



REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS
For the supply of Nursery and Pruning Tools for the Technology Innovations for Commercial Horticulture, Agriculture and Marketing Program (CHAMP)

A. Background

The goal of the Commercial Horticulture and Agricultural Marketing Program (funded by USAID) is to reduce poverty among rural Afghan farmers by assisting them to shift from relatively low-value annual crops, such as wheat, to relatively high-value perennial crops, such as almonds, grapes and pomegranates. Because improved trellising can dramatically improve the productivity of Afghan grape vineyards, a second component of CHAMP will be to assist grape producers install improved trellising systems in new or existing vineyards. The increased production will be supported by a marketing program that links producers to merchants in a system that rewards farmers and merchants for higher quality production with higher prices and profits. Marketing profits will be increased through interventions targeting higher paying markets and better access to trade credit.

The objectives of the CHAMP are:

- To decrease rural poverty by assisting men and women farmers shift from relatively low-value agronomic crops to relatively high-value horticultural crops, supplemented with household vegetable and poultry enterprises.
- To increase the value of agricultural production by linking farmers to merchants who are participating in CHAMP marketing programs featuring training and assistance in marketing practices and credit.
- Increase Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) support for the development of market-led agricultural production and marketing.

These objectives support the USG Agriculture Strategy for Afghanistan which mobilizes support for the Afghan government, MAIL and the private sector to revitalize Afghanistan's agricultural economy and increase income and jobs.

B. Purpose/Justification for purchasing the required good(s)

Pruning tools play critical role to determine the yield capacity of the fruit orchard or vine yard. Especially during the first tree year, when the trees and vines should be shaped and trained, the use of adequate and good quality tools makes significant long-term difference in yield, quality and consequently in the farmer's income.

The seeder and dibber tools are necessary to produce good quality seedlings for annual crops and enhance germination rate of the seeds. Annual intercrop in fruit orchards has a significant economic impact, because during the first four year the perennial crops do not produce income for the household. Therefore the income earned through annual intercrop production is the only possibility to maintain the family's financial and economic sustainability for this time period. These simple toolsets, as part of the technological innovation, dramatically increase the quality and quantity of the yield for both, perennial and annual crops.



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C. Period of performance

Name of the goods	Characteristics/Description	Quantity & Measuring units
One hand pruning shear	Wire cutting notch Sap groove Micrometric adjustment Shock absorption system Forged aluminum handles Blade 1x 2/3 blade and riveted anvil blade made of high-quality hardened steel Anvil-blade with rivets 1x 2/4 + 4x 2/7	27,337 pc
High density vine lopper	One inch diameter cutting capacity Lightweight, high strength elliptical aluminum handles Resharpenable, replaceable Radial Arc bypass blade of fully heat-treated forged steel alloy Patented Strata Shear blade technology Forged slant-ground hook with self-cleaning deep sap groove Forged-in bumper cups with Alcryn bumpers Precision-made, self-aligning pivot bolt Comfortable ergonomic grips Length 25 inches	500 pc
Pruning saw	For medium to large branches Three-sided razor teeth Impulse hardened teeth for long service life Replaceable 13 inch curved blade Tempered steel alloy Cushioned pistol-grip handle with finger hook Length 19 3/4 inches	21,292 pc
Sharpening tool	Five-inch super carbide file No-slip grip needed for use	27,337 pc
Plastic widger and dibber set	Widger Dibber Seed seeder	28,000 set

Any deviations from the above technical specifications should be noted.



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D. Technical characteristics: Origin and packaging of goods

Required/Desired origin	Local and/or international
Packing unit (Volume and weight)	Sealed box with protection against physical damage during transport
Packing material	By choice
Sealing & labeling method	Label on the box contains product description, quantity, identification of the vendor company
Transport method	By choice
Delivery date and place	Kabul, Afghanistan, November 30 th 2010

E. Financial characteristics

The supplier should provide the following information:

- 1- Required cost measuring unit: Afs: USD\$: ...X..
- 2- Unit price of the product
- 3- Total price of the product
- 4- Transport unit price
- 5- Transport total price
- 6- Price should be **net** after deduction of discounts.
- 7- All applicable **taxes** should be broken out separately.
- 8- All Offers/Quotations should bear reference number
- 9- Price Quotation must be valid for at least 90 (ninety) days.
- 10- Business Registration Certificate, Business References, Defects Liability Policy, and Warranty/Guarantee Policy should be provided along with all Quotations.

F. General terms and conditions

- 1- Payment will be made to Supplier by Check or Bank Transfer within 30 days from receipt of all documents mentioned in the Purchase Order by CHAMP.
- 2- CHAMP will not be responsible for any Bank Service Charges.
- 3- CHAMP will deduct income tax payable to the Government of Afghanistan from the total amount payable to the supplier (Afghan companies only).
- 4- CHAMP does not undertake to pay by Letters of Credit or any deposit in advance of delivery.
- 5- CHAMP reserves the right to accept the whole or part of your Quotation.
- 6- CHAMP reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason. Incomplete Quotations or Offers, which do not comply with any of our Specifications or Conditions, will not be considered.



G. Quotations

Certification	The supplier will submit quality certificates issued by the producing company and if it necessary issued by the country quarantine service.
Transport	From the origin of the goods to Kabul, Afghanistan
Submission date and time	October 27th 2010
Submission address	By email to phil@rootsofpeace.org or spencer@rootsofpeace.org or by hand in a sealed envelope to RoP Offices in Kabul.
Submission method	1 sealed envelope with the company's name, which contains 2 labeled envelopes, one for technical bid and one for financial bid. Bids submitted through e-mail should be separated for financial and technical bid. Each bidder will receive a code number, which should be indicated on the envelopes for both, technical and financial bids.