

EMPANELMENT POLICY FOR TRTI ESDP SCHEME-2018

Introduction:

Tribal Research and Training Institute an arm of Tribal Development Dept. Govt. of Maharashtra is implementing various capacity building and research oriented projects for the welfare of tribal in Maharashtra since its inception in 1964. The Institute also has mandate to coordinate the efforts of Caste Validity Certificate Committees (CVCCs) set up across the State in 8 District HQs. These are future regional centres of TRTI with spread of tentacles through empaneled village level service providers for tribal welfare.

The Institute is also implementing the Forests Rights Act (FRA) - 2006 and Community Forest Rights- (CFR) for the creation of sustainable livelihood opportunities for traditionally forest dwelling tribal families and ensuring the income sources to local bodies through ownership of assets resulting in strengthening as per the provision of constitution.

Background:

The Institute has been entrusted with the responsibility to develop entrepreneurship and skills across potential industry sectors among the tribal youth since 2018-19. The GR dated March 6th 2018 elaborates the process and the activities for the same and award of work contracts to all those individuals and institutions eager to contribute in tribal welfare is in process. The scheme titled is Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Project (ESDP)-2018 being planned, coordinated and monitored by TRTI with the empaneled Training Institutes titled as Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs). The scheme is getting evolved since last 7-8 months and an attempt is being made to align the national level policies and requirements for entrepreneurship and skill development domain relevant to tribal welfare in Maharashtra. This has resulted in different categories of the projects within the scheme like Regular-SDP, Innovative-ESDP and Special-ESDP & Research Projects.

Need:

The TRTI being headquartered in Pune and near the commercial capital of the nation, its visibility, work, professionals and agencies associated with it mostly are from Pune/Mumbai. Whereas the tribal population is penetrated in descending order from Nagpur, Amravati, Nashik, Mumbai, Aurangabad and Pune. The western Maharashtra has least representation of tribal population in the overall state % of 9.35 of total population.

Hence TRTI Pune is attempting to empanel institutes/individuals as prospective Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs)/Expert Individuals who are willing to work with TRTI Pune without any obligation on TRTI to off-load the work or if it is to be off-loaded this will be subjected to the due process.

Objectives:

1. To develop institutional mechanism all over the state with the help of empaneled service providers
2. To ensure the uniform spread of service providers across the state proportionate to prevalence of tribal population
3. To ensure wider outreach and penetration till village/pada level for tribal developmental activities
4. To strengthen development sector in tribal welfare by uniform distribution of work contracts in physical and financial terms
5. To weed out agencies and individuals with overlapping multiple roles and resorting to profiteering rather than rendering professional services and profit making.
6. To develop robust network of different category institutions and individuals with strong work ethics, integrity and common good approach for the welfare of tribal.

Categories:

Based on the ESDP Scheme categories and the requirement of various services by TRTI, the service providers have been categorized as Institutional and Individual. This also facilitates participation of those without own/rented infrastructure & registered business entity to get involved and contribute for tribal welfare.

Sr. No.	ESDP Category	Unique Features/Requirement	Empanelment Categories	Eligibility Criteria
1.	Regular-SDP	Training infrastructures, Modules, Assessment & Certification as per Common Norms Committee Guidelines & ESDP-2015 MSD&E-Gol	Training Institutes under NSDC/SSC & SSDS, SVEBs, NOUs etc.	1.Respective affiliations 2. Three years old Col 3.Placement tie-up collaboration 4.On-line tracking mechanism
2.	Innovative-ESDP	1.All institutions who do not have affiliation/s but are into income generation interventions for tribal through entrepreneurship/micro enterprise/livelihood promotion 2. Association with Minor Forest Produce (MFP), tribal handicraft, local skills enhancement activities etc. 3.Commitment to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) relevant to tribal development	1.Institutions and NGOs, 2.Educational Groups-AICTE/UGC 3.R & D ,Technology centres 4.Corporate group with plan of ancillarization through self-employment/micro enterprise creation 5. Accredited individuals for Income Generation Activities (IGAs.) 6.Centre for entrepreneurship developments (CEDs) 7.Technical Consultancy Organizations (TCOs) 8.Rural Self-Employment Training Institutes under Lead Banks (RSETIs) All those Govt/Private/NGO sector entities with Entrepreneurship mandate	1.Education institutes with ED Cell 2.Trained faculty through FDPs under NSTEDB,DST
3.	Special-SDP/ESDP	One corporate entity , one sector, one location needing skilled manpower of 750 and above either for captive recruitment OR creation	1. Corporate entity with captive manpower requirement. 2.Corporate entity with need of self-employers/Professionals	

