

**Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)for  
Partnership with the Center of Excellence on  
Technology and Innovation in Education in the  
State of Chhattisgarh**

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## **Executive Overview**

Chhattisgarh Infotech Promotion Society (CHiPS) is the nodal agency and prime mover for propelling IT growth & implementation of the IT & e-Governance projects in the State of Chhattisgarh. The Chief Minister heads the High Powered Governing Council of CHiPS. It includes Minister for Finance & Commercial Taxes, Minister for Commerce & Industry, Minister for Education, Minister for Panchayat & Rural Development, Chief Secretary, eminent persons from IT industry and a representative from the Ministry of Information Technology in Government of India.

CHiPS is involved in implementation of some mega IT Projects like e-District, e-Procurement, SWAN, GIS, DBT, Bastar Net, CPMU etc. A professional approach is being adopted for the implementation of IT Projects using the services of e-governance experts and consultants from corporates and academia.

CHiPS, Government of Chhattisgarh has initiated the Virtual Education Scheme with funding support from MEITY, Government of India. The project envisages leveraging technology to improve student-learning outcomes, assisting teachers through ICT enabled classrooms, building teachers capacity using online and offline platforms for teacher training, creating and providing digital content for the entire education system and support the District-State administration with relevant, accurate and timely data to inform policy decisions. The project will look at School Education, Higher Education, Technical Education and Vocational Education.

The Scheme offers to set up a learning management system which will provide content mapped with the state syllabus to be used by teachers and students. The project is coupled with ICT at schools scheme which has a focus on secondary and higher secondary schools. The Learning Management System will further be extended to colleges, vocational institutes and ITIs.

CHiPS propose to set up a Centre of Excellence on Innovation and Technology in Education to manage the execution of this Scheme.

### **1. Project Objective and Operation Framework**

**The Scheme will aim to achieve the following:-**

- a) Increase learning outcomes in secondary and higher secondary schools through ICT enabled interventions and further extend functionalities for colleges, vocational institutions, ITIs.
- b) Build scalable models for teacher training in both offline and online formats
- c) Build and deploy an online and offline learning platform to provide access to digital teaching-learning material, facilitate integration for 3rd party applications and create a one stop shop for all education related needs of Chhattisgarh.
- d) Provide digital content mapped to the State curriculum through an online learning platform.
- e) Creating a culture of Data driven decision making by looking at measurable parameters such as student learning levels, time logged, regular assessments, etc; provide dashboards at all levels of administration.
- f) Set up a Centre of Excellence which will own and operate the learning platform and scale the project through online and offline formats.
- g) Pilot and scale EdTech innovations through the Centre of Excellence.
- h) Design future interventions and policy based on relevant, accurate and timely data provided through the Learning Management System.
- i) Design for scale: Build, test and iterate different Hardware, Software and ICT Deployment models and present respective outcomes.

**It is with this background that this Expression of Interest (EOI) is being invited. This Document covers the scope of work of the proposed project, and outlines the broad framework within which CHiPS invites COE Partner's to submit their EOI.**

CHiPS reserves the rights to decide upon Partnership's to one or more than one Partner. CHiPS also reserves right to decide mode of Partnership. (i.e. Paid, Free, Development Partnership etc).

CHiPS reserves the right not to issue the Invitation-to-Tender (ITT) or accept or reject any or all the offers at any stage of the process and/ or modify the process without assigning any reason whatsoever. This notice does not in any manner impose any legal obligations on CHiPS or confer any rights on any other party in respect of the contents herein. Any contractual obligations or rights shall always be subject to a final and binding written contract executed between CHiPS and the party claiming such contractual obligations or rights.

CHIPS has the sole discretion to accept or reject any of the submissions without assigning any reasons. Responses submitted through Agents / Intermediaries will not be considered.

