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GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & CANE DEVELOPMENT

**INVITATION OF OFFERS FROM REPUTED AGENCIES FOR SUPPLY OF
DOLOMITE/LIMESTONE FOR ACIDIC SOIL AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN ACIDIC
AGRICULTURAL AREAS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF JHARKHAND**

- 1.1 The state of Jharkhand has immense potential for agricultural development. About 70% of population is dependent on agriculture sector for its livelihood. Out of total geographical area of around 79 lakh ha, the cultivable land of the state is around 38 lakh ha, against which only 23.62 lakh ha is presently being used for agricultural purposes.
- 1.2 Around 10 lakh ha of such land in the state is adversely affected by acidity ($\text{pH} < 7.0$), which results in lower agricultural productivity, thus affecting the total production of various crops in such areas.
- 1.3 Research Studies carried out by reputed institutions of the country have revealed that if such acidic soil is treated with dolomite/lime stone for continuously for a period of 5 years, such problem of acidity may be tackled, catapulting into higher productivity of crop and thus increased production.
- 1.4 To carry out such soil amendment exercise, dolomite/lime stone @ 3 qtls/ha (approx) is required annually.
- 1.5 Keeping in mind the above objective of the sustained soil amendment, the Directorate of Agriculture, Jharkhand intends to procure dolomite/lime stone to be provided to the farmers of such affected areas on subsidized rates.
- 1.6 Accordingly, sealed offers are invited from interested eligible reputed agencies for supply of dolomite/lime stone for acidic soil amendment of certain acidic agricultural areas in various districts of Jharkhand.

II. Tender Procedure

1. The Bidders should submit the proposals in two parts:
 - a. Technical Bid
 - b. Financial Bid
- i) Technical part should contain all such details as mentioned in the Bid Document.
- ii) Financial part should contain the financial bid inclusive of all admissible taxes, duties and levies, etc. The details of the financial bid should also be included for better appreciation of the bid.
- iii) These two parts should be submitted in separate sealed and superscribed envelopes.
- iv) Both the envelopes should then be sealed in a third envelop marked as "**TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF DOLOMITE/LIMESTONE FOR ACIDIC SOIL AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN ACIDIC AGRICULTURAL AREAS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF JHARKHAND**".
2. A complete set of Bid Document may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders on the submission of a written application to the Director Agriculture, Government of Jharkhand upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 25000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) in the form of **Demand Draft in favour of the Director Agriculture, Government of Jharkhand**, payable at Ranchi.
3. The Bid Document may be purchased personally during office hours on all working days from **25.10.2011** It may also be downloaded from www.sameti.org in which case, the fee in the form of demand draft should be enclosed with the bid document at the time of submission.
4. A pre bid meeting shall be held on **5.11.2011 on 14.00 hrs** in the Office of the undersigned.
5. The last date for submission of bid is **12.11.2011 up to 15.00 hrs** at the following address:

**The Director of Agriculture,
Government of Jharkhand,
Krishi Bhawan, Kanke Road, Ranchi-8**
6. The technical bids shall be opened on **17.11.2011 at 15.00 hrs.** before the duly constituted committee. The bidder or his authorized representative may remain present during the opening of such bid.
7. The Director Agriculture, Jharkhand reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers, in part or in full without assigning any reason whatsoever.
8. The Director Agriculture, Jharkhand also reserves the right to cancel/postpone the date of receipt and opening of the tenders without bearing any liability, whatsoever, consequent upon such decision.

