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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) for

Rapid Assessment of ART Centres for Implementation of Airborne Infection Control Guidelines

Ref: SAMS/NACP/EOI/RA-ART/2016/02

- Dated: 15th June, 2016
- 1. The Government of India has received Grant from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) to meet a portion of the cost of the NACP-IV and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this Grant will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for which this Request for Expression of Interest is issued. The NACP-IV is supported by various donor partners viz. World Bank, GFATM and other donor partners, including funds of Govt. of India. The NACP-IV is being implemented by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and State / UT / District AIDS Control Societies (SACS) in 39 States/UTs of India.
- 2. NACO has plans to enhance the strategies to improve air borne infection control measures at 527 ART centre in Country as per recommendations made in the "Guidelines on Airborne Infection Control in Healthcare and other settings April, 2010" issued by MoHFW, Govt. of India. An "ART Assessment Tool" has been developed to capture information related to airborne infection control measures implemented and gaps, if any. The Assessment Tool can be viewed at the link http://naco.gov.in/NACO/.
- 3. The Assessment Tool is being piloted in select ART Centres and the finalized Assessment Tool shall be shared with all ART Centres to fill the tool and send it back to NACO. The filled Assessment Tool is required to be analysed by an Agency and the Assessment Report covering strategies in place and those yet to be implemented (vis-a-vis recommendations given in the Guidelines) at individual ART Centres and requirement of goods, works and services to be procured. The Agency may be required to make a visit to min. 50 ART Centres to validate the information filled in the Assessment Tool.
- 4. Strategic Alliance Management Services Pvt. Ltd. (SAMS) acting as Procurement Agent on behalf of National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), MoHFW, Government of India now invites eligible consultant organizations to indicate their interest in conducting Rapid Assessment of ART Centres for Implementation of Airborne Infection Control Guidelines based on the Assessment Tool and visit to select ART Centres for validation as above.
- 5. The EoI should be sent along with capability statement, demonstrating that the consultant organization and associating organization (as the case may be) have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services, including a profile of the lead organization and collaborating /associating organizations (if any), number of years of experience in conducting similar assignments, details of similar assignments (ongoing or completed) during last 5 financial years, financial turnover of last three financial years, availability of in-house key skills and experience (individual CVs are not required at this stage).
- 6. The shortlisting criteria shall be as follows:
 - (a) The consultant organisation and associating organization (as the case may be) should have completed at least 3 similar assignments in social sector in India, preferably in public health, TB and HIV/AIDS.
 - (b) The consultant organization and associating organization (as the case may be) should have overall experience in conducting similar assignments for last 3 years as on the due date of submission of EOI.
 - (c) The consultant organization and associating organization (as the case may be) should have in-house availability of key skills and experience in conducting Hospital Waste management/ infection prevention / environmental assessment.
 - (d) The consultant organization and associating organization (as the case may be) should have achieved average turnover of at least Rs. 50 Lakh during last three Financial Years.
- 7. Any EOI with inadequate information and those which do not meet the above criteria or received after the closing date will not be considered. EOI should be as concise and as focused as possible to give evidence of the above requirements.
- 8. The consultants will be selected in accordance with the "Combined-Quality-Cum-Cost Based System" (CQCCBS) and procedures set out in the 'General Financial Rule 2005' and 'Manual of Policies and Procedure of Employment of Consultants' issued by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.
- 9. The EoIs should be mailed (hard or soft copy) to the address mentioned above so as to arrive no later than 17.00 hrs on July 07, 2016. Only the shortlisted consultants shall be later invited to submit detailed technical and financial proposals.