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KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार

Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India,

बहुलक एवं रसायन आधारित उद्योग निदेशालय

DIRECTORATE OF POLYMER & CHEMICAL BASED INDUSTRY

Date:06.12.2021

No.KVIC/PCBI/R&D/CoE/2021-22

To,
The Director,
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Sub:- Request for Proposal (RfP) of Research & Development in Agarbatti vertical under Wellness & Cosmetic Industry –reg.

Sir,

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India is a statutory body created by an Act of Parliament (No. 61 of 1956 and as amended by Act No. 12 of 1987 and Act No. 10 of 2006).

The broad objectives of the KVIC are : -

- (i) The social objective of providing employment.
- (ii) The economic objective of producing saleable articles.
- (iii) The wider objectives of creating self-reliance amongst the poor and building up of strong rural community spirit.

The Directorate of Polymer & Chemical Based Industries (PCBI), KVIC has been working on the promotion of Agarbatti sector through training, free/subsidised supply of tools and machineries, financing to Agarbatti enterprises through PMEGP schemes, creating clusters through SFURTI programmes, market linkages through the networks of Khadi Institutions (KIs) and hand holding support to artisans through State/Divisional offices on pan India basis.

Ministry of MSME, Government of India has sanctioned the Pilot Project on Agarbatti Industry under PCBI vertical of Gramodyog Vikas Yojana (GVY) under letter memo no. F.NO. P-05/1/2020-KVI-1 dated 4th September, 2020. As per the said guidelines there is a provision for the setting up of Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Agarbatti for conducting Research and Development (R & D), Transfer of Technology (TOT) and extension of marketing support to the artisans/entrepreneurs in Agarbatti sector. As your institution is one of the premier organisation working in the field of Agarbatti, it would be great to have collaboration with your institution as one of the CoEs for the aforementioned objectives.

There are several problems and shortcomings in the Agarbatti sector. But as per the requirement of KVIC, the major thrust areas of research in Agarbatti sector are summed up in the following words :-

- Design/development/fabrication of bamboo splitting/incense sticks making machines to improve the conversion of raw bamboo to finished bamboo/incense sticks.

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- Identification, trial and testing of other bamboo varieties (except *Bambusa tulda* for Agarbatti stick making.)
- Identification, trial and testing of alternative materials for bamboo sticks.
- Identification, trial and testing of low cost alternative raw materials for Agarbatti making (including agricultural waste etc.)
- Identification, trial and testing of low cost natural/synthetic fragrance material.
- Design, development, testing and trials of pedal operated/semi-automatic/fully-automatic Agarbatti making machines to reduce drudgery of rural women artisans.
- Identification, trials and testing of new product line in Agarbatti segment.
- Identification, trials and testing of carbon neutral/ eco friendly Agarbatti.
- Identification, trial and testing of new marketing/export strategies for cottage/small scale industries based on Agarbatti in accordance with/without marketing strategies of KVIC.
- Design, development, testing and trials of low cost but attractive packaging mechanism for Agarbatti.

The above given list are indicative in nature only, proposed CoEs are free to work in any/all/none of the aforementioned thrust areas within the segment of Agarbatti.

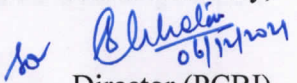
Request for Proposals (RfP) for appropriate R & D projects are invited from the concerned department/school of your institution, if interested, in the given format (Annexure-I) on or before 3rd January, 2022 through e-mail. The RfP may be submitted to :-

Email : - pcbi.kvic@gov.in

A hard copy of the proposal may please be sent to,

Director (PCBI)
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Yours faithfully,


Director (PCBI)



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