		of self-employment ventures	for expansion/diversification 3. Corporate entity with full-fledged entrepreneurship development cell	
4.	Research – ESDP	All projects which necessarily do not create income generation but address other areas of SDGs relevant to tribal welfare.	1. Expert Individuals 2. One Person Companies 3. All institutes in development sector with tribal mandate.	
5.	Special Tribal Events like Festivals/Exhibitions/Tribal Day etc.	All activities within the mandate of TRTI and smooth implementation of the same.	1. Expert Individuals 2. One Person Companies 3. All institutes in development sector with tribal mandate.	
6.	Project on continuous live webcast and on-line courses.	1. There will be 140 tribal themes/topics on which films are proposed to be shot 2. TRTI U Tube channel shall broadcast the same with User ID/Password	1. Subject Matter Experts in 140 pre-identified topics 2. Film makers 3. Content Developers etc. 4. Content Writers	

Enforcement and Applicability:

The Empanelment Policy TRTI-2018 comes into force with immediate effect from the date of display on the website as well as with retrospective effect to all those service providers in above categories of the projects having granted the financial assistance.

Process:

1. The prospective individual or institutional service provider shall submit one A/4 size concept note as letter of intent and seek the empanelment registration form from TRTI Pune the concept note can be mailed to esdp.trti@gmail.com this is continuous open ended process without any last date which will be applicable only for submission of business proposals for financial assistance.
2. The Sub-Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Dy. Director for conduct of PPTs shall scrutinize the documents, call for clarifications, additional information and recommend the recognition. In case of projects related to research, museum, exhibitions & special events, the Sub-Committee will also be involving either respective HoD or outside experts as deem fit by the Commissioner TRTI Pune

Mechanism:

The empaneled entities in individual or institutional capacity shall submit the proposals within the timeline mentioned in notification and press notes, advertisements etc. as per standard formats displayed on T-ambition portal and follow due process for seeking financial assistance from TRTI Pune.

Process Waiver:

All institutions promoted by Government, registered under NITI Darpan portal empaneled by various ministries after aligning to the TRTI mandate and policy are welcome to register as empaneled service providers. The empanelment of central office / HQ of service provider/s shall grant automatic empanelment to decentralized offices coming under it.

Duration of empanelment:

The duration of empanelment shall be one year effective from the date of issuance of letter to preceding day of next calendar year.

Recognition & Exchange of Knowledge:

The TRTI Pune shall issue empanelment letter signed by Head Sub-Committee TRTI Pune mentioning the category of empanelment and nature of services which can be rendered by entity.

All empaneled individual and institution service providers shall get monthly e-bulletin on or before 10th of every month. The service providers can also share information on best practices, innovative ideas relevant to tribal welfare.

No obligation clause:

The empaneled entity as well as TRTI both will have no mandatory obligation to discharge the service or off-load the projects, neither the empaneled entity will represent the name of TRTI for securing the projects funded by public authorities or corporate body nor shall TRTI will deem it fit to issue recommendation letter facilitating the sanction of project.

Compliance by aggrieved party, duration and resubmission:

The Sub-Committee after rejection and for reconsideration may call additional information from applicant entities which will have to be submitted within 7 days failing which the rejection letter shall be issued by the TRTI Pune

Appellate authority in case of final rejection:

The Commissioner TRTI shall act as appellate authority and may instruct the Sub-Committee to revisit the decision of rejection of empanelment application. After fulfilling the mandatory compliance instructed by the Commissioner TRTI the application can be reconsidered for empanelment.

Inclusion, Elimination, Merging and Grant of Project & Service Provider Categories:

In view of evolving nature of scheme and dynamic socio-economic environment in tribal welfare, The Commissioner TRTI is empowered to consider the inclusion, elimination, merger and grant of status for service providers as empaneled stakeholder in tribal welfare.