

Database on the Pre-Qualification of Seed Enterprises and Millers in Response to an Expression Of Interest (EOI) for a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) with AfricaRice to Produce, Distribute and / or Commercialize Quality Rice Seed

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<p>Foundation Seed Enterprises: The Breeder Seeds being supplied by AfricaRice are from improved high-yielding rice varieties and hybrids which are consumer preferred and tolerant to stresses, including the climate change induced stresses. The Foundation Seeds to be produced are expected to meet the required quality standards stipulated for a particular region where the seed is being produced. It therefore requires, high technical expertise, skills and resources (human financial, land and equipment), alongside business capacity to market the seeds. Strict and vigorous internal and external quality control, supervision and monitoring will be followed to ensure that best production and post-harvest practices are adhered to. In this vein, the top ranked seed enterprises were found to possess the required capacity to produce high quality rice foundation seeds from the breeder seeds coming from AfricaRice. These foundation seeds are expected to be used by beneficiary seed enterprises and marketed to others to produce Certified Seeds that will be supplied to farmers both in-country and regionally. They will be part of a Consortium of seed enterprises and millers that will lead them to new opportunities through a public-private-partnership</p>	Ingenierie & Innovation Labellisées pour la Prospective INOL Prospective	BENIN	IDRISSOU Nourou Dine	inolprospective@gmail.com	(229)97130521 / 95498796
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