

DESIGN OF CABINET WITH ACCESSORIES FOR SOILLESS CULTIVATION OF MICROGREENS IN COLD AND HIGH ALTITUDE REGIONS

India shares border with neighbouring nations in Ladakh which has significant strategic importance. Military deployment is heavily concentrated in this region. In high altitude conditions; production and local availability of fresh food is very limited due to unfavourable & short agriculture season. Also, the region remains isolated due to heavy snow and landslides. Some posts situated at mountain peaks remain inaccessible for inordinate durations and they are mainly dependent on tinned food. Due to rarefied atmospheric conditions of high altitudes, the oxygen availability is low which affects digestion of high calorific food. Canned food also lead to monotonous state of taste due to protracted use and is not optimum for good health. In this situation, availability of microgreens as a beneficial food supplement can play a significant role in providing essential minerals, vitamins, antioxidants and dietary fibers along with diversified taste. This nutrient-rich fresh green food would maintain health and optimal operational performance in troops. Presence of various phyto-nutrients in the microgreens makes it highly beneficial for soldiers deployed at high altitudes where fresh food availability is limited.

Microgreens are tiny green plants that can be cultivated in 8-10 days. Self-growing of these plants in the barracks/bunkers can help to maintain the physical as well as the mental health of the troops in monotonous conditions. After intensive R&D at DIHAR-DRDO a “design of cabinet with accessories for soilless cultivation of microgreens” has been developed in which optimal growing conditions for microgreens can be maintained by the troops in their bunkers/barracks. Several features were considered in developing the design of the cabinet including temperature, humidity, light, weight, durability, materials and ease of delivery to forward positions. The dimensions of the design are suitable for placement inside bunkers. Accessories like trays, growing media and seeds have also been designated for successful cultivation of microgreens. Seeds struggle to germinate below 10°C; low light and high humidity weakens seedling vigour. However, the cabinet structure maintains optimal environmental conditions crucial for achieving both high quality and quantity of microgreens. Drawings of the design of cabinet with detail of accessories for growing microgreen will be provided under the ToT.

1. Interested companies/industries are requested to apply against this EoI to following address:-

To ,
The Director
Defence Institute of High Altitude Research,
Base Lab, Near 3BRD Air Force Gate, Ramdarbar,
Industrial Area Phase-2, Chandigarh- 160002
Phone no: 0172-2650122
Fax no: 0172-2638500

To,
The Director
Defence Institute of High Altitude Research (DIHAR)
Defence research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
Pin 901205 C/0 56 APO
Email-director.dihar@gov.in
Fax No. 01982-252096

2. A copy of interest may be sent to the following address without any attachment:-

To,
The Director,
Directorate of Industry Interface & Technology Management (DIITM),
Room No. 447, DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi-110 011
Email-diitm.hqr@gov.in
[Fax-011-23793008](tel:011-23793008)

All industries interested in seeking ToT are requested to apply in the format given below.

Kindly fill in the fields. The list of documents to be attached is provided in Annexure – I. Kindly provide the reference of page no. of supporting document in the relevant field of form.

PART-1

General Information

(Please enclose documents in support of information provided)

1.	Name of the Technology requested for Technology Transfer (Technology name and concerned Lab, Category)	
2.	Name of the industry/ organization	
3.	Complete Address and other details	
	Registered Office State Phone No Fax Email Website	
	Factory State Phone No Fax Email Website	
4.	Point of Contact Name Designation Address Mobile No Ph No Email ID	
5.	NAME OF CMD/ MD /PARTNERS/ PROPRIETOR/ etc Name Designation Address Mobile No Ph No Email ID	
6.	Date of Incorporation of company	
7.	Foreign Direct Investment in company (if any in %)	
8.	Shareholding pattern	
9.	Turn over as per Audited Balance Sheet for the preceding three years. Year _____ Year _____ Year _____	
10.	Annual budget for R&D during last three years (if any)	

	Year _____ Year _____ Year _____	
11.	Income Tax returns for the preceding three years period Year _____ Year _____ Year _____	
12.	Nature of company DPSU, Private Limited, Public Limited, Partnership, Proprietary, Ex-Serviceman Unit	
13.	Category of industry Large Scale, Medium Scale, Small Scale, Micro, Startup	
14.	MSME Registration No	
15.	Certificates of registration as a manufacturing unit, if any.	
16.	If Startup, DPIIT Registration No	
17.	UDYOG AADHAR No	
18.	PAN Number	
19.	Details of Industrial license for defence manufacturing issued by DPIIT (if any)	
20.	Details of PESO license (if any)	
21.	GST Number	
22.	Nature of business Manufacturing/ Sole Selling or Authorized Agent/ Assembler/ Traders/ Dealer/ Processor/ Repacker/ Others	
23.	Details of current products and services Products and services Supplied (please specify Govt/ Domestic market/ Export)	
24.	Record of past performance (e.g., Supply orders executed against of Ministry of Defence orders, Public Sectors and Paramilitary Forces, if any).	
25.	Details of registration with NSIC / SSI, DGS&D, other Defence Department, other Govt. Dept, membership of FICCI/ASSOCHAM/CII or other Industrial Association (Attach relevant copies of registration letters)	
26.	Have you already taken any technology from DRDO (If yes, give details attaching separate sheet) Name of the Technology, Lab, Year, License number & Status	

27.	ISO/ ISI certification or any other certification (If yes, give details)	
28.	Relevant clearances form the authorities/ ministries (if any)	
29.	Capacity and capability to undertake developmental work and to accept attendant financial and commercial risks.	
30.	Capacity/capability to market the product through the marketing network, sales and service network, reliability to maintain confidentiality.	

