



STATE TRADING CORPORATION

Expression of Interest

For the

Rental of Two Trucks

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The State Trading Corporation is hereby inviting Expression of Interest from potential service providers for the Rental of Two Trucks for distribution of its essential commodities to retail shops across Mauritius.

The Expression of Interest in a sealed envelope clearly marked ***“Expression of Interest for the Rental of Two Trucks”*** and reference: ***“EOI/STC/2026/19”***, should be deposited in the **Bid box A** located at the Registry Section, Ground Floor, State Trading Corporation, 55, Business Zone, Ebene Cybercity 72201, Ebene Reduit, or by email on email address: tender-services@stcmu.com by **Monday 3 August 2026 up to 14.00 hours (local time) at latest.**

Please submit your expression of interest in accordance with the instructions given or inform the undersigned if you will not be submitting a bid.

The EOI will be opened on **Monday 3 August 2026 at 14.15 hours**

Expression of Interest received after the specified date and time shall not be considered.

STC shall not incur any obligation with regard to this Expression of Interest exercise and reserves the right to accept or reject any interest expressed, or annul the whole exercise without any justification or any liability whatsoever.

Yours faithfully,

A. Shewraj (Mrs)
for General Manager

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Introduction

The State Trading Corporation (STC) was set up by an Act of Parliament of October 1982 (amended in 1988), to be the trading arm of the Government of Mauritius. It operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection. STC has been entrusted with the responsibility of importing certain essential commodities including petroleum products and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) traded in Mauritius. STC also supplies the domestic market with Wheat Flour, Basmati and non-Basmati Rice. Since August 2022 STC has embarked in the commercialisation of full cream milk powder, pulses, edible oil.

1. The State trading Corporation wish to enlist the services of trucks for distribution purposes in Mauritius. STC operates two warehouses in Mauritius and one in Rodrigues. STC stores and delivers food items, that is wheat flour, rice, full cream milk powder, pulses, edible oil on a daily basis from these warehouses.
2. Following the above exercise, STC will launch a bidding exercise among the selected service providers who will be invited to submit their offer for the service.
3. Any request for clarification should be forwarded via e-mail addressed to a.shewraj@stcmu.com by 28 July 2026.
4. **No financial offer should be submitted at this stage.**

The terms of reference for the Rental of Two Trucks are as follows:

A. Personnel

- (i) Crew for each truck to comprise as follows:
 - Option 1 – Truck only
 - Option 2 – Truck with driver
 - Option 3 – Truck with a full team (Driver/Salesman/Helper)
- (ii) The driver shall hold a valid driving licence. The driver and all helpers shall possess a valid Certificate of Character;
- (iii) Drivers shall have a sound knowledge of the road network throughout Mauritius and be familiar with the locations of retail outlets within their assigned delivery areas.

B. Contractor Qualifications

The Service Provider to have a minimum of two (2) years' proven experience in the distribution of food products within Mauritius.

C. Vehicles

- (i) The dedicated vehicle shall preferably be a closed body truck, with minimum loading capacity of minimum 3.5Metric Tons (MT) and to around 5 MT, to accommodate 3 pallets of rice / flour and a remaining space at the back for other items;
- (ii) Two goods carrier vehicles, ideally not more than ten (10) years, will be required for distribution of foodstuff;
- (iii) The Service Provider shall dedicate the assigned vehicles exclusively to STC's distribution schedule during the agreed operating hours and shall not deploy them for other assignments without the prior written approval of STC;
- (iv) Certificate of fitness for all trucks proposed;
- (v) In the event of a truck breakdown, the contractor shall ensure that the vehicle is replaced at the earliest opportunity to avoid any disruption in the operations;
- (vi) A comprehensive list of documents such as carrier's license to be submitted by service providers.

D. Distribution Operations

- (i) The estimated daily distance to be covered by each truck vary from 45 – 190 km approximately
- (ii) The products to be handled will mainly comprise rice, flour, milk powder, pulses and edible oil packed in consumer packs with outer packaging not exceeding 25 kg.
- (iii) Distribution services to be provided to retail outlets, primarily traditional retail shops, based on delivery routes and daily order volumes established by STC.
- (iv) Deliveries will be carried out six (6) days per week, from Monday to Saturday.
- (v) Daily warehouse check-in will be around 07:00 hrs and check-out around 15:00 hrs.

E. Responsibilities

- (i) For any option, as mentioned at Section A - Personnel – the responsibility of stock remains on the crew.
- (ii) Under Option 3, contractor will be accountable for any discrepancies for goods, cash collected and custody of cash proceeds and it would be advisable to have an appropriate insurance cover.

F. Intended Duration of Contract

The contract period will be for an initial period of three months and renewable on a month-to-month basis, subject to satisfactory performance and at the STC's discretion.

G. Insurance

- (i) The Service Provider must maintain a valid motor vehicle insurance and all other insurance required by law for its vehicles, drivers and employees. STC will be responsible only for the insurance of its officers and goods in transit in the vehicle.
- (ii) In case of Option 3, Section A - Personnel, the contractor will be fully responsible for its insurance policy in respect of vehicles, crew and cash in transit.