

EOI valid till 31.03.2019

for Empanelment of Expert Resources, Professionals, & Individual

Consultants (Short Term) for National e-Governance Plan and

Digital India Projects



Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Government of India

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1. Introduction

1.1 The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) provides critical programme management and technical support to MeitY in the implementation of National e-Governance Plan and Digital India. Similarly State e-Governance Mission Teams (SeMTs) support State IT departments. Towards this end, NeGD has an approved complement of positions for which it engages market resources, on contractual basis. The resources/ individual consultants are hired on various levels of Principal Consultant to Executives.

1.2 Purpose of the EOI

1.2.1 The purpose of this Expression of Interest (EOI) is to identify and shortlist/empanel reputed professionals and individual consultants who may be asked to provide technical, project management and other professional support on short term basis (up to six months) for the purpose of policy guidelines, project support, detailed project report preparation and other professional support to NeGD to support NeGP and Digital India. These experts may also be asked by MeitY and state governments for meeting their needs. The objective of this document is to provide indicative information about the scope and objective of this activity. The detailed terms and conditions will be provided to only shortlisted professionals and individual consultants (herein referred as "applicants") as per the selection parameters provided in this EOI document. The EOI is open till 20th January, 2019. However, the same can be closed earlier as well with an appropriate notice.

2. Critical Information

2.1 Applicants are advised to study this EOI document carefully before submitting their proposals in response to the EOI Notice. Submission of a proposal in response to this notice shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of this document with full understanding of its terms, conditions and implications.

3. Eligibility Criteria

3.1 Professionals with relevant background from Academic Research / Not for Profit Organization / Registered Society / IT consulting firms / Free Lancers having expertise in the relevant field are eligible to apply provided they possess the minimum experience as specified in Table 1.

Such institution / organization should have been in existence for a period of at least 1 year on the date of the application. However, the engagement will be with the expert in individual capacity and not with the organization.

3.2 Individual consultants/professionals should meet following requirements:

- 3.2.1 Education and professional qualifications: Minimum Graduation level and skill set for technical or professional services for which NeGD require short term services of externals experts/consultants
- 3.2.2 No Objection Certificate (NoC) from current employer / organization backing the individual
- 3.2.3 The professional/consultant should have experience of more than three years in the relevant field of expertise.

4. Domain of Work

Different program groups of NeGD, program divisions of MeitY or other Government agencies engaged with e governance programs may from time to time indicate NeGD, the areas and the level for which the requirements of experts may arise. Broadly the areas may be as follows:

- 4.1 **High level advisory experts** They would be eminent resources with specialization in their domain of national/international repute.
- 4.2 Experts for operational requirements They could be at the level of Lead Expert, Senior Expert or Expert.
- 4.3 **Areas of Expertise**: The areas of expertise for professionals to be engaged could be in technical and non-technical areas categorized as High Demand & Generic Skills detailed as under:
- 4.3.1 High Demand/ Niche Skills: Mobile application & Device management, Cloud Services (SaaS, IaaS, PaaS), Collaboration Technologies (Workflow), CRM, Virtualization, Security, ERP applications, Social Media, Big Data Analytics, Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, Cyber Forensics, User Experience Design (UXD), R&D, Remote Infrastructure Management, Green Data Centers, Open Source, Enterprise Architect, Solution Architect, Enterprise Application Integration(EAI), Modeling Skills, Open API platforms, Mobile Security Algorithms, Business(Government) Process re-engineering, Business(Government) Risk management, Technology

Audit, Quality Assurance management, Conformance review, Knowledge management, Continuity management, Mobile Banking/Wallet, Digital Signature, Digital identity & Impact Assessment.

The above list is indicative in nature. With constantly changing and evolving needs of NeGP and Digital India, more areas could be identified and added to the list.

5. Application Procedure

5.1 Interested candidates can forward their application along with their CV with a photograph (as per the specified format in Form 3) and filled Application Form (Form 1) on the email ID hr@negp.gov.in.

5.2 Supporting Proofs & Documents

- 5.2.1 Evidences of published material on completed and ongoing assessment of ICT projects/ e-Governance Projects
- 5.2.2 Documents supporting individual consultant's work experience, list of NeGP / MMP project managed or executed
- 5.2.3 Self attested copy of documents supporting educational and professional qualification

6. Type of engagement

The final shortlisted candidates shall remain empanelled with NeGD for a period of 2 years. The empanelled experts/members may be required to work across various locations pan India depending on the requirements of the specific project/ engagement. The engagement can be of two types viz. **continuous engagement** or **very short on & off type** of engagement, which are detailed below:

6.1 Continuous Engagement: If the engagement is for more than 10 working days per month, then it will be considered as continuous engagement. In this case, he will be given an initial headquarter location (in station) for the said job. The expert shall be entitled to:

