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Expression of Interest

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The ICAR-National Rice Research Institute (NRRI) Agribusiness Incubation Centre(ABI) invites sealed Expression of Interest (EOI) from potential startups/entrepreneurs for production and development of mineral blocks from rice straw. The EOI document containing the details of qualification criteria, submission requirement, brief objective & scope of work and evaluation criteria etc. can be downloaded from the website <https://icar-nrri.in/>. Interested parties may send their application in the given format on or before **17th March, 2025**.

Scope of Work:

The scope of work in producing mineral blocks from paddy straw involves several key stages, each with specific tasks such as feasibility study, raw material preparation, formulation development, production process design, pilot production, full-scale production, marketing and distribution, monitoring and improvement. The process requires a combination of agricultural, engineering, and chemical expertise to successfully convert paddy straw into valuable mineral blocks for various applications, such as animal feed supplements.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Potential entrepreneurs should have knowledge on production process of mineral blocks. He should develop a scalable production process, ensuring high quality and consistency in the mineral blocks.
- The agency should have a minimum average turnover/utilization of funds of INR \geq 5 lakhs.
- The licensee shall remit 5% royalty of its annual sale of the blocks to the ICAR CRRI.
- The agency must be a private limited company or registered as a partnership firm or a limited liability partnership.
- The agency should have minimum manpower of 5 individuals.
- Potential entrepreneurs should be working in Odisha.
- Preference will be given to the potential entrepreneurs in proximity to ICAR CRRI campus.

Terms of reference:

- ICAR CRRI shall provide the raw materials (paddy straw), mentoring facilities, technological facilities, marketing support and incubation space to the startup
- Committee members/PI from ICAR CRRI may visit the startup's location if required.
- Upon selection, a Memorandum of Understanding will be jointly signed between the potential entrepreneurs and ICAR CRRI
- The initial empanelment of the agency will be for a period of maximum two (2) year. In case the performance of the agency is found satisfactory by ICAR CRRI, their period of empanelment may be extended appropriately with terms and conditions and if it is found unsatisfactory, their agreement will be cancelled / terminated at any time during the empanelment period by the ICAR CRRI without assigning reason, thereof.
- The Director, ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack reserves the right to accept/ reject / cancel the EOI in full or part at any moment/ during process or after the approval of offer in full or part without assigning any reasons thereof.

- Any amendments, corrigendum, cancellation will be intimated by email or through institute website.

Kindly ensure necessary documents are attached to the annexure and submitted via email to director.nrri@icar.gov.in with a copy to gak.kumar26@gmail.com on or before **17th March, 2025**.

ANNEXURE

EOI SCHEDULE CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICANT(S) FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF MINERAL BLOCKS FROM PADDY STRAW

Sl. No.	Parameters	Reference / Particulars
1.	Name of the firm	
2.	Name of the Director/ Owner of the firm	
3.	Address	
4.	Telephone Number	
5.	Email	
6.	Brief description of the firm (within 100 words)	
7.	Type of products produced	
8.	Floor area	
9.	Storage capacity	
10.	Production Capacity	
11.	Available machineries	
12.	Turnover per annum for a period of two financial years within span of 05 years {Supported by audited financial statements}.	
13.	PAN No. with copy of PAN card	
14.	GSTIN No. with copy of GST registration certificate	
15.	Human resource strength of the agency	

I hereby undertake that all the particulars submitted are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and I abide by the conditions of the EOI.

NAME OF THE AUTHORISED SIGNATORY:

ADDRESS:

SEAL:

PLACE & DATE: