

NATIONAL AIDS CONTROL ORGANIZATION

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CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) For Setting up State Training and Resource Centres (STRCs) to strengthen the capacity of Targeted Intervention projects under National AIDS Control Programme III

The Government of India has received Credit from the International Development Association and a grant from DFID in various currencies towards the cost of Third National HIV/AIDS Control Project (NACP-III) and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit/grant will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for which this invitation for expression of interest (EOI) is issued. The National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) is supporting the state programme. State AIDS Control Societies (SACS) implement the programmes in the states.

The objectives of NACP III to halt and reverse the epidemic of HIV/AIDS by 2012.

Targeted Interventions attempting to saturate the coverage of groups at high risk of getting HIV infection including bridge populations such as the truckers and migrants. NACO has decided to identify competent organizations/training institutes to become 'State Training and Resource Centers' (STRCs) to build capacity of partner organizations with various state AIDS Control Societies.

1. The States for which STRCs are to be set up are as follows:
 - 1) Uttarakhand (One STRC)
 - 2) Three STRCs for Uttar Pradesh for Eastern Zone, Central Zone and Bundelkhand region and Western Zone
 - 3) Assam, Tripura and Meghalaya (One STRC)
2. Interested organizations / institutions need to submit their respective Expression of Interest (EOI) for the same.
3. The STRC will be expected to do the following:
 - Manage logistics of and conduct high quality trainings for NGOs/CBOs etc.
 - Establish learning systems – e.g. hire staff with experience and support them administratively to conduct trainings
 - Carry out operational research as required
 - Develop learning sites
 - Develop pedagogy of learning/curricula
 - Assist State AIDS Control Societies with evaluations

The organisations applying for establishing STRC ,within their institute should have the following qualifications and experience:-

- Local presence in the state/region for which the EOI is being sent.
- The STRC will be selected from existing training institutes with *proven track record* of providing high quality training, and adequate infrastructure and experience in building the capacity of NGOs/CBOs/health sector functionaries. The organisation must have a substantial infrastructure to carry out series of trainings as designed by SACS/DACS and TSU in a professional manner.
- The institute should have commendable experience in conducting trainings for institutions and organizations.,
- Experience in health-related research and documentation will be an added advantage
- Experience with HIV prevention among high risk groups (through training or implementation) will be desirable.
- Institutions/organizations should be committed to supporting long term capacity building for SACS and their partners.
- Experience in developing state's capacity in building human resources

The EOI should be sent with the following details:

- Capability Statement which includes a profile of the lead organisation and any collaborating organisations, number of years of existence and details of previous partnerships, relevant technical and geographical experience, major clients, financial turnover and profitability for the last 3 financial years. Individual CVs are not required at this stage but the number and profile of key staff must be provided.
 - Explicit statement of which state/region is being applied for, along with details of any local experience with training NGOs, SACS, or other health agencies
4. A consultant 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 edition)*
 5. Interested institutions/ organisations may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (9.00 Hrs – 17.30 Hrs IST). Please note at this stage no technical and financial proposals are required. Based on the information submitted by the institution/ organisation in response to this request for EOI, NACO will prepare State/ Region wise Shortlist of 4-6 qualified institutions/ organisations who would later be issued Request For Proposal (RFP) Document.
 6. Expression of Interest must be delivered to the address above by 17.00 Hrs (IST) on 15th July, 2010 by post/ courier only. Any application with inadequate information and received after the closing date will not be considered. The above EOI is also available for reference at NACO website.

Any application with inadequate information and received after the closing date will not be considered. The EOI should be as concise and focused as possible to give evidence of the above requirements and should in no case be longer than 5 pages, including the capability statement, organisation profiles and statement of relevant experience.

EOIs should be sent to **the Assistant Director General, TI Division, NACO, 6th Floor, Chandralok Building, 36 Janpath, New Delhi, 110001** to arrive not later than 17.00 Hrs by **6th August, 2010**. Only organisations, which are short listed based on the evaluation of the EOI, will be contacted and invited to submit detailed proposals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on NACP, interested bidders are referred to our website
<http://www.nacoonline.org>

Canvassing for further information beyond that specifically made available would potentially lead to disqualification