- For whole assignment One time to and fro travel expenses reimbursement as per NeGD policy in case the headquarters allocated is not at his current/base location.
- Stay expenses and DA per month equivalent to maximum 10 days hotel stay as per entitlement, against receipt.
- For work related travel to other locations (outstation) he will be entitled to reimbursement of Travel expenses from Headquarter location/home or base location, stay expenses & DA as per NeGD policy.
- **6.2 Very short on & off type Engagement:** If the engagement is equal to or less than 10 working days per month. In this case, he will have to declare his home/base location as per his current residential address. The expert shall be entitled to:
 - Maximum three times in a month "to and fro" travel expenses reimbursement as per NeGD
 policy in case the headquarters allocated is not at his current/base location.
 - Stay expenses and DA per month equivalent to maximum 10 days hotel stay as per entitlement, against receipt.
 - For work related travel to other locations (outstation) he will be entitled to reimbursement of Travel expenses from Headquarter location/home or base location, stay expenses & DA as per NeGD policy.

However, the specific engagement and its tenure will depend on the requirements of the project and mutual discussion and agreement.

7. Conditions of Engagement

- 7.1 The screening of the candidates' application who will apply against this EOI shall be conducted on a periodic basis for empanelment.
- 7.2 The empanelled list of experts shall be permanent in nature which might be used from time to time as per the need. The list may be shared with the MeitY and with the State Governments to draw upon these resources for meeting their needs. The professional selected for inclusion in the panel will also

be informed of their selection, and the fact that their names are being shared with MeitY and the State Governments.

- 7.3 At the time of assignment of a particular work, the professional will be provided with work order specifying the duties required to be performed; the number of working days required and the remuneration to be paid.
- 7.4 If the proposed professional is a close relative of the NeGD/NISG/MeitY official recommending engagement, the approvals from one level above would be minimum requirement. NeGD will follow the guidelines made by MeitY for this purpose.

8. Commercial terms and Conditions

The remuneration will be paid to experts based on the nature of assignment, period of engagement, level of expertise and his skills & experience. The principle for calculation of remuneration is as follows:

8.1 The remuneration paid to the experts shall be calculated basis the existing slabs at NeGD as given under and basis the need & urgency at the time of engagement:

Relevant Work Total Work Compensation Payable Roles Experience Experience (per day rate in INR) High Demand/Niche Skills 15,000 Lead Expert >15 yrs min 7 yrs Senior Expert 10-15 yrs min 5 yrs 12,000 5-10 yrs min 3 yrs 8,000 Expert

Table 1- Remuneration Table

The experience quoted for a particular organization shall be counted if the Academic Research /Not for Profit Organization/ Registered Society / IT consulting firms has been in existence for atleast 1 year on the date of application.

8.2 Classification of Cities

The cities in India are classified as shown in the following table, for the purpose of determination of limits on Stay Expenses and Daily Allowances admissible to experts while on tour:

A Class Cities	B Class Cities	C Class Cities	
Ahmedabad	All state capitals except A	All other cities other tan A	
Bangalore	Class Cities	Class ad B Class Cities.	
Calcutta			
Chennai			
Delhi			
Hyderabad			
Mumbai			
Pune			

8.3 Mode of Travel as per NeGD policy

i. The entitlement of mode of travel shall be as given below:

Band	Entitlement

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Lead Expert	Normal Air Fare-Economy (Y) Class
Senior Expert	Normal Air Fare-Economy (Y) Class
Expert	Normal Air Fare-Economy (Y) Class

ii. Experts are encouraged to avail Super Saver, Apex or any other schemes offered by various airlines, so as to incur the lowest expenditure.

8.4 Stay Expenses as per NeGD policy:

- i. Stay expenses include all expenses billed by the Hotel or Guest House except telephone calls and consumption of alcohol
- ii. The reimbursement will be at actual expenditure (supported by bills) or maximum entitlement whichever is less.
- iii. The maximum entitlement for Stay Expenses for experts travelling outstation is specified below:

Band	A Class City	B Class City	C Class City
Lead Expert	6000/-	5000/-	4000/-
Senior Expert	4000/-	3000/-	2500/-
Expert	3500/-	2500/-	2000/-

All the rates given above are in INR and on a per day basis.

