APEDA invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested parties for conducting a study on assessment of need for setting up a multimodal warehouse and handling facility with cold store in Riga, Latvia for Indian food products. For detailed Terms of Reference, please visit Website www.apeda.gov.in under the announcement section. The EOI may be forwarded within 21 days of release of this advertisement to:

General Manager (Infrastructure)
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PROPOSED STUDY ON ASSESSMENT OF NEED FOR SETTING UP A MULTIMODAL WAREHOUSE AND HANDLING FACILITY WITH COLD STORE IN RIGA, LATVIA FOR INDIAN FOOD PRODUCTS

Background: Latvia has a unique geographical position providing a strategic location for business operations in EU, Baltic and Scandinavian countries apart from CIS countries and Russia. Latvia offers all the required infrastructure and services needed to operate to meet the European standards. With the objective of increasing export of Indian horticulture and processed food products in the region and to assess the need for setting up a multimodal warehouse and handling facility with cold chain arrangement is being envisaged for which a comprehensive study is needed to be conducted immediately. The terms of reference for the proposed study are given below:

1. Assess the current status of facilities available at Riga for imported goods in general and from India in particular.

2. Assessment of trade volumes in the region for Indian food products routed through Latvia and the difficulties faced by exporters

3. The need for setting up the proposed facility in Riga

4. Assessment of the magnitude of the facility proposed to be set up and the cost estimate for the same

5. Assessment of site for the project and the regulatory requirements to be complied with and the likely time lag for completion of such compliances

6. Assessment of evacuation logistics in Riga for warehoused goods and modes of evacuation along with cost implications

7. Assessment of incentives available from Latvian Government for setting up the facility

8. Assessment of taxes and other levies in Latvia for goods imported from India for warehousing before evacuation to destination

9. Transit time from Riga to other destinations in Baltic countries, CIS countries and Scandinavian countries

10. Assessment of possible business model for successful running of the proposed facility
Timeline for the study: 3 months

Eligibility Criterion: The interested applicants must be:

1. A registered consulting firm/consortia, with minimum 5 years of experience (individual firm/lead firm) in providing consultancy services in the field of feasibility studies, market research, monitoring & evaluating studies.

2. Individual firm/lead firm should have an average annual turnover of at least INR 1 Crores during each of the last three years. The turnover should include income from consultancy fee only.

3. Individual firm/lead firm should have done at least 3 studies for the Government of India including State Government or Central Government Organizations in the development of agriculture/industrial infrastructure in last 5 years in the food and agriculture sector.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): The bidding agencies will submit an EMD of INR 100,000. The EMD should be a Bank Guarantee prepared in favour of APEDA, New Delhi. The EMD will be refunded after the selection process is over. The selected entity will have to submit performance guarantee which can be refunded after completion of study. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 4 months from the date of work order from APEDA. The agency qualifying the above criteria shall submit the bid in two separate covers as follows:

- **Cover A** – Technical bid: containing all documents supporting the eligibility criteria along with the approach, methodology, work plan and team structure & detailed CVs. It should include the following (a) Last 3 years balance sheet / audited statement of accounts, (b) Authenticated copy of certificates of incorporation / registration of the organization, , (c) list of relevant studies conducted during last three years with work order and completion certificates (d) Authenticated copy of service tax registration certificate, (e) PAN Card

- **Cover B** would include financial bid.

- These two sealed covers (A&B) should be kept under an outer envelope (cover) for sending to APEDA office.

**NOTE: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BIDS SHOULD QUOTED WITH TAX INCLUSION**

- A pre-bid meeting to explain the exact scope of the assignment and resolve the queries of the participating firms will be organized by APEDA if requested by the bidding agencies.
The bids received will be evaluated on the credential & experience of individual firm/lead firm, suitability of approach & methodology. The financial bid of only those bidders would be opened who score minimum 70% marks in the technical evaluation phase. Study will be awarded to the bidder with least financial quote (L1)

**Technical Evaluation Criteria (100 marks):**

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For further clarification please contact:

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Phone: 91-11-26513204, 26514572, 26534186
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