

Request for Proposals – Seed Packaging 2018

The Manitoba Crop Variety Evaluation Team (MCVET) requests proposals for the packaging of seed for spring and fall seeded crops (winter wheat/fall rye) to be used in the Variety Evaluation Trials for the 2018 season.

- Number of seed packets – approximately 3,000 to 4,000 packets. This consists of approximately 220 to 260 varieties of cereals, oilseeds, and pulses possibly including buckwheat and sunflowers.
- Labeling requirements may be necessary for some of the seed packets
- Packaging Rates – to be determined based on the average provincial seeding rate (to be supplied by MCVET to the successful applicant in m²) adjusted for germination, seed size (either 1000 kernel weight or seeds/lbs) and plot size of each seeding contractor (plot sizes to be supplied by MCVET.)
- Must be able to handle **bare and treated seed of the same variety**. Seed destined for AAFC research stations or the University of Manitoba must be bare, all other seed to be treated as per provincial recommendations. The successful contractor is required to treat seed. Seed treatment to be supplied by MCVET. Outgoing parcels containing packets of treated seed must include relevant MSDS information.
- Seed will be shipped to the contractor by bus/courier. The contractor is responsible for local pickup and storage.
- The major portion of the seed will be shipped to the successful bidder by April 1, with April 15th being targeted for later seeded crops like sunflower if applicable.
- May be required to do 1000 kernel weights (majority of all varieties should be shipped with documentation indicating the 1000 kernel weight).
- Wherever possible, guard row material should be made up of the check material and be treated. Seed to be provided by MCVET. In the case of seed shortage for the check, the contractor can use any commonly grown variety as long as it is of Certified seed status or better.
- **Unless otherwise stated**, buckwheat and sunflower trials are the only crops requiring 4 replicates. All other crops require 3 reps/entry at each site.

- Contractor to supply the seed envelopes for packaging. These packets to be sealed or glued shut. Taping or stapling the envelopes is not allowed.
- All seed is to be packaged and ready for pickup for shipping no later than April 17th, later seeded seed (sunflower) should be ready by April 29th.
- All seed is the property of the Manitoba Crop Variety Evaluation Team
- Contract payable 2 weeks after pickup of packages seed. Invoice must be sent to chami.amarasinghe@gov.mb.ca in electronic form.
- Lowest tender not necessarily accepted.
- **Must be received by Monday January 29th, 2018 at 4:00 pm to:**
 - Email: chami.amarasinghe@gov.mb.ca or
 - Fax : [204-745-5690](tel:204-745-5690)

NOTE: the successful applicant will also package all seed required for fall seeded crops (winter wheat/fall rye) coordinated by MCVET. Anticipated timeline: seed deliver to contractor - August 22nd, seed shipped – Sep 1st.

For additional information or clarification contact:

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