

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REoI) FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

### **SELECTION OF CLUSTER NETWORK MANAGER(S) TECHNOLOGY CENTRE SYSTEMS PROGRAMME - A WORLD BANK FUNDED PROJECT**

#### **1. PROJECT BRIEF**

Office of the Development Commissioner (MSME), Ministry of MSME, Government of India is in the process of upgrading and expanding the network of Technology Centres (TCs) - also referred to as Tool Rooms & Technology Development Centres by upgrading existing 18 TCs and establishing 15 New TCs at a total Project cost of INR 2,200 crores including World Bank funding of USD 200 million under the Technology Centre Systems Programme (TCSP). The TCs are to be located in various parts of the country to cater to the needs of micro, small & medium enterprises through access to technology, skill development, consultancy etc. For full details about existing TCs, please visit [http://www.dcmsme.gov.in/Toolroom\\_tdc.htm](http://www.dcmsme.gov.in/Toolroom_tdc.htm).

#### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

- i. The firm must be a registered legal entity and should have been in existence for at least 5 years.
- ii. The firm must have an average annual turnover of USD 10 million over the last 3 years. At least USD 600,000 each year must be from cluster facilitation, innovation systems or related professional services.
- iii. The firm must have at least 3 relevant completed / ongoing projects in cluster development (in the relevant sector) in the last 5 years.

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#### **2. ASSIGNMENT**

It is the intent of the Government of India to appoint Cluster Network Manager(s) for 2 packages. The services of the Cluster Network Manager(s) will include:

- i. Increase competitiveness / business opportunities for MSMEs through enhanced cooperation amongst key stakeholders
- ii. strengthening market linkages of the TCs with the MSMEs in the clusters they serve
- iii. increasing competitiveness of supply chains of large firms by enhancing quality, reliability and productivity of MSME suppliers
- iv. facilitating closer cooperation amongst TCs, MSMEs, skill development, labour market and other key innovation stakeholders

#### **4. SUBMISSION OF EoI**

The application for EoI, in the prescribed format provided in REoI, must be delivered by **30 October 2014 (4:00 PM Indian Standard Time)** at the following address:

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