

National Institute of Postharvest Management
(Ministry of Agriculture and Plantation Industries)

Jayanthi Mawatha, Anuradhapura

Expression of Interest (EOI)

**Calling EOI from established fruit processor for operation of fruit pulp processing center
in Hambantota district**

At present, one of the main national level challenges is how to reduce post-harvest loss of perishables. As a national institute NIPHM has introduced many technologies for minimizing post-harvest loss of fruits through establishing fruit processing zone all over the country to improve the fresh quality of fruits. To capture the fruit processing and high value market in Sri Lanka, while reducing postharvest losses of fruits and ensuring the uplifting livelihood of Sri Lankan fruit growers, collectors and other entrepreneurs of fruit processing industry, it is very important to popularize fruit processing technologies such as pulping and preservation by introducing appropriate methods. To cater the above mentioned need, NIPHM decided to launch this project to provide the initial support for the target beneficiaries to initiate the fruit pulp production line which can be used for value addition practices of fruits to utilize gluts in the peak production period.

Facilities proposed by the GOSL for the selected company/ organization are;

- 25 personnel will be trained for capacity development and empowerment of product processing operations.
- Fully pledge processing center will be provided (rental basis).

Strength and the role of the company:

- Continuously run the process at least 5 year's of period with financial sustainability
- An agreement is to be sign with the village level organization consisting farmers, collectors, small scale processors etc.
- Capability of providing required knowledge and trainings to upgrade the skills of joint village level organization.

Qualifications of the company are;

- The company /organization shall have sound track record of entrepreneurship qualities in fruit industry
- Records on amount of annual production of processed fruits
- The company should have previous experience of working with farmer organizations or any community level organization.
- Should have valid company registration/ business registration.

How to apply: An EOI proposal should be prepared including company profile with the capacity. A guideline for preparation of EOI can be obtained from the website of the National Institute of Postharvest Management (www.niphm.lk)

Method of short listing:

The EOIs will be shortlisted by considering followings,

- Based on the EOI proposal according to the mentioned criteria
- Documentary evidences of experience in carrying out in similar projects
- Management expertise demonstrated in the past
- Financial capability

Proposal submission:

Interested parties are invited to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) to the National Institute of Postharvest Management by Registered Post, Courier or placed in the Tender Box kept at the Accounts Division of the National Institute of Post Harvest Management, Jayanthi Mawatha, Anuradhapura as a hard copy along with following documents and information on or before 2024.08.14 at 2.00 pm

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