

Call for Tenders

Objective: To provide and construct for innovative low-cost, fuel efficient, safe and secure vertical transportation that can carry up to 200 Kg of goods for Nongtraw Village, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya, India.

Organization: North East Slow Food and Agrobiodiversity Society, Kerrie Ville, Arbuthnott Road, Laitumkhrah, Shillong 793003

Last Date for sending Proposals: June 30, 2021 (Before 5 PM IST)

Background: NESFAS and its three partner organizations, working in 130 villages in the States of Meghalaya and Nagaland. In most of the villages in Meghalaya due to the steep landscape there are no facilities to transport their produce and farmers make long, difficult journeys on foot to bring them to the market even so to move elderly or ill people due to the difficult terrain. In consultation with the communities, we are interested in promoting an Innovative Systems to transport atleast goods for improve access to market. Before we further take this to other villages, NESFAS and Nongtraw communities are willing to do a pilot testing with such innovative systems.

Village profile: Nongtraw is a village located in the Khatarshnong-Laitkroh Community and Rural Development Block of East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya. There is no road access to the village so the only way to reach or leave the village is to climb 3000 steps. It is accessible via the Shillong – Sohra road through a stop called Sohrarim. While Sohrarim sits on top the southern plateau, the village of Nongtraw is situated near the foothills. The difference in the elevation between the two villages is about 360 to 370 meters. It has a population of 250 persons residing in 40 households.

A. Scope of Work:

- 1. A Study and assessment of the landscape where the equipment will be installed will be the initial stage.
- 2. Presentation of the design as per the needs of the requirement based on the assessment and specification given below.
- 3. Training of the community members on the management and maintenance of the equipment.

- 4. Installation of the equipment.
- 5. Assisting the community members during and after-sale service.

B. Specification requirements:

- 1. A fuel efficient, safe and secure vertical transportation that can carry up to 200 Kg.
- 2. The system designed should be easy to operate and maintain by the communities.
- 3. Materials and spare parts should be easily accessible to the communities for maintenance purposes.
- 4. The system should be able to function even during monsoon period or harsh climatic condition. Because during monsoon, rain and thunderstorm are quite heavy which create problem in moving goods and even people.
- 5. The materials provided should have a warranty period of at least 5 years.
- 6. The system should be able to support an elevation between 300-400 meters whereby the distance required for the vertical transportation is about 360 to 370 meters.

C. Time line and Funding:

- 1. Presentation on the Designs should be completed by July 10, 2021.
- 2. Agreement by both the party on the designs July 16, 2021.
- 3. Installation of selected system should happen in around July 2021.
- 4. Training to the community members on maintenance and management on July 2021.
- 5. The costs of the system, including assembly and installation and training of selected community members will be covered by NESFAS, as part of its REC Project, with community contributions.

D. EXPECTED AND DESIRABLE EXPERIENCE OF THE CONSULTING FIRM:

Following are the qualification/experience that NESFAS would expect from the firm:

- 1. A minimum of 3 years experience in the field or evidence of experience and capabilities in undertaking the task.
- 2. List of major clients with a portfolio of the same to be attached.
- 3. The Proposal may contain (a) Profile of the Firm/Institution (b) copy of Registration certificate in case of registered firms, (c) last 3 years audited statement of the firm d) Evidence of experience and capabilities in undertaking the task.

E. HOW TO APPLY

1. The bid to be submitted by the Bidder shall consist of 2 (two) parts:-

Part - I: - "Technical Bid" (1st Envelope) shall contain: - a) Qualification Information and supporting documents as specified in **Section D** of the Bidding document such as experience certificate, company registration, Bank certificate, Income tax return & GST registration etc.

Part – II: - "Financial Bid "(2nd Envelope) shall contain: - Schedule of Rates (Rates to be quoted by the Bidder).

2. Interested Consulting firm/agency/organization may submit their proposals to NESFAS office, Laitumkhrah and the proposal will be evaluated by NESFAS procurement committee. All proposals are to be submitted before April 23, 2021 addressed to the Executive Director, North East Slow Food & Agrobiodiversity Society, Kerie Ville, Arbuthnott Road, Laitumkhrah, Shillong 793003, Meghalaya, India.

NB: In case interaction is required, the same will be held in the NESFAS office, Shillong in the above mentioned address and the firms attending the interaction session will however do so at their own cost.

Process of Selection:

- NESFAS Procurement Committee will examine the proposals and will select the most suitable Firm at the best competitive price.
- The shortlisted firm will have to make a presentation as per the specification stated above
- Selected firm will be communicated and an Agreement will be signed between the two parties so as to be able to take the project forward.

NESFAS reserves the right:

- 1. To accept any or reject all proposals, without incurring any liability to the affected respondents or any obligation to inform the affected respondents on the grounds for NESFAS'S actions prior to contract award, and
- 2. To negotiate with respondents invited to negotiate- the proposed technical approach and methodology and the proposed price based on the respondents proposal.
- 3. Amend the TOR at any time.

Contact:

 The proposals should be sent in sealed envelopes addressed to the Executive Director, NESFAS Kerrie Ville, Arbuthnott Road, Laitumkhrah, Shillong 793003.

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Validity of Quotations/Tender: The tender shall be valid for at least 2 months from the date of the tender.