



Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Procurement for supply and delivery of Fresh/ Dry provisions for Sri Lanka Army-Year 2026

Contract Identification No. SLA/S&T/03/DRY RATION/FRESH RATION/2026 (26)

1. On behalf of the Sri Lanka Army, the Chairman, Standing High Level Procurement Committee (SHLPC) of the procurement of fresh and dry provisions for the Tri Forces for year 2026 invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Sri Lankan Business Entities of manufacturers, Wholesale and Retail Operators that have been established as a Limited Liability Company, Partnership or any other establishment for the supply and delivery of below mentioned category of food items for the following Stations/ Camps of Sri Lanka Army. The supply period is from **01st January 2026 to 31st December 2026.**

1.1 Group of stations and corresponding categories

1.1.1 Group A - All Fresh Food Items

Stations / Camps					Category	
Group A - 1					All fresh food items (Vegetables, Fruits, Fish, Meat Items/ Frozen Food, Eggs (Hen), Husked Coconut, Dairy Products)	
1.1.1.1	Angunawel Pelessa	1.1.1.5	Kegalle	1.1.1.9		Rantambe
1.1.1.2	Balalla	1.1.1.6	Madampe	1.1.1.10		Udawalawa
1.1.1.3	Dewahuwa	1.1.1.7	Nuwara Eliya	1.1.1.11		Vakarai
1.1.1.4	Kalliyadi	1.1.1.8	Pangolla	1.1.1.12		Weerawila
Group A - 2						
1.1.1.13	Akkarai pattu	1.1.1.41	Kawanthissapura	1.1.1.69		Pallekele
1.1.1.14	Akkarayankulam	1.1.1.42	Kohombagas Handiya	1.1.1.70		Pelawatta
1.1.1.15	Akuregoda (Battaramulla)	1.1.1.43	Kokeliya	1.1.1.71		Pesalai
1.1.1.16	Alla Kantale	1.1.1.44	Komari	1.1.1.72		Point Pedro
1.1.1.17	Ambepussa	1.1.1.45	Kopay	1.1.1.73		Pooneryn
1.1.1.18	Ampara	1.1.1.46	Kosgama	1.1.1.74		Punani
1.1.1.19	Badulla	1.1.1.47	Kotmale	1.1.1.75		Puthukkudiyiruppu
1.1.1.20	Batalanda	1.1.1.48	Kudaoya	1.1.1.76		Puttalam
1.1.1.21	Boossa	1.1.1.49	Kukuleganga	1.1.1.77		Senapura
1.1.1.22	Buttala	1.1.1.50	Kurunegala	1.1.1.78		Singhapura(Padavi Sripura)
1.1.1.23	Dambulla (Inamaluwa)	1.1.1.51	Kuruwita	1.1.1.79		Sinhapura (Welikanda)
1.1.1.24	Dehiattakandiya	1.1.1.52	Laxapana	1.1.1.80		Taravikulam
1.1.1.25	Dombagoda	1.1.1.53	Maberiyatenna	1.1.1.81		Thanthirimale
1.1.1.26	Embilipitiya	1.1.1.54	Maduru Oya	1.1.1.82	Thiriyai	
1.1.1.27	Gajasinghapura	1.1.1.55	Mankulam	1.1.1.83	Thunukkai	
1.1.1.28	Ganemulla	1.1.1.56	Mannar	1.1.1.84	Trincomalee	
1.1.1.29	Horowpathana	1.1.1.57	Manthottam	1.1.1.85	Ukuwela	
1.1.1.30	Ipalogama	1.1.1.58	Matara	1.1.1.86	Valaichchenai	
1.1.1.31	Iyakkachchi	1.1.1.59	Mattegoda	1.1.1.87	Vavuniya	
1.1.1.32	Kalaoya	1.1.1.60	Mirusuvil	1.1.1.88	Velankulam (Vavuniya)	
1.1.1.33	Kallady	1.1.1.61	Monkey Bridge	1.1.1.89	Vellankulam	
1.1.1.34	Kallar	1.1.1.62	Morawewa	1.1.1.90	Veyangoda	
1.1.1.35	Kamburupitiya	1.1.1.63	Nagara Wewa	1.1.1.91	Vidaltativu	
1.1.1.36	Kanakarayankulam	1.1.1.64	Naula	1.1.1.92	Visuvamadu	
1.1.1.37	Karainagar	1.1.1.65	Nedunkerny	1.1.1.93	Welikanda	
1.1.1.38	Karandeniya	1.1.1.66	Oddusuddan	1.1.1.94	Wettalakerni	
1.1.1.39	Katubedda	1.1.1.67	Padavi Parakramapura			
1.1.1.40	Katunayaka	1.1.1.68	Palatupana			

