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IDENTIFYING A PARTNER FOR TIE-UP WITH INFORMATION KERALA MISSION
FOR E-GOVERNANCE PROJECTS

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Background

Information Kerala Mission is the project set up by government for implementing e-governance in the 1223 local governments and related offices of Kerala.

The project is currently being rolled out across the local governments. Initial 2 phases of rollout is complete, and further deployments have been initiated.

At the same time, the Government of India had funded a consultancy service for preparing a detailed project report for comprehensive e-governance in the Corporation of Cochin. The DPR specifies implementing an enterprise level application comprehensively covering all aspects of governance in the Corporation. Application modules of IKM does not exist for some areas such as solid waste management / fleet management and e-prouement. Moreover the security and integration between various modules of IKM software need to be improved to meet the enterprise level requirements.

In this context a partnership with a software service provider agency is planned, mainly for partnering in the tender for e-governance at Corporation of Cochin, and also for overall improvement of the technical capabilities of the mission team and if necessary, extending the tie-up for more activities/ locations.

Scope

Corporation of Cochin is floating a tender for indentifying a service provider for the e-governance implementation under JnNURM project. The Government of Kerala has recommended that IKM may also participate in the tender. To meet the complete requirements of e-governance implementation under JnNURM by IKM, it requires an external partnership or to be a member of a consortium for participating in the tender.

The partner should be able to provide support to IKM to build on its core domain strengths and improve its capabilities in areas of software development. The main stress shall be on improving the technical capability of the IKM team in managing the new technology areas identified.

Qualifying conditions for the partner

The firm interested in partnering with IKM should meet the following qualifying criteria:

- i) The firm should be associated with Government of India / Kerala for ongoing projects or completed projects with continuing support. It would be an added advantage if the firm has DGS&D rate contract for their product and services.
- ii) The firm should have experience in e-governance implementation in Municipal Corporations in India
- iii) The firm should have flexibility in technology such as system software requirements suiting both open source and proprietary system, and is platform independent.

- iv) The firm should be willing to share source code with IKM as part of the e-governance application development and deployment.
- v) The firm should have technology readily available for integrating as many of IKM application software as presently being used in LSGIs, so that new application development is minimal.
- vi) The firm should commit to supporting and developing IKM as a knowledge centre / centre of excellence / software development associate for e-governance application development.

Submitting Expression of Interest and selection

The reply response should include the following.

1. Name of ERP Solution Offered.
2. Whether OWN or Service Provider or Implementing Agency?
3. Whether Rate Contract Available? Number, Validity and rate details.
4. Different Databases, OS Platforms, and Application Environments (proprietary industry standard systems and Free OPEN Source category) integrated and supported by the ERP Solution Offered.
5. Number of ERP Modules and DBs integrated in Solutions delivered in Local Self Government Applications (eGovernance Applications) delivered /deployed.

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The short listed / selected firms, based on their Eol, may be called for a detailed presentation before a committee or informed of the acceptance of their offer.

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