PART-2

Infrastructure and other Information

1.	Total area of factory Covered (m ²), Uncovered (m ²), Bonded space available (m ²)	
2.	Ownership of factory Self-owned, partnership, rental	
3.	Electric power Sanctioned Installed Standby (if any)	
4.	Availability of adequate infrastructure (List of machines and their production capacities) and technical expertise	
5.	Name of bank & A/c No Name of bank A/c type A/c no Address of the bank Phone: Email:	

6. Details of current products:

S.No	Type	Description	Licensed/installed capacity	Annual production for preceding 3 years

7. Details of foreign collaboration, if any

S.No	Product	Name and address of collaborator	Year	Remarks

8. Details of products developed for services

S.No	Nomenclature of stores	Order No. and date	Remarks

9. Please give details of important facilities & infrastructure as per following format for:

- (a) Production

- (b) Unconventional, special m/c
- (c) Testing & quality control facilities

S.No	Description of m/c	Make & model	Qty	Date of purchase	Remarks

10. Furnish the following details with relevant certificates and documents

- (a) R&D facilities available :
- (b) Inspection quality control of raw material components :
- (c) Assistance from central agency for testing / calibration etc.:
- (d) laboratory and drawing office facility :

11. Principal customers:

S. No	Name & address	S.O No and date	Date of last supply	Products supplied	Value

12. Future plans (if any) in respect of expansion programme/ installation of additional machines/ test facilities etc.

13. Name of the technology requested for transfer

(give self-assessment of your capability to absorb the technology)

14. Details of employee as on date on firm's pay roll

PERMANENT				
Category	Post Held	Number	Qualification	Total Service
Technical	Prod. Manager Q.C. Manager Supervisor Testing Staff (QC) Skilled workers Unskilled workers, etc			
Administrative	Purchase Manager Accounts Officer Office Superintendent Clerical Others, etc			

TEMPORARY				
Category	Post Held	Number	Qualification	Total Service
Technical	Prod. Manager Q.C. Manager Supervisor Testing Staff (QC) Skilled workers Unskilled workers, etc			
Administrative	Purchase Manager Accounts Officer Office Superintendent Clerical Others, etc			

DECLARATION:

I / we confirm that the information furnished in Part 1 & 2 above is correct. In the event of any information given by me / us is found incorrect / false at any time, I / we understand our EoI for ToT will be cancelled/ rejected without notice, beside any other appropriate action against me / us.

Industry seal

Authorized signatory

Name(s) in capital

Designation and seal of authorized signatory

Date:

Place:

List of Support documents to be attached with EoI

- (a) Memorandum and Articles of Association (Should be incorporated as per Indian Companies Act, as amended time to time)
- (b) Certificates of registration as a manufacturing unit, if any.
- (c) Audited Balance Sheet for the preceding three years.
- (d) Income Tax returns for the preceding three year period
- (e) Details of shareholding/ownership pattern especially foreign partners/ shareholders, foreign employees, directors, etc. The company must adhere to the prevailing Govt of India policies and regulations on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)/DIPP norms as applicable.
- (f) Annual budget for R&D during last three years.
- (g) Numbers and details of IPR or patents, etc., held by the company.
- (h) Number of technically or professionally qualified personnel.
- (i) Record of past performance (e.g., Supply orders executed against of Ministry of Defence orders, Public Sectors and Paramilitary Forces, if any).
- (j) Availability of adequate infrastructure (List of machines and their production capacities) and technical expertise.
- (k) List of Testing and Support equipment's
- (l) ISO/ ISI certification or any other certification
- (m) Relevant clearances form the authorities/ ministries (if any)
- (n) Capacity and capability to undertake developmental work and to accept attendant financial and commercial risks.
- (o) Capacity/capability to market the product through the marketing network, sales and service network, reliability to maintain confidentiality.
- (p) PESO and DPIIT license for explosive handling if ToT is for high energy Material, explosives, propellants, and component/ system dealing with it etc.
- (q) Under taking form company seeking ToT that none of its Directors, Independent Directors, non-executive Directors, Key management personnel are involved in any corrupt practices, unfair means and illegal activities.
- (r) Details of the industrials license for defence manufacturing be provided by the industry seeking ToTs.
- (s) Application cum Industry Assessment Form.