1.1.2 Group B - Category of Fresh Food Items

Stations / Camps	Category of Fresh Foods Items
1.1.2.1 Panagoda	(i) Vegetables
1.1.2.2 Anuradhapura	(ii) Fruits
1.1.2.3 Hingurakgoda	(iii) Fish
1.1.2.4 Palaly	(iv) Meat Items/ Frozen Food
1.1.2.5 Mullaitivu	(v) Eggs (Hen)
1.1.2.6 Kilinochchi	(vi) Husked Coconut
1.1.2.7 Diyatalawa	(vii) Dairy Products
1.1.2.8 Ratmalana	

1.1.3 Group C - Dry Food Items

Stations / Camps	Dry Foods Items
1.1.3.1 Panagoda	Dry food Items
1.1.3.2 Anuradhapura	
1.1.3.3 Hingurakgoda	
1.1.3.4 Palaly	
1.1.3.5 Mullaitivu	
1.1.3.6 Kilinochchi	
1.1.3.7 Diyatalawa	
1.1.3.8 Ratmalana	

1.2 Details and specifications of each category of food items will be provided in the bidding document. All the food items should be supplied in good condition for consumption. The quality standards are specified in the bidding document and respective annexure of the bidding document and accordingly all the supplies should be in accordance with the Food Act No.26 of 1980 as amended and regulations enacted therein from time to time.

1.3 Submission of bids under each station/ camp and category of food items

1.3.1 Bids should be submitted on per station/ camp basis and per category basis separately. For a bid of particular category of a station/ camp, bidder should bid for all items in that category. If the bidder fails to bid for all the items in particular category, such a bid will be considered as a non – responsive bid.

1.3.2 Depending on the capacities of the bidder which are subjected to be evaluated by the purchaser, any bidder can submit bids for one station/ camp or more than one station/ camp and respective category of items separately, for which three groups are described below.

1.3.2.1 Group A - supply of all fresh food items (Individual Camp Basis)

This group consists of 94 bids and shall be considered as separate procurement, evaluation and selection process shall be executed separately.

1.3.2.2 Group B - supply of category fresh food items

This group consists of 56 bids (08 camps x 07 Categories = 56 bids) shall be considered as separate procurement, evaluation and selection process shall be executed separately.

1.3.2.3 Group C - supply of dry food items (Individual Camp Basis)

This group consists of of 1069 bids (08 camps x 121 items = 968 bids) + 101 bids and shall be considered as separate procurements, evaluation and selection process shall be executed separately.

2. Selected suppliers should be responsible for arranging the transport to the relevant delivery stations/ camps and detachments as the part of the contract. The details with regard to the relevant delivery stations/ camps and detachments are indicated in the bidding document.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure as per Clause 3.1.2 of the Government Procurement Guidelines - 2024. Only local bidders are permitted to bid.

4. Bidder shall have not been blacklisted.

5. All documents pertaining to the requirements should be submitted along with the bid. At the post qualification stage and these qualification requirements are duly quantified as against the maximum contract amount to be awarded for any lowest evaluated substantially responsive bidder, as described in the detailed methodology stated in the bidding document. The following minimum eligibility criteria shall be fulfilled.

5.1 The minimum Average Annual Turnover in relevant field of food supply for any two (02) financial years within preceding three (03) years to be confirmed through respective audited financial statements as follows:

5.1.1 **Rs. 5 million** for Group A-1 of all Fresh Food Camps.

5.1.2 **Rs. 10 million** for Group A-2 of all Fresh Food Camps, Group B of Category of Fresh Food Camps and Group C of Dry Food Items.

5.2 The minimum amounts of liquid assets based on Audited Financial Statements 2023/ 2024, (cash in hand, cash at bank, short term investments and accounts receivables etc..) to be confirmed through respective audited financial statements as follows:

5.2.1 **Rs. 3 million** for Group A-1 of all Fresh Food Camps.

