



Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Procurement for the Supply and Delivery of Fresh/ Dry Provisions for Sri Lanka Air Force- Year 2026

Contract Identification No . SLAF/RA/TB/2026

1. On behalf of the Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF), the Chairman of the Standing High - Level Procurement Committee (SHLPC), appointed for the procurement of fresh and dry provisions for the Tri Forces for the year 2026, invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Sri Lankan business entities-such as manufacturers, wholesale, and retail operators - registered as limited liability companies, partnerships, or other recognized establishments. The bids are for the supply and delivery of the categories of food items listed below, to the respective Academy, Bases, Stations, and Detachments of the SLAF. The supply period will be from **1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026**.

1.1 Group of supply locations and corresponding categories  
1.1.1 Group A - Fresh Food Items

Air Force Academy/ Bases/ Stations/ Detachment		Categories of Food Items
1.1.1.1. Ampara	1.1.1.14. Koggala	1. Vegetables, Fruits, Coconuts and Eggs hen 2. Fresh Fish 3. Meat 4. Fowl- Dressed 5. Bakery items 6. Indigenous Breakfast items
1.1.1.2. Anuradhapura	1.1.1.15. Mattala	
1.1.1.3. Batticaloa	1.1.1.16. Morawewa	
1.1.1.4. BIA-Katunayake	1.1.1.17. Mirigama	
1.1.1.5. China Bay	1.1.1.18. Palaly	
1.1.1.6. Colombo	1.1.1.19. Palavi-Puttalam	
1.1.1.7. CTS Diyatalawa	1.1.1.20. Piduruthalagala	
1.1.1.8. Digana	1.1.1.21. Ratmalana	
1.1.1.9. TTS Ekala	1.1.1.22. Sigiriya	
1.1.1.10. Hingurakgoda	1.1.1.23. Vavuniya	
1.1.1.11. Iranamadu.	1.1.1.24. Weerawila	
1.1.1.12. Katukurunda.		
1.1.1.13. Katunayake		

1.1.2 Group B - Dry Food Items

Air Force Academy/ Bases/ Stations/ Detachment		Categories of Food Items
1.1.2.1. Ampara	1.1.2.14. Koggala	1. Rice 2. Dry Ration 3. Yoghurt 4. Milk Powder 5. Condiment (food substance) 6. Tea Leaves
1.1.2.2. Anuradhapura	1.1.2.15. Mattala	
1.1.2.3. Batticaloa	1.1.2.16. Morawewa	
1.1.2.4. BIA-Katunayake	1.1.2.17. Mirigama	
1.1.2.5. China Bay	1.1.2.18. Palaly	
1.1.2.6. Colombo	1.1.2.19. Palavi-Puttalam	
1.1.2.7. CTS Diyatalawa	1.1.2.20. Piduruthalagala	
1.1.2.8. Digana	1.1.2.21. Ratmalana	
1.1.2.9. TTS Ekala	1.1.2.22. Sigiriya	
1.1.2.10. Hingurakgoda	1.1.2.23. Vavuniya	
1.1.2.11. Iranamadu.	1.1.2.24. Weerawila	
1.1.2.12. Katukurunda.		
1.1.2.13. Katunayake		

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

1.3 Submission of bids under each Academy / Base/ Station/ Detachment and category of food items.

- 1.3.1 Bids must be submitted separately for each camp/station and for each category within that camp/station. For any given category at a specific camp/station, the bidder is required to submit offers for all items listed under that category. Failure to do so will render the bid non-responsive.
- 1.3.2 Based on the capacities of the bidders, which will be assessed by the purchaser, bidders may submit bids for one or multiple camps and for the respective categories of items separately. The bids are divided into two groups as described below:

1.3.2.1 Group A – supply of fresh food items

This group comprises a total of 119 bids, calculated as (24 stations × 4 categories) + (19 stations × 1 category) + (4 stations × 1 category). Each bid will be treated as a separate procurement, and the evaluation and selection process will be conducted independently for each.

