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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Information Technology Department - Establishment of SITMA at Technopark campus, Thiruvananthapuram - Engagement of Ed.CIL, as consultant - Orders Issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS)No. 139/99/ITD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 1.10.99

Read: (1) G.O.(MS) 83/98/ID. Dated 25/5/98.
(2) G.O.(MS)84/99/ITD. Dated 29/5/99.

ORDER

Government of Kerala have approved the establishment of a School for Information Technology and Management (SITMA) at Technopark in Thiruvananthapuram. The project envisages establishment of institute in two phases.

Phase-I Establishment of interim campus, utilising existing vacant place in Technopark and launch of masters programmes and various short term professional courses in the academic year 2000-2001 and;

Phase-II Establishment of the permanent campus at Technopark, and creation of requisite facilities. (The land requirement for the project is estimated to be approximately 10 acres and project cost Rs.30 crores.)

2. In pursuance of this objective, Government have constituted an Empowered Committee to advise on modalities of implementation and mandated to exercise necessary powers of Government for early operationalisation of the School.

3. In the context of the State Governments' intent to launch the School in the coming academic year and the concept plan developed in the Project Report, the Empowered Committee had held interactions with State Governments which have set up similar Institutes of Information Technology and the Ministry of Human Resource Development. In the background of these interactions and the consensus that appropriate institutional and professional support would be a critical prerequisite for timely implementation of the project, the Committee has recommended that Educational Consultants India Limited (Ed.CIL), which is an agency of the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, and which has assisted in the establishment of the Institutes of Information Technology (IIT) in other states, may be retained as Consultants for setting up the first phase of the Institute on a turnkey basis.

4. The Committee have accordingly forwarded a detailed technical and financial proposal from Ed.CIL in this regard. The proposal essentially envisages the following.

1. Ed.CIL shall assist the Government of Kerala in establishment and interim management of the Institute and shall extend requisite advisory and support services thereto, till such time as a full-fledged Director and Board of Governance are appointed and an independent institutional plan developed for the School.

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2. The scope of services for Ed.CIL shall cover specifically;

- a) Setting up of the temporary premises of the Institute at Technopark for launch of the academic programmes
- b) Procurement of computers and establishment of laboratories
- c) Assistance in selection of the Director and faculty
- d) Conduct of All India Entrance Examinations for admission and;
- e) Development of detailed institutional and academic plans.

5. Additionally, Ed.CIL shall actively facilitate in the establishment of industry linkages and development of financial plan for the Institute. To discharge these functions, Ed.CIL shall constitute a dedicated project implementation team within the organisation.

6. The technical and financial proposal of Ed.CIL and the recommendations of the Empowered Committee have been examined. Accordingly, Government are pleased to approve the appointment of Ed.CIL as consultants for establishing Phase -I of SITMA on a turnkey basis on the terms and conditions indicated in the proposal, subject to the following observations.

1. The scope of services indicated in para 4(2) are hereby approved. The services of the Consultant in Phase -II shall however be retained as optional, to be decided by Government at a future date.
2. Ed.CIL shall ensure the association of eminent experts in development of the curriculum and academic plans.
3. In the event of retention of services of Ed.CIL for the IInd phase, estimates for engineering consultancy/project management shall be negotiated in line with Architectural Council of India and other relevant norms.
4. Ed.CIL shall prepare a comprehensive plan within 10 days from the award of contract.

7. With regard to the financial offer in respect of items 2,3&4 specified in the agency's proposal namely, Selection of Director and faculty, Procurement of computers and Conduct of Entrance Examinations, the Committee shall further negotiate with Ed.CIL and submit a revised proposal.

(By Order of the Governor)

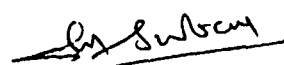
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