Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security Invitation for Expression of Interest

(Authorised under section 24(2)(a) of the Public Procurement Act 2006)

for the Collection of Pig Waste and its transformation into biogas (Ref. No: MOAIFS/Q1/2024-25/EOI)

The Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from potential service providers with proven experience for the collection of animal waste (pig waste) from St Martin and Bassin Requin and its transformation into biogas.

The pig waste shall be available for collection by the service provider free of charge. The Ministry and the pig breeders shall not be liable to any cost associated with the project, whatsoever.

1. Objective

The project involves the collection of animal waste (solid, liquid and sludge) from private pig breeders at St Martin Phase I, II and Bassin Requin. The aim of the EOI is to identify and retain potential service providers with the ability and experience to collect and transform the waste into biogas.

2. Scope of Works

The selected service provider shall, after an assessment of the site conditions, inform the Ministry:

- (i) of the most practical way it would adopt to collect, transport and deliver the waste to the transformation station;
- (ii) the time frame for collection;
- (iii) the most up-to-date technologies and practices to be used for the waste transformation; and
- (iv) any other requirement for the effective collection of waste from pig breeders.

3. Manner of Execution

The works shall be executed in the manner as per the Environmental Protection Act and any other related legislation presently in force in Mauritius and as per good standards of workmanship with all necessary equipment, materials and fittings.

In addition, the service provider shall ensure a safe working environment all the time for the collection of the waste as per the Occupational Health and Safety Act presently in force in Mauritius <u>and make provision for insurance covers as deemed necessary</u>.

The service provider shall also ensure that no damage is caused to the existing plant, equipment, building and amenities on the compound of the pig breeders.

In case of any damage, the service provider shall carry out immediate repair and bear all costs associated thereto. <u>The Ministry shall not be liable for any damage or adverse incident</u> arising due to operations of the services provider.

4. Eligibility Criteria

A service provider with technical capability and with successful performance history to execute the project as follows:

- (i) all vehicles (lorries) for the carrier of waste shall have the "waste carrier licence";
- (ii) possess all the required licenses from the local authorities for the operation of the bio-gas production plant;
 the abovenamed documents at (i) and (ii) shall be submitted along with the proposal; and
- (iii) previous experience:

Reference Sites	Requirements	Mandatory (Yes/No)
provider has successfully collected animal waste		Yes
	Testimonials from customers as evidence of satisfactory performance for service provided during the last two years. The Ministry reserves the right to query the referenced customer and any misinformation from the service provider will entail elimination.	

5. General Requirements

- (i) The successful service provider shall make a thorough assessment of the site along with officers from the FAREI and Engineering Division of the Ministry;
- (ii) he shall work in close collaboration on site with the officers of the FAREI by continuously sensitising the pig breeders; and
- (iii) upon acceptance of the proposal, he shall submit his schedule of works for approval by the Ministry.

6. General Instructions

Expressions of Interest should be concise and include as a minimum:

- i) the name, address and profile of the service provider;
- ii) details of experience in similar assignments undertaken in the last two (2) years, including name of clients, location, duration, description of assignments, value of services provided and firm's role in the assignment and supporting evidence for information as set out in section 4 (iii).

The Expressions of Interest should be submitted in the structure given below:

- Covering letter;
- Details of interested Parties; and
- Prior Experience in that field.

The Ministry reserves the right to accept or reject any interest expressed and to annul the whole Expression of Interest exercise without thereby incurring any liability whatsoever to any participant.

7. Submission of Expression of Interest

The Expression of Interest in one (1) hard copy shall be contained in a plain sealed envelope addressed to:

Secretary Departmental Bid Committee Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security Level 9, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building Cnr Maillard and Pope Hennessy Streets Port-Louis Republic of Mauritius

The envelope shall be clearly marked: "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR COLLECTION OF PIG WASTE" Ref. No. (MOAIFS/Q1/2024-25/EOI) and shall be deposited in the Bid Box, at the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security, Level 9, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building, Cnr Maillard and Pope Henessy St, Port Louis, on or before 07 August 2024 up to 13.45 hours (local time).

LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE REJECTED

8. Clarifications

All queries in respect of the Expression of Interest shall be addressed **in writing** to the Permanent Secretary, at least (10) days before the deadline for submission at the following address:

The Permanent Secretary Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security Level 9, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building Cnr Maillard and Pope Hennessy Streets Port-Louis Republic of Mauritius

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