



***INTERNATIONAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF A
COMPLEMENTARY DIRECTORY OF SEED COMPANIES/SUPPLIERS FOR THE
FIRST SEMESTER OF 2025***

Société béninoise de Développement des Semences et Plants (SoDeSeP SA.)

AVIS N° 03/25/SODESEP/DG/DAF/DT/PRMP/SP-PRMP OF 31 JAN 2025.

1. As part of the creation of a complementary directory of suppliers for the first semester of 2025, the Société béninoise de Développement des Semences et Plants (SoDeSeP SA.) is launching this call for expression of interest in order to extend his list of seed suppliers.

Below are the different seed types (hybrid or non-hybrid) and crops to consider:

- cereals: corn, rice, soya, sorghum, cassava, etc.;
- vegetable seeds: potatoes, okra, tomatoes, peppers, onions, carrots, etc.;
- seeds and nurseries: papaya, mango, citrus, cashew, etc

2. Suppliers that have exclusive rights for some varieties or seeds are particularly encouraged to submit those documents in their application.

3. Participation is open to duly registered seed suppliers of all nationalities with recognized experience in the field of production/distribution of seeds and planting materials.

4. Interested candidates should not be affected by the provisions of article 62 of Law No. 2020-26 of September 29, 2020 relating to the Public Procurement Code in the Republic of Benin and its implementing decrees.

5. Interested candidates are invited to express their interests by providing the following documents in their application:

- a letter of Expression of Interest dated, signed and sealed by the authorized person accompanied by a brief presentation of the supplying company (maximum two pages);
- a portfolio or catalog of varieties of seeds and plants with indication of their specificities and their possible exclusivity;
- a summary table of varieties of seeds and plants with the specification “hybrid” or “non-hybrid” as appropriate;
- the Certificate of incorporation;
- proof of experience in seed marketing/distribution (at least one certificate of successful completion/delivery or equivalent);
- proof that the candidate has varieties well adapted to the West African tropical climate (registration of varieties in the ECOWAS and/or CaBEV variety catalog).

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6. Registration of seed companies in the SoDeSeP SA suppliers' directory does not constitute a legal commitment or an obligation to request consultation from the said supplier.

7. Interested candidates can obtain additional information at the following address: Secretariat of the Person Responsible for Public Procurement of SoDeSeP SA. located at Cadjèhoun 1, Cotonou Benin, Parcel E, lot 1196, street opposite the Mont SINAI supermarket, 1st floor, Tel.: (229) 01 55 85 02 02 / 01 55 85 08 08, Email: secretariatprmp@sodesep.bj, from 31 JAN 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

8. Expressions of interest must be written in French or English and must be submitted in physical or electronic version in PDF format. The envelope or email will bear the words "CONSTITUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL DIRECTORY OF SEED FIRMS/SUPPLIERS APPROVED WITH SODESEP SA. ".

The submission should be made through the address cited in point 7 of this call, or to the email address: secretariatprmp@sodesep.bj, no later than 13 FEB 2025 at 5:30 p.m. (GMT+1).

9. The deadline for submitting the applications is set for 13 FEB 2025. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be taken into account.

10. This called can be consulted:

- at the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (by posting);
- at the Ministry of the Economy and Finance (by posting);
- at the headquarters of SoDeSeP SA. (by display);
- on the websites: www.sodesep.bj - www.uemoa.int;
- in the Official Journal of Public Procurement of Benin;
- in the Journal "LA NATION";
- other digital channels.

NB: firms/suppliers that have already applied during the previous Call for International Expression of Interest are not concerned by this call; except in the case of new crop proposals.

Cotonou, 31 JAN 2025
The Person Responsible for Public Markets
of SoDeSeP SA.,

Jeannette AHEHEHINNOU



Attachment: Template for letter of expression of interest

SAMPLE LETTER OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

[The applicant completes the letter below in accordance with the instructions in square brackets. The format of the letter must not be altered. Any reservation or substantial deviation from this format may result in rejection of the application].

[Insert Name of Applicant] [Insert Place and Date]

Subject: Expression of interest for [indicate nature of service].

TO

Dear Mr/Ms [indicate title
of representative of the
Contracting Authority/authorized
body]

Dear [indicate title of representative of the Contracting Authority/entitled body],

Having examined the Call for expression of interest, receipt of which we acknowledge, we hereby submit our application for inclusion on the list of potential candidates for requests for quotation [indicate nature of service].

Our expression of interest files include [Insert documents contained in your expression of interest].

1. ;

2. ;

3. Etc.....

Yours sincerely

Name [insert the full name of the person signing the declaration].

As [indicate capacity of signatory]

Signature [insert signature]

Having power to sign the manifestation for and on behalf of [insert full name of Applicant]

As of _____ [insert date of signature]