

FSSAI invites bids for supply of 6,000 smart jackets via tender notice

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FSSAI, the country's apex food regulator, has issued a tender notice inviting bids for supply of food safety smart jackets for the FSSAI. It intends to buy about 6,000 smart jackets, and has asked the companies to submit the tenders with relevant documents before or on January 30, 2020 by 1pm.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on January 16, 2020 at the office of FSSAI to clarify the issues and to answers the queries on any matter pertaining to the bid.

The notice stated that the selection will initially be for one year, and may be extended further by a year based on the satisfactory performance.

As reported earlier, FSSAI has been considering equipping the food safety officers with smart jackets. This will be mark of professional identity for all the FSOs (food safety officers) as a part of technology-driven innovative system of the food safety inspection in the country.

Pawan Kumar Agarwal, chief executive officer, FSSAI, has stated that this will enhance efficiency, professionalism and transparency in the food safety ecosystem, apart from bringing a sense of ownership and visibility of FSOs in the country.

The food safety smart jackets will have proviso for a RFID tag, camera and QR code to verify the identity of the FSO visiting the premise.

The tender notice stated that the smart jacket will help in containing cross-contamination during the inspection of food businesses and the design will be such that will assist in technology enabled inspections by allowing the FSO to smartly hold devices like tablets, smart phones, etc.

“It would also be a mark of professionalism and identity among the FSOs,” it added.