**1.1 SCOPE OF THE WORK** The CoE will own and drive the project outcomes and will be set up to ensure the long-term sustenance of the project. The CoE will focus on the following for the first year and will expand its scope of activities in the next year:

1. **Education Leadership and Innovation**
2. **Education Technology**
  - Create, curate and license e-content
  - Mapping of e-content to curriculum
  - Provide training on use of technology
3. Secure human resource, hardware, content and software licenses etc.
4. Undertake research studies directly or through partners on interventions
5. Bring in partnerships (Knowledge, Funding, Implementation)
6. Raise funds internally by leveraging Government schemes or through CSR, Foundations, etc.
7. Invite innovations and engage with start-ups for piloting new ideas
8. Undertake special related initiatives
9. Disseminate COE interventions and results
10. **Strengthen Schools and other centres of Learning**
  - Teaching and learning assessment
  - Interventions based on Data
  - Quality assurance
  - Change management
  - Capacity building
  - Monitoring and reporting
  - Commissioning external support

For further clarifications (if any), please contact “CEO CHIPS, State Data Centre, Raipur Chhattisgarh.

## **2. Invitation**

Expression of Interest is hereby invited from interested entities to associate with CHIPS as a Centre of Excellence (CoE) Partner for the Implementation of Virtual Education Scheme.

## **3. Eligibility & Evaluation Criteria**

- 3.1 The Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited from organisations which meet the following eligibility criteria:

- a) The entity submitting the offers should be a Start-ups/Profit/Non-Profit Organizations in any Government (Central/ State/ UT's) in India.
- b) The entity could be a public or private Academic institution, Start-up (at least 6 months old), Educational content provider, Educational service provider, research centre, think tanks, Foundations, Non-Profit bodies, multilateral or bilateral agencies, aid agencies, operating in the space of Education, Technology, Research, Curriculum development, Innovation in Education, development initiatives or similar areas. The entity could have headquarters in India or abroad.
- c) Entity should be able to demonstrate their experience in the specified areas by submitting:
  - i) Details of projects undertaken in the education sector. The details should give a year wise break up of number of projects done, impact achieved, budget utilised and number of students/teachers/beneficiaries targeted along with brief details of the various projects.
  - ii) Details of previous partnerships. The details should include: Name of partner, Contact details, Nature of partnership, Project Outcomes, any other relevant information.
  - iii) Documented Success Stories
  - iv) 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Evaluations/Reports/Research Paper Published
- d) The entity must not have been declared insolvent/ bankrupt or should not have filed for insolvency/ bankruptcy or in the process of being declared bankrupt before any designated authority.
- e) The entity should not have been blacklisted by any of the State/Central Government or organizations of the State/Central Government in India in the past three years.
- f) A power of attorney / Board resolution in the name of the person signing the EoI (Partnership) by Entity.
- g) The entity should have valid Registration Certificate, Service Tax Registration Certificate or PAN. Documentary evidence of any of the above must be submitted.

#### 4. Documents/Details to be submitted

The EOI shall be submitted in the format given hereunder along with the necessary documents/certificates in support of the eligibility criteria specified therein.

#### 5. Submission of EOI

- 5.1 Interested entities shall submit their Expression of Interest in the specified format at any time, through email to the following mail id:  
Email ID: ceochips@nic.in
- 5.2 The subject of the email EoI should be "Response to EoI :CoE/CHiPS/EOI/2017"
- 5.3 Interested entities would be also required to submit hard copy of proposal documents as a spiral bound book (signed and stamped on all pages) and would send it to the below mentioned address:

To,  
CEO-CHIPS  
State Data Centre Building, Near Police Control Room,  
Civil Lines, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001  
Tel.: +91-771-4014158

- 5.4 The Envelope should contain the heading as: "RESPONSE TO EOI FORCOE- 2017-18 :CoE/CHiPS/EOI/2017"
- 5.5 Applications will be screened and partners will be confirmed on a rolling basis until December 2017.

