



Government of India
Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
Directorate General of Training (DGT)
Invites

Expression of Interest

For selection of a Professional Agency to assist DGT in carrying out "Grading of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)" both Govt. and Pvt. across India under the scheme Vocational Training Improvement Project (VTIP) with World Bank assistance.

1. DGT in the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has received a Credit from IDA (International Development Association) for VTIP [IDA Cr. No. 4319] for enhancing the quality of ITIs and making the training ecosystem of these institutes responsive to industry demand.
2. Currently, there are 13,000 plus Govt. and Pvt. ITIs across the country. It has been observed that the number has got almost doubled during last 5 years due to different initiatives undertaken by Govt. of India. With such a fast rate of growth of ITIs, it is necessary to have a quality assurance mechanism for individual institutes so as to provide a benchmark for comparison amongst them.
3. Therefore, it has been decided by DGT to conduct a comprehensive grading exercise for those ITIs who volunteer to grade themselves. However, given the incentives and benefits attached to institutes' rating (based on grading framework), it is expected that most of the ITIs will be part of this process.
4. As part of the grading methodology, the professional agency shall visit the ITIs (who volunteer to grade themselves); conduct physical verification of infrastructure, machines, tools and equipment, trainers, documents etc.; validate the self-rating data uploaded by ITIs on NCVT MIS portal; recommend a "Star Rating" for each ITI; and submit the report to DGT. Further, the external agency should be able to apply analytical tools & techniques to analyze the ITI data and provide meaningful insights on ITI performance in its report.
5. The grading would be a biennial (once in 2 years) exercise and the agency shall be hired initially for a period of one year. However, there shall be a provision to extend the contract, on the basis of performance of the agency, with mutual consent. The first grading exercise (of those ITIs who volunteer) shall be completed before first admission cycle which begins in year August 2018.
6. DGT now invites Expression of Interest (EoI) from the eligible firms to indicate their interest in providing the services on following minimum criteria:
 - a) The agency should be a registered entity in India and should have been in existence for the last 05 years as on 31st March 2017.
 - b) The agency should have minimum 02 years' experience in rating/grading of institutions.
 - c) The agency should have capacity to conduct the rating/grading exercise of institutions across different geographical regions within defined time frame with high quality documentation
 - d) The bidder should not have been blacklisted by any Central / State Government/ Public Sector organization or under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt or fraudulent practices.

7. EoI from eligible agencies must provide the following information in not more than 100 pages:
 - a) That they are qualified, to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, etc.) supported by the areas of experience of the organization with credentials, quality accreditation details, annual turnover etc. for last 03 years i.e. 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16
 - b) The staff strength of the company, specifically detailing the number, qualification and experience of staff and geographical spread of the staff across regional/state/district offices. The bidding agency may also provide short CVs of key staff, indicating similar experience in the field of grading/ rating/ ranking and related field-work and project management.
 - c) Geographical spread of the agency and physical presence across various regions/states/districts in the country. Details of offices across the country (including office address, contact person name and phone number of each office) must also be included, along with a self-certification mentioning that the office location mentioned is solely used by the bidding firm.
8. Consultants agency 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, May 2004 as amended in October 2006 based on Quality and Cost Based selection (QCBS).
9. Interested consultants agencies may obtain further information at the address given below during working hours from 10:00 hours and 16:00 hours.
10. Letter of Interest (hard copies) must be delivered, within 15 days from the date of advertisement of this EoI, to:

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