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E-mail: dacaar@dacaar.orgWebsite: www.dacaar.org**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL****ISO Certification for Saffron of Barnabad Producer Association****DACAAR RFP 02 PRF-201/1712-31/UDW1.3.4/23-2009/02.2019****Date: February 12, 2019**

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DACAAR invites interested parties (National/International Companies) to submit their sealed proposals for **ISO Certification for Saffron of Barnabad Producer Association** Under UNODC Project with details specified below.

Please submit your sealed proposals to DACAAR Main Office, House No. 273, Street No. 12, Qala-e- Fathullah, Kabul - Afghanistan. The deadline for offer/proposal submission is February 23, 2019 before 04:00 PM "local time".

The Bid Opening Session will be held on February 24, 2019 at 10:30 AM in DACAAR Main Office in Kabul Province and the winner of the bidding will be notified shortly after the opening session.

About DACAAR:

DACAAR is a non-political, non-governmental, non-profit development organisation that has been working to improve the lives of the Afghan people since 1984. DACAAR works in rural areas and aims at improving rural livelihoods through sustainable activities that engage Afghan communities to be agents of their own development process. DACAAR has a main office in Kabul, with a liaison office in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Theme:

ISO Certificates.

- ISO 3632-1:2011 - Spices -- Saffron (Crocus sativus L.)
- ISO 3632-2:2010 - Test Methods.

Descriptions:

European markets are increasingly demanding that their suppliers be certified against a private food safety standard such as GLOBALGAP, ISO. In addition, each individual retail company may impose even stronger quality requirements on its suppliers so as to differentiate its products from that of its competitors.

Likewise in the Asian market, some minimum certification on food safety is required by local supermarket chains or local agro-processing businesses and these customers will ask for extra quality requirements to purchase the producer's product. Both in Asia and in the international market, farmers and food producers will be increasingly required to be certified against a food safety standard.

Therefore under UNODC project from 2017-2019, DACAAR wish to initiate certification to its Saffron Producer Association supported under the project.

DACAAR wish to invite the authorized CBs (Certification Bodies) to submit their proposal for the said certification.

Brief about Saffron Production Association:

Saffron, pronounced “Zaafaran” in Dari, Pashto and Arabic, is a high value spice used in cooking for colour and delicate flavouring. It comes from the red stigmas of a flower, *Crocus sativa*, a perennial plant grows from a bulb (or, more accurately, a corm). Saffron price is from US\$ 1600-1800 per kilogram (post- harvest season 2015) in Herat markets where its production is well suited to conditions of western Afghanistan. Saffron is seen as an excellent potential income source for small- and medium-scale farmers.

In 1998, DACAAR initiated saffron planting trials with four local farmers in semi-arid villages of Pashtoon Zarghon district, Herat province. By 2007, due to good results and high economical returns, more than 300 farmers were growing saffron in the district. As a result of DACAAR’s positive experiences with saffron, the Ministry of Agriculture in 2002 and a couple of other NGOs began to distribute saffron corms to farmers and other saffron growers in Herat, Mazar-e-Sharif, Baghlan, Kabul, Wardak, Bamyan and Logar provinces. Continuing this initiative DACAAR has established Maula-e-kalan Saffron PA which is named as Barnabad Saffron Association due to legal registration processes necessities, at present there are close to 200+ members in this association and producing about 200+ KGs of Saffron in Herat.

Costs and other conditions:

The cost of the certifications, facilitator/contractor/ service provider shall be budgeted adequately in the bid.

Payment:

Payment will be made with 15 official days after successfully completion of the project and confirmation of DACAAR Technical Team to the Company/Contractor bank account.

For Clarifications on Tasks/Assignment:

Please email your queries at: ravi.kharka@dacaar.org; cc: azizrahman@dacaar.org; Before February 22, 2019. No queries will be entertained after the said date.

Taxes:

2% Tax will be levied on the companies that has valid business license and 7% Tax will be levied on the companies that have invalid business license, on individuals who do not have business license and on the companies from abroad, will be deducted from the contractor as a withholding tax and DACAAR will pay that amount to Ministry of Finance of Afghanistan, the amount starts from (1 AFN).

Child Labour:

DACAAR (Logistics Unit) adheres to National and International laws on child labour. DACAAR makes sure all its suppliers and vendor abide by such laws preventing child labour in all DACAAR activities countrywide.

Humanitarian Organizations:

The Humanitarian Organizations (HO) may conduct on- site visit in the contractor's premises (or may take similar measures) to ensure compliance.

Award of the contract:

Award of contract will be based on the price, capacity & potentiality of the bidders which will be decided after evaluation of the consultancy. DACAAR reserves the right to make the decision of awarding contract.

Penalty:

In case of delay without logical reasons in Performance of Contract 0.5% of total cost will be charged as penalty for each official day of delay.

How to apply:

Firms inside country (Afghanistan) are required to submit the sealed hard copies of their bids/proposals to DACAAR Main Office located in House No. 273, Street No. 12, Qala-e-Fathullah, Kabul, Afghanistan.

Firms from abroad can submit soft copies of their bids/proposals electronically on the following email addresses;

jamal@dacaar.org or faizullah@dacaar.org

Please note that the subject line of your emails must be (DACAAR RFP 02 PRF-201/1712-31/UDW1.3.4/23-2009/02.2019).

For more details, please visit DACAAR Logistics Unit Main Office Kabul, Sunday through Thursday, from 8:00am to 03:00pm. Or contact on below Email Address jamal@dacaar.org or faizullah@dacaar.org

Sincerely Yours,

Head of Logistics Unit

Date: February 12, 2019

