

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
(Setting up Technical Support Unit(s) – (TSUs) for providing technical assistance to State AIDS Control Societies in Implementation of National HIV/AIDS Control Program India).
National AIDS Control Support Project (NACSP)
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)
Project ID No. P130299

1. This notice follows the General Procurement Notice published in UN Development Business Online (UNDB online) on May 7, 2012.
2. The Government of India has received a Credit from the World Bank to meet a portion of the cost of the proposed NACSP and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this Credit will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for which this Request for Expression of Interest is issued. The NACSP is supported by various donor partners viz. World Bank, GFATM and other donor partners including funds of Govt. of India. The NACSP shall be implemented by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India and State / UT / District AIDS Control Societies (SACS) in 35 States of India.
3. The NACO, Government of India now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in setting up Technical Support Unit (TSU) in 2 states namely Bihar and Odisha. The consultant organization will be required to set up TSU at the respective state capital. If the consultant organization intends to send Eoi for more than one state, separate Eois for each state should be sent.
4. The consultant organization will be required to provide technical assistance to the respective State AIDS Control Society/ies (SACS) in implementation of Targeted Intervention program. The Targeted Intervention Program aims to prevent the spread of HIV among high risk behavior groups by providing peer Counseling, Condom Promotion, Needle/Syringe distribution, STI screening and treatment , linkages for HIV testing and Care & support services. The Targeted Intervention Program also aims to prevent the spread of HIV among bridge population like migrants, truckers etc. The interested consultant organization selected, will serve as a Technical Support Unit and will facilitate the exercise of designing, planning, implementation and monitoring of Targeted Intervention in the respective state on behalf of SACS.
5. The contract will be for a period of three years. However, the performance of the services will be reviewed each year for considering continuation of contract in the subsequent year.
6. The Consultant organization must have experience of at least three years of having carried out works of similar nature. The average annual turnover of consultant organization must be atleast Rs. 1.00 Cr foreach of the last three financial years (FY 2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14).
7. The consultant organization must have a substantial structure and professional base in providing technical assistance at state or national level of similar nature preferably in Health and HIV/AIDS. The Eoi and capability will be assessed against evidence of skills and experience in providing services of project planning, appraisal, implementation, monitoring and evaluation

including financial analysis, capacity building of NGOs and Civil Society organizations, policy analysis, advocacy, communicating and condom programming. The consultant organization must have experience in managing inter – disciplinary teams and multiple stakeholders on complex projects in HIV/AIDS or Health sector. The consultant organization must have skills in developing need based strategies acceptable to vulnerable groups and build up regional support for effective implementation.

8. The EoI should be sent along with a Capability statement including a profile of the lead organization and any collaborating organizations, number of years of existence, details of previous partnerships, relevant technical and geographical experience, major clients, Financial turnover for the last three financial years individually. Individual CVs are not required at this stage but the profile of the key staff must be provided. Any EoI with inadequate information and those which do not meet the above criteria or received after the closing date will not be considered. EoI should be as concise and as focused as possible to give evidence of the above requirements. The short-listing will be done on the basis of the above information/documents. Canvassing with the Government of India, NACO, State Government or SACS for further information beyond that specifically made available would potentially lead to disqualification.
9. The consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines; Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011, revised July 2014). The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
10. The EoIs should be mailed (hard and soft copy) to the following address so as to arrive no later than 1700 hrs on 20th March 2018. Only the shortlisted candidates shall be later invited to submit detailed proposals.

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