

APEDA, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Commerce invites offers from the firms specialized in dealing with trade policy issues particularly Non-Tariff Barriers to assist APEDA in creation of a system to respond to SPS Notifications of other countries. The detailed terms of reference may be seen at APEDA website www.apeda.com. Bids in two parts, technical and financial, in separate sealed covers super scribed as 'Bid for creation of a system to respond to SPS Notifications' are to be submitted by June 30, 2009 (5 p.m.) to A.K. Gupta, Advisor (WTO):

Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India, NCUI Building, 3 Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg , New Delhi 110 016

Terms of Reference

MoC has entrusted APEDA the task of dealing with SPS Notifications relating to all commodities. For this purpose, APEDA will undertake the following tasks:

- i) Download all the SPS Notifications from the WTO website on a daily basis and identify SPS Notifications that are likely to have significant impact on Indian exports.
- ii) Disseminate the identified SPS notifications to all domestic stakeholders, including the concerned Ministry, Commodity Boards, Export Promotion Councils, and industry body/associations.
- iii) If possible, APEDA will forward a copy of the English translation of the actual notification. For the purpose, they may obtain English translation from the Enquiry Points of EC, US, etc., if required.
- iv) Examine the comments received in (ii) above and collate the same to prepare a comprehensive Indian response to the proposed measure and communicate it to the concerned WTO Member with a copy to the Department of Commerce.
- v) List out possible trade restrictive issues that need to be raised with the Member notifying the draft measure.
- vi) Send a quarterly performance report to the Department of Commerce.

APEDA is to outsource this activity for which offers are invited from the firms specialized in dealing with trade policy issues particularly Non-Tariff Barriers to assist APEDA to create, and to operate on behalf of APEDA, a system to respond to SPS Notifications of other countries. The selected firm will operate from their own premises. Therefore, the bids, on turn key basis, should include the cost of setting up the system – hardware, software and manpower to operate the same. Circulation & collation of information and

submission of periodic reports to MoC through APEDA would need to be undertaken. Initially, the contract will be awarded for one year. On review, subject to successful operation, the same arrangement may be continued for subsequent one or two years.

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