

Expression of Interest

For Broadband Connectivity in Bharat Nirman Common Services Centers

Under National e Governance Plan, Common Services Centers (CSCs) are being set up as ICT-enabled rural service delivery points for various Government, Business and Social Sector services including public services related to Rural Development, Health, Education, last mile banking; business services like utility bill payments, insurance, etc. Around 84000 Centers have already been set up which serve a cluster of 6-7 villages, as part of the one lakh CSCs, initially envisaged to cover all the 100000 villages across India.

It has now been decided that “the CSCs will be suitably repositioned to be a network of Panchayat level Bharat Nirman Common Services Centers to provide public services to citizens in rural areas.” Accordingly, it is planned to setup additional 1.5 lakh CSCs with an objective of having one CSC for each Gram Panchayat in the country. To ensure seamless provision of services through these CSCs, broadband connectivity of at least 256 kbps is to be provisioned in all CSCs.

To support the CSCs, a Special Purpose Vehicle (CSC SPV) in the name of **CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd** has been formed with stakeholders from Government, Service Centre Agencies, and Financial Institutions.

On behalf of Department of Information Technology, the CSC SPV invites Expression of Interest from Telecom / Internet Service Providers (TSP) for provisioning of broadband connectivity of at least 256 kbps at all panchayats.

TSPs who are interested to make available broadband connectivity for about the additional 1.5 lakh CSCs mentioned above may send their Expression of Interest to the CSC SPV along with the following information:

1. Net worth/ turnover of the participating organization
2. Technical capability for carrying out the services (WiMAX/OFC/3G/VSAT/LTE etc). The vendor may indicate type of technology to be used State wise.
3. Track record/ previous experience in providing broadband connectivity in rural areas in India
4. Tie-ups with equipment providers/telecom tower providers
5. List of States/ Districts where organisation has already provided connectivity and its type at the district, block or village level.
6. Whether customized tariff packages with different download facility are proposed to be offered and if so, their details.
7. The States in which TSPs can and / or will be able to provide broadband connectivity in Gram Panchayats.

Summarized bona fides (not more than ten pages) on the above parameters may be submitted in sealed envelopes by prospective TSPs on or before **10.11.2010 by 5 PM** at the address given below:

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