1.3.2.2 Group B – supply of dry food items

This group comprises a total of 123 bids, calculated as (24 stations × 5 categories) + (3 stations × 1 category). Each bid will be treated as a separate procurement, and the evaluation and selection process will be conducted independently for each.

2. Selected suppliers should be responsible for arranging the transport to the relevant delivery Station/ camps and detachments as the part of the contract. The details with regard to the relevant delivery Station/ camps and detachments are indicated in the bidding document.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure (NCB) as per Clause 3.1.2 of the Government Procurement Guideline-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 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 the field of food supply shall be Rs. 10 million or Rs. 5 million, as categorized and specified in the bidding document, and must be confirmed through audited financial statements for any two years within the last three years.

5.2 The minimum requirement for liquid assets - comprising cash in hand, cash at bank, short-term investments, and accounts receivable - shall be Rs. 5 million or Rs. 3 million, as categorized and specified in the bidding document, and must be confirmed based on the audited financial statements for the year 2023/2024. However, if the non-audited financial statements are submitted, with the bids for the financial year 2024/2025, bidder should submit non-audited financial statements at the bid opening date.

5.3 The minimum required credit facility, exclusively guaranteed for this bid by a commercial bank or financial institution operating in Sri Lanka and approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, shall be Rs. 5 million or Rs. 2 million, as categorized and specified in the bidding document.

5.4 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 Documents.

5.5 In case of **dry food items**, bidder should possess adequate or may have 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 Documents.

5.6 Past similar experience of food supplies two (02) years within recent last Five (05) years including contracts relating to supply of food items (wholesale/ retail business) to any institutes (public or private).

5.7 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:

Issue and Submission Schedule of Bidding Documents

Commencement of Issuing Bidding Documents	-	<b>from 23.06.2025</b>
Last date and time for Issuing Bidding Documents	-	<b>up to 3.00 P.M. on 14.07.2025</b>
Last date and time for submission / closing Bids	-	<b>up to 9.00 A.M. on 15.07.2025</b>
Venue, date and time for opening of bids		Air Force Headquarters P.O. Box 594, Defence Headquarters Complex, Sri Jayewardenepura, Kotte. <b>9.30 A.M. on 15.07.2025</b>

7. A Pre- Bid meeting will be held at Conference hall **at 11.00 A.M. on 26.06.2025** at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Nandimithra Auditorium of the Ministry of Defence, Defence Headquarters Complex, Jayewardenepura Kotte.

8. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by bidders on submission of a written application to Chief Procurement Officer at the address given in Para 16, upon payment of non - refundable fee. Non-refundable fee relevant for each camp / each tender shall be in accordance with the Section 6.2 of the Government Procurement Guideline 2024. (The schedule of respective non-refundable tender fee of bids can be obtained from the Chief Procurement Officer address given in Para 15)

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 to reach the address given in Para 6 or deposited in the tender box provided for this purpose 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 at the address given in Para 6.

11. Bids shall be valid up to **31 March 2026**.

12. Bids must be accompanied by a bid security valid up to **30 April 2026** and should be addressed to **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 letter head of the bank), unconditional, irrevocable and on demand. The schedule indicating the amount of Bid Security for each bid will be provided in the Bidding Document, as prescribed in the Procurement Guidelines 2024.

13. If the purchaser requires manufacture's authorization certificate. It may be a post- qualification requirement.

14. The bidder shall be prepared to submit the mandatory samples, upon request by the Sri Lanka Air Force, for specific items requiring additional information as outlined in the Bidding Document. **Failure to submit the requested samples within the specified time period will result in the bid being deemed non-responsive and excluded from further evaluation.**

15. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Chief Procurement Officer or Procurement Officer (Tenders), Procurement Division 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 A.M. to 03.00 P.M.** on working days

16. The address referred to above is:

Attention : Chief Procurement Officer

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