



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

For

ENLISTMENT OF QUALIFIED CARGO SURVEYING SERVICE PROVIDERS

1. Introduction

The Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB) is a parastatal body operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security. The AMB is a regulator for Controlled Products under the Mauritius Agricultural Marketing Act 1963, Regulations 2003.

2. Objective

The objective of this exercise is to invite local eligible service providers to express their interest for the provision of cargo surveying services to the AMB, Head Office, Moka and its Outstations at Trou Fanfaron and Plaine Magnien, for a period of two years with the possibility of renewal for one year, on same terms and conditions and upon satisfactory performance. Shortlisted proposals would need to meet the general requirements of the exercise as defined below.

3. Eligibility

All Bidders must:

- i) Demonstrate that they have at least **three (3)** years prior experience in the cargo surveying services for food items including Onion, Potato, Vegetables and Seeds.
- ii) Possess human resources in the said field.
- iii) Be financially sound by submitting a certificate of current standing issued by the Registrar of Companies (not more than three months).

A pre-selection exercise will be carried out and the selected firms shall be invited thereafter to participate in a bidding process.

4. Scope of Work

The Bidders will be required to carry out the following tasks:

- (i) To board vessels to check reefer containers on board and whether they were connected to power supply during the whole voyage.
- (ii) To check the reefer containers ashore at the reefer point to see the set and return temperature and whether they are connected to the power supply and are functioning properly.
- (iii) To carry out weight survey of the consignment based on information available at AMB's weighbridge or any other designated weighbridge.
- (iv) To carry out a destuffing survey as per specifications to be submitted by AMB. The cargo surveyor must among others verify the quality of the produces as per tender requirements.
- (v) Approximately 5% of the number of bags to be chosen at random per container and to work out the average weight per bag. *Note: One 40ft FCL usually contains around 1120 bags.*
- (vi) To record and report any problems noted during survey. As and when required, joint surveys shall have to be effected with vessel agents.
- (vii) To accompany AMB's and other designated officers during destruction exercise in Port/Airport areas and at landfill.
- (viii) Survey Reports must be submitted to the AMB within 7 working days after the last container has left AMB's yard.
- (ix) Any other cognate duties related to cargo surveying services by sea/air.

5. Pricing

The proposals at this stage should not contain any rates and other costs.

6. Qualifications & Experience

Interested firms **must submit** the following information:

- i) Qualifications and experience of at least **3** years of the Firm for **similar** nature activities.

- ii) Qualifications and experience of the proposed Team Leader, who should reckon a minimum of **five (5)** years of experience in cargo surveying services of this **particular nature**, i.e., surveying for vegetables.
- iii) Qualifications and experience of the key staffs to be deployed for this exercise.
- iv) Valid permit for operating in the Port/Airport areas.
- v) Relevant experience in surveying reefer containers.
- vi) A list of past **similar** projects and values over the last three years.
- vii) BRN.
- viii) Proof of registration with MRA as a cargo surveyor.

Bidder may submit the following documents, if applicable: VAT Registration number, Trade license in the field of cargo surveying and Registration / affiliation certificates with any authority.

7. Submission of the Proposals

Proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly **“Reference No. AMB / EOI /15/2021** and should be addressed to the General Manager, Agricultural Marketing Board, Dr G. Leclézio Avenue, Moka and should be deposited in the Tender Box (Registry – AMB) **on or before 18th November 2021- 13:30 hours (local time)** at latest.

8. Queries

Any clarifications sought by any bidder in respect of the shortlisting exercise shall be addressed in writing to the **General Manager, Agricultural Marketing Board, Dr G. Leclézio Avenue, Moka, Fax No. 433 4837** so as to reach him by **8th November 2021**. Queries received after 8th November 2021 will not be entertained.

- 9. The AMB reserves the right to accept or reject any interest expressed and to annul the whole Expression of Interest exercise without incurring any liability of whatsoever nature to any bidder.

Date: 22nd October 2021