8.5 Daily Allowance (DA) as per NeGD policy

- i. Daily Allowance is paid to experts only for outstation business travel.
- ii.DA will be paid over and above the other entitlements.
- iii. The employee is entitled to 50% D.A. in case of seminars/workshops/Training, where the organizers arrange for stay and food.
- iv. Entitlement is calculated from the scheduled time of departure of the plane/train/bus, up to the return of the plane/train/bus at the headquarters
- v. A full day will be calculated as 24 hours and for any fraction of a day, the following scale will apply:

Period	DA Entitlement

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Upto 12 hours	50% of DA
Mora than 12 hours	100% of DA

vi. The maximum DA entitlements are specified below:

Band	A Class City	B Class City	C Class City
Lead Expert	600/-	550/-	450/-
Senior Expert	500/-	450/-	350/-
Expert	400/-	350/-	250/-

- 8.6 Local travel for business purposes as per NeGD policy
 - i. Local travel, both in station and outstation, is subject to the following entitlements:

Band	Entitlement
Lead Expert	AC Car (Indigo) or equivalent
Senior Expert	AC Car (Indica) or equivalent
Expert	AC Car (Indica) or equivalent

This entitlement shall be for point to point travel.

ii. If the vehicle is not provide by NeGD and in case of travel by hired car (AC or Non AC), the bills must be produced to claim the reimbursements.

9. Intellectual Property Rights

The copyright of all content/project/proposal/concept created during the contractual period with NeGD shall be owned by NeGD/MeitY and should not be utilized anywhere else and/or for any other work/organization without the explicit written permission of NeGD. However, NeGD will have no right on IP possessed by the expert before his empanelment with NeGD or for a work which he will do outside NeGD even during the empanelment period.

10. Conflict of Interest

The prospective consultants/experts who are engaged to prepare project documents or are engaged for more than a month would be required to give an undertaking that neither any conflict of interest exists on their part nor will they engage in any activity in future for a year which may result in conflict of interest. NeGD may terminate the short term engagement of experts/consultants in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

11. Right to Terminate the Process

- 11.1 NeGD may terminate the EOI process at any time without assigning any reason. NeGD makes no commitments, express or implied, that this process will result in a business transaction with anyone.
- 11.2 This EOI does not constitute an offer by NeGD.

Form 1: Snapshot of the Profile

SI. No.	Information Sought	Details to be Furnished
Α	Name & Address of the Applicant	
В	Gender	
С	Nationality	
D	No. of years of experience	
E	Brief of the experience	
F	Name of Current Organization	
G	Current Designation	
н	Current CTC	
I	Current Location	
J	Position Applied For	
К	Area of Expertise applied for	
L	Other Contact Details	
	Mobile No.	
	Email ID	
	Fax Nos.	

Form 2: Undertaking Format*

Sr. 1.1.1

[Insert Name], the undersigned, having [Insert Staff Number] acknowledge that as consultant << Name of the Company>>, I will be working as a external consultant on the project and Digital India team for the designated services).

In this regard, I confirm that I have fully read and understood all the terms and condition Non-Disclosure Agreement dated [•] ("Agreement") executed between << Name Company>> and the consultant XXXXX S/O XXXXXXXX. With effect from [Insert the effect of the NDA], I undertake to strictly abide by this undertaking and the Agreement.

- I will not remove or destroy any documents, data, files or working papers in whatsoev (including but not restricted to any in electronic form) in respect of the Services, with written consent of engagement Executive Director.
- In the event that I leave the employment of <<Name of The Company>> or my associati <<Name of the Company>> gets terminated, I will not discuss/ disclose thereaf Confidential Information with/ to any other party.
- I will deliver the work assigned to me on the agreed time frame and non-meeting the tengagement will be breach of condition and impact can be assessed under section XXYYZZ
- I understand that strict compliance with this undertaking and the Agreement is a conditio involvement with the Services and a breach hereof may be regarded as an infringemen terms of employment/ association with <<Name of the Company>>. I acknowledge that personally liable for any breach of this undertaking and/or the Agreement and t confidentiality obligations herein shall survive the tenure of my employment/ associati <<Name of the Company>>.

^{*}The undertaking will have to be signed by the shortlisted applicant at the time of engagement

Form 3: Format of CV for Professionals to be deployed in the Project

Sr.	Details				
1	Name of the Professional:				
2	Qualifications (Gra	aduation & al	ove only	'):	
3	Total years of wor	k experience	:		
4	Total years of rele	vant experie	nce:		
5	Key Expertise (e.g.	. Project Man	agement	, Surveys, Sta	atistical Analysis and Sampling, etc.
6	Languages Known	:			
7	Publications:				
8	Work history (curi	rent to past)			
8.a (Current				
	Designation:				
Organization:					
	Duration: From: DD/MM/YYYY To: D			To: DD/MM	/YYYY
	Key Job responsibilities: Only relevant experience to be listed				
	Projects handled	Role in the project	Client	Team Size (if any)	Deliverables of the Project
8.b	Previous				
Designation:					
	Organization:				
	Duration: From: DD/MM/YYYY To: DD/MN			To: DD/MM	/YYYY
	Key Job responsibilities: Only relevant experience to be listed				
	Projects handled	Role in the project	Client	Team Size (if any)	Deliverables of the Project
9	Any other (Certifications, trainings received etc)				

End of EOI Document
