

IDEA-NEW

New ideas for agriculture

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REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS For the supply of Rice seed for IDEA Summer, 2011 Staple Crop Programs

I. Background

According to the survey which carried out through IDEA NEW / E, the eastern region climate is appropriate for Rice production are grown on farms smaller than 1.0 hectares, underscoring the importance of small-scale staple production as a livelihood alternative for poor households and a source of supply for the domestic markets

Staple productivity in the region is below acceptable levels, which is further compounded by poor pest and disease control, low farm-gate prices and quality issues.

The current scenario poses substantial challenges; productivity issues need to be addressed through the introduction of modern production technologies, starting with crops and varieties with specific market demand and short production cycles. Similarly, pest and disease management issues should be addressed by enhancing the technical capacity of farmers and introducing disease-resistant varieties. Constraints to market efficiency—resulting in low prices—need to be addressed from a systemic perspective, looking at the main issues limiting the efficiency of the supply chains and designing interventions to address specific bottlenecks. Correspondingly, quality problems need to be addressed from the agronomic and marketing perspectives.

Given the high degree of atomization of staple production across the three provinces, efforts in support of small scale horticulture need to be inclusive, broad based and geographically focused.

During the summer of 2008 ADP/E implemented the first phase of its Staple programs (Yellow Maize & Mungbean), serving over 3,000 farmers, and 200 farmers of them were for Mungbean crops with positive results. And for the summer, 2009 and 2010 IDEA NEW 4000 farmers were planted 800 ha with having excellent result. And for current year 2011 want to cover 4,000 farmers in Rice production, Consistent with more emphasis in surplus while targeting a smaller number of subsistence households. This is expected to result in greater impacts in terms of economic growth.

2. Purpose

IDEA NEW is interested in procuring Rice seed to disseminate the improve varieties and technology to different parts of eastern region, to plant 4000 J (800 ha) land in Laghman , Kunar and Nangarhar provinces . It is envisioned that the seed supplier will deliver the seeds in IDEA-NEW's office in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

3. Period of performance

Seeds can be delivered in single or multiple shipments, with the last shipment delivered on or before March 20, 2011.

4. Origin and packaging of goods

Ideally, the seeds would be produced in the United States of America, although seeds from reliable European and Japanese seed companies are also acceptable; the rice seed should be packaged in **7 kg bags**. The supplier will submit quality certificates issued by the producing company, as well as certificates of origin for all the materials subject of this procurement. Quality certificates should indicate production date, germination rate, and percentage of purity, lot numbers and expiration date

5. Quotations

Quotations should be noted in US dollars (\$) and must include the cost of seeds until Jalalabad (IDEA/NEW Office) as well as certification information, and a delivery schedule for each variety noted in the attached table. All final bids must be delivered on or before **Mar 08th, 2011** by 4:00PM Afghan time by email to procurement_ideanew@dai.com or abdul_wakil@dai.com or by hand in a sealed envelope to IDEA-NEW Offices in Angor Bagh, Jalalabad or Parwan, Old British embassy opposite Qalbi Asia Hotel Kabul.

Attachment A. Rice seed required for summer - 2011.

STAPLE SUMMER - SEASON,2011 RICE CHARACTERASTICT

Crops	Crop characteristics	Quantity(Kg)
Rice	Early mature , Resistance , adoptable and highly productive	28,000