



**Rural Youth Employment Project  
 Invitation to Contractor/Service Provider to submit Proposal  
 For The  
 Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Equipment for Micro—scale Juice  
 Processing Plant(s)**

**1.0 Background**

The Rural Youth Employment Project is a three-year initiative being implemented by the Scientific Research Council since March 2010 and funded by UNDP and USAID. The overall objective of the project is to promote income generating business activities among the youth population in the Parishes of St. Ann, St. Thomas, Manchester and Trelawny. As a result of the project’s mandate, proposals are being invited from suitably qualified companies/individuals for the supply, installation, testing and commissioning of equipment for a Micro—scale Food Processing Plant as per the details provided in tender document.

**2.0 Scope/Requirements**

No.	Item Description	Specification	Quantity
1.	Solar Cabinet Dryer for drying of agricultural produce e.g. sweet potatoes	Preferably a Dual Energy Type (the other source of energy could be biogas, LPG or Solar-generated Electricity); With a Minimum Wet Weight Capacity of 50 lb (Option of 100 lb can also be quoted). Should be designed to be housed inside the Production Facility with Solar Panels to be fitted on the Roof of the Food Processing Building allowing for a more sanitary operation; With Shatterproof Food Grade Transparent Plastic Cabinet (option of stainless steel can also be quoted); Should be Fitted with an Exhaust Fan (to remove moist air from the dryer cabinet); Mounted on A Stand with Casters; With Stainless Steel Perforated Mesh Trays; Fitted with a Thermostat having Minimum Temperature Range of 0 – 200 <sup>0</sup> C	1
2.	Small Capacity Hammer	Should be Mounted on a Stand which should be at Least 3 Feet High; The Body of the Mill Should have Dimensions of 24”L x 18” W; Should be able to Reduce Dried Sweet Potatoes to a Refine, Powdery Mass so the Screen Perforations should	1

	Type Mill	be about 0.5 cm in Diameter; With Capacity of at least 2 lb Powder per Minute; Should have Stainless Steel Food Contact Surfaces which include Screen, Hammer, Housing and Hopper; 110 Volt; 1 HP	
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Any firm/individual may bid for any of the items listed above.

### 3.0 Qualification

Contractor/service provider must *inter alia*:

- (a) Be on the list of government-approved Contractors and registered at the time of bidding with the National Contracts Commission (NCC) in either of the following categories – **“General Supplies”, “Industrial, Construction Equipment and Machinery” or “Electrical Appliance and Equipment.”**
- b) Be tax compliant and in possession of a valid Tax Compliance Certificate (TCC)
- c) Be experienced in the line of supplying, installing, testing and commissioning of processing equipment.

**4.0 Bid Collection and Submission** - Proposal must conform to Tender Pro Forma format enclosed in tender document. Bidding documents will be available **Wednesday January 11, 2012 to Thursday January 19, 2012 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm** at the SRC reception upon application and payment of a nonrefundable fee of **One Thousand Jamaican Dollars (J\$1,000)** in cash or certified cheque made payable to Scientific Research Council.

Bid must be submitted in two envelopes (Technical Information & Financial Information) at the Receptionist desk of the Scientific Research Council (SRC) by **Thursday, January 26, 2012 no later than 2:00 pm. Envelopes should be clearly marked:**

1. TECHNICAL – STAINLESS STEEL EQUIPMENT
2. FINANCIAL – STAINLESS STEEL EQUIPMENT

**Addressed to:**  
**The Project Manager**  
**Rural Youth Employment Project**  
**Scientific Research Council**  
**Hope Gardens**  
**Kingston 6**

Opening of bids will take place in the Board Room at the SRC on Thursday, **January 26, 2012 at 2:15 pm. LATE BIDS WILL BE REJECTED.**

SRC reserves the right to accept full or part of any bid or reject any bid, and to cancel/annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time before the award of the Contract. SRC will have the discretion of splitting the order in view of urgency of supply.