

**National Project Implementation Unit (NPIU), Director General of Training (DGT),  
Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India**

**Skills Strengthening For Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE)  
[IDA Credit No. 5965-IN]**

**Request for Expression of Interest**

**Notification No. DGT-35(4)/Gender Study-Strive/2018-NPIU**

**Consulting Services for Conducting Gender Study to Identify Constraints on Female Participation in Skills Training and Labor Market in India**

The Government of India has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement [STRIVE] Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The duration of the consulting services [“the Services”] assignment is expected to be 5 [five] months, and includes the following key objectives:

1. Documenting and analyzing constraints faced by women in joining Industrial Training Institutes [ITIs], apprenticeships, labour market, etc.
2. Documenting and analyzing challenges faced by ITIs in enrolling female trainees
3. Identifying demand and supply side interventions required to improve female participation in ITIs and apprenticeships, and their transition to the labor market.
4. Recommending measures for effective utilization of RVTIs and NVTI infrastructure to improve women representation in skill training.
5. Identifying existing and new skill training areas for women beyond traditional female oriented fields to provide high wage employment opportunities for women.

The National Project Implementation Unit [NPIU] of the Ministry of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship [MSDE] of the Government of India now invites eligible consulting firms [“Consultants”] to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- a. The firm should be a registered entity and in the business from last 10 years.
- b. The firm must provide information indicating that they are qualified to deliver the services (brochures, experience in similar conditions, general qualifications and experience, number of key staff appropriate for the assignment, quality accreditation details, financial turnover, etc.).
- c. The firm must mention separately the turnover of the firm and turnover from activities relating to conducting market surveys on gender based and other similar

- social work studies for each of the last three years, i.e., 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17.
- d. The firm should have successfully completed at least 3 relevant projects in the past five years for National/State level government projects, preferably supported by bilateral or multilateral agencies in conducting qualitative and quantitative research on gender based and other similar social work studies, with relevant experience in all supporting activities.
  - e. The set of the document must not exceed 100 pages and the compliance to the shortlisting criteria must be supported by relevant documentary proofs.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers* dated January 2011 [revised July 2014] ["Consultant Guidelines"], setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection [QCBS] method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address given below during office hours from 10.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs. An indicative TOR may be downloaded from <http://www.dgt.gov.in/upload/files/5b0e5f8babd24ToRSTRIVE.pdf>

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form (hard copy format) to the address given below through registered post/speed post/by hand within 15 days of release of advertisement (EoI) on Central Public Procurement Portal, i.e., by 26-06-2018, 17:00 hours.

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