

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

A Non-Leather Footwear Training cum Production Centre was setup at Udaipur by North Eastern Institute of Science & Technology, Jorhat in collaboration with Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, Tripura State Council for Science & Technology and Udaipur Nagar Panchayet in order develop the skills to meet the present and future human resource requirements in footwear production sectors and to encourage entrepreneurs to setup leather based industries and also to meet up the demand of non-leather footwear in the local area, primarily for the children footwear. The physical facilities set up at the centre are suitable for providing high-end training and production of leather and non-leather based footwear and other allied products.

In order to ensure to provide training of high caliber and meeting the requirements of the industry, the Tripura State Council for Science & Technology desires to involve a private sector partner, as Training Service Provider cum Producer (TSPP). The TSPP will be involved in the operation of the institute in terms of training as well as in production in Public Private Partnership mode. The TSPP would identify the youth (both tribal and non-tribal) to be trained, provide training and ensure employment of the trained youth. It would be the responsibility of the TSPP to appoint and pay the faculty. The TSPP will be free to introduce different courses/training modules duly approved by any of the Central/State Government organization like DGE&T, NSIC, ITI etc.

The Tripura State Council for Science & Technology through this EOI invites private sector parties to act as TSPP for a contract period of 3 years. The terms of reference for the proposed Training Service Provider cum Producer (TSPP) would be as follows:

1. There will be a single TSPP for the centre who will have the responsibility to provide training as well as the production.
2. Interested parties may visit the centre at Udaipur before submission of the EOI.
3. The facility would be open to all and TSPP would be allowed intake of both tribal and non-tribal youth without any restrictions. The TSPP has to ensure to make admission of sufficient number of students per batch. Necessary expenditure for advertisement etc. for making admissions has to be borne by TSPP.
4. It would be the responsibility of the TSPP to identify and motivate the tribal and non-tribal youth to take up training in the institute. The youth to be trained would be preferably 10th pass. The age group of the trainees would be 15 yrs. to 40 yrs.

5. The TSCST will hand over the centre with existing facilities to the TSPP on fixed yearly rental basis. All the expenditures to be incurred for operation and maintenance of the centre will have to be borne by the TSPP.
6. The TSPP will take permission of TSCST before installing any equipment or any other facility in addition to the existing ones.
7. The contract period for the TSPP would be 3 years which would start from the date of handing over of the facilities to the TSPP.
8. The TSPP will have to indicate annual budget for capital and operations expenses, proposed operation plan with production capacity as well as the training programs with the required training fees to be offered in the Expression of Interest for approval.
9. In order to ensure quality of training provided, the TSP will have to ensure 100% placement of trainees for a period of minimum one year for all those trainees who have taken training.
10. The minimum amount of emoluments the trainee should have on successful completion of training for a period of twelve months is Rs.5000/-.
11. The training delivery includes ensuring employment to the trainee as per the stipulations indicated above. The training delivery also includes self-employment of the trainee, if the trainee so desires. The TSPP will provide the following support to the trainee for taking up self employment:
 - Workshop facility will be provided free of cost to the budding entrepreneur trained by TSPP
 - Provide support in preparation of loan application/ project report for bank loan; loan follow-up; application and follow-up for government formalities like subsidy benefits, etc.
 - The TSPP will provide support to the trainee desiring self-employment in establishing forward (market, etc) and backward (raw material supply, finance, etc.) linkages for their proposed enterprise for a period of three years from the date of commercial production.

12. The TSPP shall purchase all the consumables required for providing the training.
13. The TSPP shall arrange, coordinate and pay to the outside visiting faculty from NIFT/ NID or any other expert for providing training inputs.
14. The day to day repair and maintenance of the equipment, building and other facilities created in the campuses will be the responsibility of the TSPP.

4.0 Eligibility Criteria

The Bidders should have experience of production of leather and non-leather footwear items as well as other allied products for the last 10 years having annual turn over of Rs. 20 lakhs. Preference will be given who are willing to fulfilling the criteria mentioned above would be short-listed for further tendering process:

4.1 Evaluation of Proposals

Evaluation shall be carried out based on the above parameters and the data and documents provided by the interested Bidders in support of their claims. The

The Approach Paper should also include, among other aspects, the following:

- Yearly rental of the centre for utilizing the infrastructure, equipments etc.
- Strategy to provide training and employment to the youth in the Leather Industry
- Arrangement for qualified and experienced training faculty at the Campus.
- Suggestions to improve the Terms of Reference and Scope of Work for better effectiveness
- A quick assessment manpower requirement in leather and non-leather product related industry as employees and entrepreneurs.