5.2.2 **Rs. 5 million** for Group A-2 of all Fresh Food Camps, Group B of Category of Fresh Food Camps and Group C of Dry Food Items.

5.3 However, if the bidder found failing to submit the audited financial statements for the financial year 2024/2025, non- audited financial statement for the year 2024/2025 shall be submit at the bid submission date.

5.4 The credit facilities should be guaranteed by any commercial bank or any financial institution operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (exclusively for this tender). The minimum amount of guarantees are as follows:

5.4.1 **Rs. 2 million** for Group A-1 of all Fresh Food Camps.

5.4.2 **Rs. 5 million** for Group A-2 of all Fresh Food Camps, Group B of Category of Fresh Food Camps and Group C of Dry Food Items.

5.5 In case of supply and delivery of **fresh food items**, bidder should possess adequate storage facilities specifying the methodology of providing required storage, cold/ cool room facilities and freezer trucks (either as the bidder's own or on lease/ rental basis etc.). Additional details in this regard are provided in the bidding document.

5.6 In case of **dry food items**, bidder should possess adequate storage facilities specifying the methodology of providing required storage/ warehouse and transport facilities (either as the bidder's own or on lease/ rental basis etc.). Additional details in this regard are provided in the bidding document.

5.7 Past similar experience of food supplies **for two (2) years within recent last five (5) years** including contracts relating to supply of food items (wholesale/ retail business) to any public or private institution.

5.8 Bidders shall be registered under the Public Contract Act No.03 of 1987.

6. Dates and times of issuance of bid documents, receiving of bids and opening of bids are as follows:

Commencement of issuing bidding documents from	- 23.06.2025
Last date and time for issuing bidding documents	- Up to 03.00 pm on 14.07.2025
Last date and time for submission/ closing bids	- Up to 09.00 am on 15.07.2025
Venue, date and time for opening of bids	- Army Indoor Stadium, Army Cantonment, Panagoda, At 10.00 am on 15.07.2025

7. A **Pre-Bid meeting** will be held on **26.06.2025 at 11.00 am.** at 1st floor Nandimithra auditorium of the Ministry of Defence, Defence Headquarters Complex, Sri Jayawardanepura, Kotte.

8. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by bidders on submission of a written application to Director, Supply and Transport, Sri Lanka Army (**Army Headquarters vehicle parking Area**) at the address given in Para 16, upon payment of non-refundable fee relevant for each station/ camp each bid shall be in accordance with the section 6.2 of the Government Procurement Guidelines - 2024. (The schedule of respective non-refundable tender fee of bids can be obtained from the Directorate of Supply and Transport, Sri Lanka Army (**Army Headquarters vehicle parking Area**) address given in Para 16.)

9. For the submission of bids, bidders should use only the forms as given in the bidding document. Original sealed bids and duplicate sealed bids should be separately submitted in one sealed cover to be sent by registered post or deposited in the tender box provided for this purpose at **Army Library, Security Forces Headquarters (West), Army Cantonment, Panagoda, Homagama** before the stipulated date and time as indicated in Para 6 above.

10. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives.

11. Bids shall be valid up to **31.03.2026**

12. Bids must be accompanied by a bid security valid up to **30.04.2026** and should be addressed to **The Secretary, Ministry of Defence.** The bid security should be issued by a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka which is approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in its original form (on the original letterhead of the bank), unconditional, irrevocable and on demand. The schedule indicating the amount of the bid security for a particular bid will be provided with the bidding document which had set as prescribed in the Procurement Guideline - 2024.

13. If the purchaser requires manufacturer authorization certificate, it may be a post- qualification requirement.

14. Bidder shall submit the mandatory samples for the items specified in the bidding document. If the Bidder fails to submit the samples within the given time period, relevant bid shall not be considered for further evaluation and shall be rejected as non –responsive bids.

15. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Directorate of Supply & Transport of Sri Lanka Army Headquarters (**Army Headquarters vehicle parking Area**) and may inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the office of the address given in Para 16 below, from **23.06.2025 to 14.07.2025** during 09.00 am to 03.00 pm on working days.

The address referred above is;	
Attention	: Director Supply & Transport
Address	: Commander of the Army Sri Lanka Army Headquarters, Defence Headquarters Complex, Akuregoda Road, Battaramulla.
Telephone	: 011 2302569, 011-2302568,
Fax	: 011-2302569
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