



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
FOR
LOCAL FOOD HAWKERS WISHING TO OPERATE AT THE NATIONAL
WHOLESALE MARKET (NWM)
(STAGE ONE)

1. Introduction

The Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB) is a parastatal body operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries. The AMB has been mandated to manage and operate the National Wholesale Market (NWM) for fruits and vegetables at Five Ways, Wooton.

2. Objective

The objective of this exercise is to invite eligible local food hawkers to express their interest for operating at the NWM, Wooton for a period of 2 years, with the possibility of renewal for one (1) year, on same or revised terms and conditions and upon satisfactory performance. Shortlisted proposals would need to meet the general requirements of the exercise as defined below.

NOTE:

Once potential bidders, satisfying below terms and conditions are shortlisted, a tender exercise will be floated among the shortlisted eligible bidders at a second stage.

3. Eligibility

All Bidders must possess:

- i) At least one (1) year similar experience in the catering services.
- ii) A mobile food cart or truck with suitable amenities.
- iii) Personnel(s) having the food handler certificate and who are knowledgeable of hygiene protocols to be followed for cooking & handling of food, cleaning, disinfection and waste disposal. Personnel should strictly adhere to the relevant provisions in the Food Act and associated regulations.
- iv) Recent certificate of character issued less than one (1) month prior to this exercise.
- v) Business Registration Number (BRN) & other licenses.

4. Scope of Work

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

- (i) To provide services in a food cart or trunk in a dedicated area as may be earmarked by the AMB.
- (ii) To provide a choice of affordable meals (including vegetarian), snacks, and refreshments in line with Mauritian cuisine and preferences.
- (iii) To provide a list of daily proposed menu with corresponding prices and portion size in terms of volume/weight/quantity where applicable.
- (iv) To operate within the time decreed by AMB.
- (v) To ensure that any food served do not contain gelatine, beef or pork.

5. Qualifications & Experience

Interested bidder **must submit** the following information in their proposals:

- i) A list of proposed meals, snacks and refreshments as per Annexure A.
- ii) Business Registration Number (BRN) and relevant Licences.
- iii) Certificate of Incorporation (if applicable) and National Identity Card of owner and employees.
- iv) Evidences showing details of catering experience claimed for a minimum of one year.
- v) List of personnel with food handler certificate.
- vi) Horse power of vehicle, road worthy/fitness certificate (if any) & other evidences.
- vii) Other documents which may be of relevance to this exercise.

6. Submission of the Proposal

Proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly Reference No. “AMB/NWM/ EOI /04/25” and should be addressed to the Assistant General Manager, Agricultural Marketing Board, Dr G. Leclézio Avenue, Moka and should either be:

- Deposited in the Tender box at the **REGISTRY – AMB -Moka**, during office hours on or before **Thursday 25th September 2025 at 13:30 hours** (local time) at latest *(excluding lunch time from 12:00 -12:30 hours)* **or**
- Sent by post to the Assistant General Manager, Agricultural Marketing Board, Dr G. Leclézio Avenue, Moka on or before **Thursday 25th September 2025 at 13:30 hours** (local time) at latest.

7. Selection Criteria – Stage 1 (EOI Shortlisting)

All proposals will first be assessed for eligibility. Only bidders meeting all mandatory requirements will be considered for shortlisting.

Mandatory Eligibility

- i) At least one (1) year of proven experience in catering services (documentary proof required).
- ii) Ownership or lease of a mobile food cart or truck with suitable amenities (supporting documents to be submitted).
- iii) At least one personnel with a valid Food Handler's Certificate in compliance with the Food Act and related regulations.
- iv) A valid Certificate of Character issued less than one (1) month prior to this exercise for the owner and employee(s).
- v) A valid Business Registration Number (BRN) and other relevant licences.

Only bidders meeting all the above criteria will proceed to Stage 2.

Selection Criteria – Stage 2 (Tender among Shortlisted Bidders at a later stage)

In a later stage, shortlisted eligible bidders will be invited to submit a formal tender. Selection will be based on (i) the monthly rental fee submitted, and (ii) a weighted scoring system.

- i. Bids falling below the minimum monthly rental fee fixed by the AMB will be automatically rejected;
- ii. Bids above or equal to the minimum monthly rental fee will be retained for further evaluation based on a weighted scoring system as described below:

a) Criteria and Weighing:

- **Menu & Food Concept (30%):** Diversity, affordability in terms of price and portion, inclusion of vegetarian options and alignment with Mauritian cuisine.
- **Experience & Track Record (20%):** Demonstrated ability to comply with hygiene and safety standards based on evidence of past successful operations.
- **Cart/Truck Condition & Presentation (20%):** Overall appearance, cleanliness and maintenance of the proposed food truck/cart and submission of valid road worthy/fitness certificate (if any) and picture of the vehicle.

- **Financial Proposal (30%):** Ability and willingness to pay the monthly rental fee. Higher bids will score higher.

b) Evaluation Method:

- Each criterion will be scored according to the indicated weight.
- Contracts will be awarded to the highest-ranked bidders who formally accept a fixed monthly rental fee as decided by the AMB.

8. Contract Award and Monitoring

Successful bidders will sign an agreement for two (2) years, renewable for one (1) additional year subject to satisfactory performance, on same or revised Terms and Conditions.

9. Payment of monthly rental fees.

Monthly fees must be paid in advance. AMB reserves the right to terminate the contract in the event of non-payment and repeated non-compliance or breaches of hygiene and safety rules. **In cases of non-compliance, a first written warning will be issued. Bidders will be granted 7 (seven) days to take corrective action. Failure to comply within this period will result in a final warning, after which the contract shall be terminated without having recourse to judicial or extrajudicial proceedings.**

Regular inspections will be conducted by AMB and relevant authorities to ensure compliance.

10. Queries

Any clarifications sought by any bidder in respect of the shortlisting exercise shall be addressed in writing to the Assistant General Manager, Agricultural Marketing Board, Dr G. Leclézio Avenue, Moka, Fax No. 433 4837 so as to reach him, **seven (7) days before deadline date**. Queries received after this deadline 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.

10. Bidders must NOT submit any proposed monthly rental fee at stage one.

ANNEXURE A

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Date: 26 August 2025