

Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Assignment Title: Survey on Smart Social Circles and Citizen Capacity Building

Assignment No: ICTA/GOSL/CON/QCBS/2016/112

Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA) functions under the purview of Ministry of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure is the apex government agency for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Sri Lanka which has been mandated to take all necessary measures to implement the Government's Policy and Action Plan in relation to ICT.

With the aim of improving the usage of digital technologies especially in the rural based communities, ICTA commenced the implementation of Smart Social Circle (SSC) project which mainly focuses on improving the ICT capacities of citizens, and promoting the adoption of digital services across the country. Particularly, the project will also support to improve the best use of ICT technologies in order to create collaboration among citizens and create productive partnerships between citizens, civil society organizations, private sector and government organizations.

As part of the Monitoring and Evaluation approach, ICTA intends to conduct an evaluation /assessment to collect required data/information to measure the progress so far made towards achieving the expected outcomes of the project. Based on the findings, the consultant is expected to recommend and should take corrective actions for improving the performance of project implementation and results. The evaluation requires to analyze the entire project cycle including the design, implementation approaches and results. The evaluation will also focus on identifying key factors affecting to the project impact and sustainability. Further, the evaluation should identify potential partnership arrangements with government and non-governmental organizations including public private partnerships (PPP), collaborations with civil society organizations to ensure the sustainability of the results.

ICTA now invites Expressions of Interests (EOIs) from eligible consultants (firms) that are willing to undertake this assignment. EOI must include requested information as specified in the "EOI Information Form" along with documentary evidence in support of core business and years in business, financial strength/standing, qualifications in the field of assignment, experience in carrying out assignments of a similar nature and complexity, technical and managerial organization of the firm, technical capabilities and appropriate skills of key staff of the organization and other relevant information

The "Terms of Reference" and "EOI Information Form" documents are now available at ICTA for further information. Interested parties may download these documents from the website <u>http://www.icta.lk/procurement/.</u> Consultants (firms) will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Government Guidelines: Selection & Employment of Consultants

following Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS). All interested parties are informed that all documentations shall be in English Language.

Interested consultants may obtain further information from Mr. Gamini Karunaratne, Director, Procurement, ICTA by contacting via Phone: +94 11 2369099, Fax: +94 11 2369091 and -email: procurement@icta.lk.

Expressions of Interest including all requested information must be delivered no later than **1500 hrs** on **September 13, 2017** either: (i) electronically to; <u>procurement@icta.lk</u> or (ii) hand delivered or (iii) by post to the address; Director- Procurement, C/o, Chairperson, ICTA, 2nd Floor, 160/24, Kirimandala Mawatha, Colombo 05, Sri Lanka.

Envelope containing the Expressions of Interest and subject field of e-mail should be marked "Expressions of Interest to Conduct Survey on Smart Social Circles and Citizen Capacity Building - ICTA/GOSL/CON/QCBS/2016/112".

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