letter / work order shall prevail to the extent notified by BHDS.