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NOTICE FOR INVITING QUOTATIONS

Attn: Organizations engaged in technology project implementation in areas of rural development

To address the problem of post harvest losses of horticulture produce in India, a technology called "Fruwash" has been developed by a research and development team headed by Prof. H.M. Chawla at IIT Delhi. Fruwash is an organic biodegradable emulsion which can extend the shelf life of harvested fruits and vegetables for a long time at high ambient temperatures without refrigeration. The technology has a potential to reduce post harvest losses and to empower the poor and disadvantaged people through creation of innovative employment opportunities. The project intends to benefit economically weaker sections of society, poor marginal farmers and people living below poverty line (BPL) in fruit and vegetable producing areas of the country.

In this context, sealed quotations (<u>separate bids</u> for financial requirements and technical capabilities) are invited from Non-government/ government organizations/ cooperatives/ self help groups/ individuals for implementation of Fruwash project in Shimla, Solan, Bilaspur and Kangra districts of Himachal Pradesh. The quotes should be accompanied by a description of previous experience and representative successes achieved by the organization in similar activities. The project aims to create job opportunities for 200 unemployed BPL youths/ poor farmers and demonstration of technology to at least 1000 farmers and other interested economically weaker sections of society. The work would entail identification of suitable rural BPL youth for setting up micro enterprises on Fruwash technology, evaluation of interest from BPL youth and their capabilities in setting up a venture for Fruwash applications for select fruits and vegetables to earn improved livelihood, dissemination of knowledge on Fruwash and its know how transfer to the target unemployed BPL youth in identified project areas with the help of leaflets, brochures, demonstration and related awareness creation activities.

Sealed quotation should reach latest by 5:00 pm on 15/02/2012 to Prof. H.M. Chawla, Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi), Hauz Khas, New Delhi – 110016. The quotation should be superscribed "Empowering the Rural BPL youth of Himachal Pradesh through Fruwash technology". The quotes for costs towards different activities of the project should be quoted inclusive of all costs and charges and taxes if any.

Quotes received late and without adequate documents will be rejected without any intimation. The decision of the undersigned in finalizing the tenders shall be final and binding. The undersigned reserves the authority to accept or reject any or all of the offers for any particular items without assigning any reason whatsoever.