## **6. Evaluation Process**

- 6.1 The proposals so received will be evaluated by the Technical Committee constituted by CHIPS. One to one discussions will be carried out with each shortlisted proposer by the Executive Committee. Broad terms and conditions will be finalized and a Memorandum of Understanding will be entered with the selected proposer.
- 6.2 The signing of MOU will entitle the entities for the project to be partners to the CoE without any other formality for selection.
- 6.3 Any further details or clarifications needed will be given by the Contact Person specified herein

## **7. Other Relevant Information**

- 7.1 There is no fee for participating in this Eol.
- 7.2 Please note that this is not a Request for Proposal (RFP). The evaluation of the proposals will be done by an Executive Committee constituted by CHIPS, whose decision shall be final.
- 7.3 CHIPS reserves the right to accept or reject the Eol from any applicant without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- 7.4 The Expression of Interest submitted by the proposer shall be valid for a minimum period of 180 days.
- 7.5 CHIPS may ask for any other information from the proposers during the process of screening.
- 7.6 Any amendments/addition/correction to the Eol will be published through the website which will be binding as if it is contained in this Eol.
- 7.7 For the new ventures and innovative proposals, the eligibility criteria may be relaxed by the Executive Committee depending on the quality of the proposal. The decision of the Executive Committee in this regard will be final.

## **8. Contact Person**

For any further details or clarifications, please contact :  
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## Format for Expression of Interest

(To be submitted in the letter head of the entity by a person authorised by the board of director or equivalent appropriate authority)

Date:

To,

The CEO,  
Chhattisgarh Infotech Promotional Society,  
SDC Building, Near Police Control Room,  
Civil Lines Raipur- 492 001 (Chhattisgarh)

Dear Sir,

Ref. : Expression of Interest for setting up of Centre of Excellence CoE/CHiPS/EOI/2017

Sir,

We, the undersigned, are hereby submitting below our Expression of Interest for the Aforementioned project, which includes Technical Information.

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

| S.No | Information Sought                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Details to be Furnished |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1    | Name and full address of the Company/Trust/Society/NGOs(Attach self attested copy registration certificate, Incorporation and constitution document)<br>-Year of Establishment<br>-Date of Registration                                         |                         |
| 2    | Details of registration with appropriate authorities for service tax, TDS                                                                                                                                                                       |                         |
| 3    | Name, Address, email, Phone nos. and Mobile Number of Contact Person                                                                                                                                                                            |                         |
| 4    | <b>Project Proposal</b><br>(Attach a brief proposal detailing the nature of association proposed; model of operation; broad financial terms proposed; support expected from CHIPS; duration of association; terms and conditions proposed etc.) |                         |
| 5    | Demonstrated Experience in the specified Areas:<br><br>i) Details of projects undertaken in the education sector. The                                                                                                                           |                         |

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|   | <p>details should give a year wise break up of number of projects done, impact achieved, budget utilised and number of students/teachers/beneficiaries targeted along with brief details of the various projects.</p> <p>ii) Details of previous partnerships. The details should include: Name of partner, Contact details, Nature of partnership, Project Outcomes, any other relevant information.</p> <p>iii) Documented Success Stories</p> <p>iv) 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Evaluations/Reports/Research Paper Published</p> |  |
| 6 | Extent and nature of International presence, if any                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| 7 | Details of officers within India, if any.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| 8 | Any other credentials in the subject area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| 9 | Acceptance to the terms and conditions of EOI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |

I/We hereby declare that all the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and accept that any of our misrepresentations contained in it may lead to our disqualification.

I/We hereby declare that our company has not been debarred / black listed by any Government / Semi Government organizations. I further certify that I am the competent authority in my company authorized to make this declaration.

I/We hereby acknowledge the right of the CHIPS to reject our Application without assigning any reason or otherwise and hereby waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, our right to challenge the same on any account whatsoever.



**Yours sincerely,**

Authorized Signatory [In full and initials]:

Name and Title of Signatory:

| Company Seal