INNOLIVAR opens the deadline for the presentation of the candidatures of innovation olivar and of pre-commercial public purchase bidding

On May 4, *the deadline for submitting proposals within the* INNOLIVAR *Precommercial Public Procurement Agreement, "Innovation and technology for a sustainable olive grove",* began after the Pre-Market Consultation deadline and the administrative and technical specifications governing the process. There has been a delay due to its adaptation to the new Law on State Contracts. From that date until June 18 at 5:00 p.m., interested companies will have to submit electronically the necessary documentation so that their proposals are evaluated and, if applicable, they can be awarded one or several of the tendered lines. , in accordance with the provisions of its administrative and technical specifications.

> To learn more about the entire process, an informative day will be held on May 30 at 11 am at the Rector of the University of Córdoba, in which from the Hiring and Heritage Service, with the participation of the director of the agreement, The process will be explained and doubts clarified to potential bidders.

Recall that INNOLIVAR will be developed in several phases for 4 years, performing the selection of

companies through a competitive process. Now begins the phase where companies must present their ideas, proposals and budgets so that they can be chosen the best. The selected companies, in collaboration with the University of Córdoba (public promoter entity), will develop their innovative prototypes of machines, equipment, organisms and varieties. Finally, these pre-commercial prototypes obtained may pass to a commercial phase outside the Agreement. This agreement is financed with FEDER funds of Innovation by the MINECO in 80% and in 20% by the UCO with the support of the sector through the OIAOE and Interaceituna.

The idea presented is key in this type of tender, its innovative nature, its viability and its possibilities for future development and commercialization, while the economic offer hardly influences the valuation. INNOLIVAR looks for companies that can not only develop a prototype, but can then carry out the commercialization phase.

It is also important to remember that several associated companies can be presented and that it can be subcontracted up to 60% and that companies can be presented together with public research organizations and vice versa.

> The total budget of the agreement is 13.1 million and the tender is 9,169,114 million euros (VAT not included) and that the 12 innovation lines where projects can be presented are, in terms of mechanization and harvesting, harvesters for intensive olive grove based on vibration and simultaneous shaking and in versatile vehicle for olive groves on slopes and difficult to mechanize.

The amount allocated to environmental measures, sustainable practices and climate change is divided as follows: application equipment for traditional and intensive olive spraying with variable application system and preparation-mix of broth in real time without generating waste, equipment integral of grouping, chopping and management of pruning remains for intensive and traditional olive groves and actions to combat erosion.

In industry, quality and traceability will focus on systems and technologies that allow the improvement of the process of preparation of olive oils and analytical instruments based on the technology of ion mobility spectrometry that allows the correct allocation to an EVOO.

Finally, *biotechnology will also have its starting point in these budgets* with the pre-commercial formulations of antagonistic microorganisms for the control of the Verticilosis of the olive tree, formulated precommercial of entomopathogenic fungi for the control of the olive fly Bactrocera oleae (Gmelin), new varieties of olive tree adapted to the olive grove in hedges, integral collection systems based on cuppers for the collection of table olives and integrated systems for real time traceability in mechanized harvesting of table olives.

In the agreement work eight UCO research groups coordinated by Professor Jesus A. Gil Ribes of

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