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**Invitation for concept notes on research projects for support under the National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) under Competitive Mode**

**The Project:**

The Government of India has launched a six-year National Agricultural Innovation Project with a credit support of the World Bank from July 2006. The ICAR will operate the project. The overall objective of the project is to facilitate accelerated and sustainable transformation of Indian agriculture for rural poverty alleviation and income generation by the application of agricultural innovations through collaboration among farmers, farmers' organisations, public research organisations, NGOs, the private sector and the civil societies and other stakeholders.

**Research Components of NAIP to be Funded:**

The NAIP has three research Components:

1. **Research on Production to Consumption System (PCS)** involving the entire set of actors, materials, activities, technologies, services, and institutions involved from the stage of supply of inputs to harvesting of a particular commodity and transforming it into a usable product, and storing / marketing the final product. About 15 projects with an average funding support of Rs.15 to 25 crore each will be supported through a competitive process.
2. **Research on Sustainable Rural Livelihood Security System (SLRS)** for improving and developing the most suitable farming systems and allied activities, in the less favourable environments and regions for rural livelihood improvement and security. The Project will be implemented in 150 backward districts identified by the Planning Commission. Please see NAIP website for the list of districts. Work for clusters of two or more contiguous districts with similar livelihood systems will be preferred.

About 20 projects will be supported with an average funding support of Rs.15 to 25 crore each. About 50% of the projects will be selected through a competitive process and the rest will be sponsored.

3. **Basic and Strategic Research in the Frontier Areas of Agricultural Sciences (BSR)** aims at making investments in frontier science areas of agricultural research that are strategically important for Indian agriculture. Please see NAIP website for an indicative list of thrust areas.

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### **Who Can Participate?**

The research Components will be implemented using the innovative concept of consortium of stakeholders which will facilitate wide collaboration and partnership among the stakeholders in using knowledge, setting priorities, in experimentation, and development and implementation of technology. A consortium will consist of a few well-knit partners (say about six) who share a well defined and binding common goal and plan of work, have identified tasks for each and, a mutually agreed process of sharing resources and benefits. The consortium partners can be research institutions from both inside and outside the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) and any other organization or institution having common stake, experience, capability in agricultural research and development and is willing to collaborate. In the Component 4, individual institutions and network of institutions with proven record and reputation can also compete under NAIP if the work so justifies.

### **Selection**

All the competitive projects will be selected through a two-stage competition process. First, concept notes (CN) on project proposals from prospective consortia will be called. The consortia whose concept notes pass through the first round screening (approximately double the number of consortia to be supported under a component) will be asked to submit full proposals. At the second stage, full proposals will be similarly screened and finally selected for funding.

### **Expenditure to be Funded:**

In general expenditure on goods & equipments; capacity building, renovation of labs and construction for housing new equipment/ plants, TA/ DA, workshops/ meetings, contractual staff, operational costs and institutional charges will be considered for funding. Please see details at the website.

The financial limits will depend on the nature of the project and will be decided by the Competent Committee

### **Submission and Selection Process for Concept Notes:**

**Last date of submission: 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2006**

- ❖ The CN has to be submitted in a prescribed format available on the website electronically/ by email/ by post.
- ❖ The list of selected Concept Notes will be put on the website of NAIP and the concerned Consortium Leaders also be intimated for submission of full proposals.
- ❖ The decision of the Competent Committee will be final.
- ❖ Submission of a Concept Note will indicate that the proponents agree(s) to abide by the rules of selection of NAIP.

**General:**

- ◆ Any one institution/ organisation may participate in a maximum of two proposals.
- ◆ A Help Desk has been established at the National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad, for helping the prospective proponents. Please contact through the **website [www.icar.naarm.ernet.in](http://www.icar.naarm.ernet.in)** or the **Phone No. 91-40-24015070/ 24581334** with your queries.
- ◆ For the details of modalities of operation including formats etc., please see the **website <http://www.naip.icar.org.in>**.