



INVITATION FOR BIDS OPEN INTERNATIONAL BIDDING

Supply of Long Grain White Rice

Procurement Reference: STC/IFB/2021/59

1. The State Trading Corporation (STC) is inviting bids from eligible bidders through the e-Procurement System for the Supply of Long Grain White Rice for the period covering **01 October to 31 December 2021** as per requirements contained in the bidding document.
2. Bidding documents may be downloaded from the e- Procurement System <https://eproc.publicprocurement.govmu.org> - Reference Number on the system is **STC/IFB/2021/59**.
3. Bids must be submitted online on the e-Procurement System by **27 July 2021 up to 13.30 hrs** (Mauritian Time) at latest.
4. Bidders who have submitted bids online by the closing date and time shall decrypt and re-encrypt their bids from **27 July 2021 at 14.31 hrs** (Mauritian Time) till **29 July 2021 at 14.00 hrs** (Mauritian Time).
5. Bids will be opened on **29 July 2021 as from 14.01 hrs** (Mauritian Time) and the result of the bid will be available accordingly on the e-Procurement system.
6. Interested Bidders should **register** by signing up on the e-Procurement System of the Government of Mauritius on <https://eproc.publicprocurement.govmu.org> in order to participate in the bidding exercise. Guidelines to bidders on the process of registration on the e- Procurement System can be accessed on: <https://eproc.publicprocurement.govmu.org/files/masterfiles/HOW-TO-REGISTER-ON-THE-E-PROCUREMENT-SYSTEM-v2.pdf>
7. The e-Procurement helpdesk can be contacted for assistance and training by email: eprocdesk@govmu.org and pposecretariat@govmu.org during weekdays between 09:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs (Mauritian Time).
8. It is mandatory for prospective bidders to **purchase a Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)** from Emudhra Mauritius on www.emudhra.mu to be able to submit bids online. For any query and assistance, the customer service of Emudhra Mauritius can be contacted by email at digitalcertificate@mauritiuspost.mu or call at +(230) 211 8423.
9. Bidders are encouraged to procure their DSCs and submit their bids online well before the submission deadline. It is advised not wait for the last moment to avail of any assistance that may be required from the Procurement Policy Office Helpdesk and Emudhra for the DSCs.
10. The STC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, annul the Bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to award of the Contract, without thereby incurring any liability to any Bidder.

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