



Request for Information

Simulator Human Intestinal Microbial Ecosystem SHIME system

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1 Introduction

1.1 Goal

This request for information (RFI) is meant to support a possible tender for the delivery, installation and maintenance of a Simulator Human Intestinal Microbial Ecosystem (SHIME) System for Wageningen University & Research centre (Wageningen UR). The system will mainly be operated by the Wageningen UR Food Quality & Design group (WUR-FQD) and used for research in the agrofood and nutrition domain. Suppliers can participate without any commitment.

The purpose of this RFI is:

- to give suppliers who can meet the required specifications the opportunity to sign up;
- to get an indication of the price of the equipment, including installation and training as realistic as possible;
- to get the most realistic indication of the possibilities of the equipment.

This information will be used in order to achieve the correct and appropriate procurement process.

1.2 Background

The Centre for Advanced Technology in the Agro and Food sector (CAT-AgroFood) wants to invest, at Wageningen University, in a SHIME System to investigate influence of food design on digestion dynamics and bioaccessibility of micronutrients. The SHIME System will allow researchers to obtain samples at different time of the digestion procedure and in different tract of the simulated gastro intestinal tract.

1.3 Guide

This document consists of the following parts:

- Chapter 2 addresses the procedure.
- The Appendices set out the requirements that must be met and the questions that must be answered.

2 RFI procedure

Based on this document the parties are kindly requested to sign up before the **4th of March 2016, 12.00 am**, to confirm that they can meet the requirements in appendix C, answer the questions in the appendix D and complete the appendices A and B of this document. This chapter describes the procedure for this.

2.1 Publication

Wageningen UR has chosen to carry out this RFI in broad terms, in order to allow all potentially interested parties the opportunity to participate in this process. The RFI is public, and published on TenderNed.

2.2 Contact person Wageningen UR

The contact person for this RFI from Wageningen UR:

Mr. M. van Otterloo

Senior purchaser

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2.3 Proces

The appendices of this document include a list of the requirements, a questionnaire and a price form. Any interested party is invited to sign up, confirm to meet the requirements, answer the questions, fill in the price form and submit an email message to the contact person mentioned in paragraph 2.2. of RFI in accordance with the schedule in paragraph 2.4.

2.4 Schedule

Activiteit	Deadline
Publication RFI document	19 February 2016
Closing date asking questions	23 February 12.00 AM
Date answering the asked questions	29 February
Closing date sending in response on the RFI	4 March 12.00 AM

2.5 Submit

Submit the completed appendices by e-mail to be sent to the contact person mentioned in paragraph 2.2. of this RFI quoting "Response SHIME system".

2.5.1 Delivery of the responses to the RFI

Please use the appendices for completing the requirements list, answering the questions, and to fill in the price form. Additional documentation may be submitted in PDF format.

2.5.2 Contact person

We ask you to record the name and address details of the contract person within your organization for Wageningen UR in the appendix A.

2.6 Cost

No fee can be charged in connection with this RFI.

2.7 Conditions

Participation in the RFI is not binding on the parties. From this RFI and the documents made available to any party, no (mutual) rights can be derived.

By entering the RFI the participating party declares its agreement with all the conditions.

2.8 Informations

Questions regarding this RFI can be asked, to the in 2.2. mentioned contact, up to the date in the schedule in section 2.4, via email.

Wageningen UR will answer the questions anonymized, to all parties that have registered, according to the period prescribed in the schedule, via e-mail.