

Call for Expression of Interest

Documentation of Good Practices (in the form of a Compendium) of municipal/ city level water supply and sanitation projects in Indian cities

Interested organisations or combination of organisations are invited to submit an Expression of Interest to document and prepare a Compendium of Good Practices in the area of water and sanitation (waste water) (projects at city-level)

Background

The National Institute of Urban Affairs is the National Coordinator for the PEARL initiative. PEARL or 'Peer Experience and Reflective Learning' initiative was launched on 31st January 2007 at Hyderabad. It is a programme that enables effective sharing of knowledge (related to planning; implementation; governance and; sustainability of urban reforms and other infrastructure projects) among the cities that are being supported by JNNURM (Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission).

The Cities Alliance (CA) sponsored Knowledge Support for PEARL is complementary to the support provided by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India. Its aim is to strengthen the network and enhance its effectiveness as a common platform for learning and knowledge sharing among cities. The CA support for the programme has been extended to be co-terminus with the extension of JNNURM. A number of tasks have been planned to achieve the objectives of the programme, 'Knowledge Support for PEARL'. One of the key tasks encompassed by this programme is Documentation of Good Practices in various thematic areas related to planning; governance and service delivery.

One of the themes that have been chosen for this documentation is 'Water and Sanitation', to include planning; practices; projects and innovations in improving the quality and efficiency of water supply and treatment of waste water in Indian cities. This theme is not only confined to duration and coverage of water supply but includes aspects of quality of water; recycling; cost recovery and efficiency in collection of water taxes. It also looks at initiatives in sustainable treatment of waste water. It also strives to study examples of people's participation in these projects for overall enhancement of services and quality of life. This theme is particularly relevant at this juncture due to the extensive investments made in this area in the first phase of JNNURM and its continued importance in the second phase.

Objectives for Documentation of Best Practices

This task will contribute towards achieving the overarching objectives of PEARL and the Knowledge Support for PEARL programme, which are cross learning and sharing knowledge on urban reforms and city governance so that the purpose of JNNURM to make cities more livable, economically vibrant and environmentally sustainable can be achieved.

However, the specific objective of this task is to compile and disseminate a compendium of good practices in the area of Water and Sanitation to inform initiatives of JNNURM cities in this area. This

documentation would highlight factors of successful implementation, inclusivity, access, replicability, sustainability and contextual nuances.

Expected Outputs/Results

- A Comprehensive Inventory of good practices prepared for the theme 'Water and Sanitation'.
- A Framework prepared for documentation of Good Practices in management of quality and efficiency of Water and Sanitation.
- Detailed documentation of five good practices under the theme of 'Water and Sanitation', finally compiled into a Compendium for dissemination.
- A national level Dissemination and Sharing Workshop.

Coverage of Project

Though PEARL is currently a network of JNNURM cities, the intention is to expand it to as many towns and cities as possible. Thus it is important that good practices being documented under this project are not limited to JNNURM funded projects or cities. Any exemplary project or innovative practice in the area of Water Supply and Waste Water must be taken into consideration notwithstanding its location or source of funding. However, the practice/project must be located in an urban area in India, having been planned or implemented in the past 8- 10 years.

Brief Methodology

After signing of contract, the consulting firm would prepare an inventory of good practices related to 'Water and Sanitation'. Subsequently, a framework for documentation of good practices shall be formulated by the firm jointly with NIUA. This inventory would comprise of a comprehensive list of all relevant projects in the country (making use of available information) and their brief description. Thereafter, a panel of experts or 'Peer Review Group' would choose five of these projects for detailed documentation by the firm. The outputs would be a Compendium of these selected practices and a national level dissemination workshop. The selected firm is expected to support NIUA in ensuring the quality of all outputs.

Time Frame and Budget

The time frame for this project is 6-7 months excluding the national workshop:

- Month 1 formulation of framework for documentation and preparation of inventory;
- Month 2-6 detail documentation of five case studies;
- Month 7 finalization, editing and printing of Compendium.
- Followed by Dissemination Workshop to be organized within 2 months of completion of this task.

This is a fixed budget project and the **selected** consulting firm is expected to prepare a financial proposal within the amount earmarked for this project.

Submission of EOI and selection procedure

The Expression of Interest (EOI) has to include the following in English:

- (i) **Cover Letter** of 1-2 pages stating the firm's interest in the assignment and specifying its key qualifications for the same. This should be on the firm's letter head and signed by a senior officer.
- (ii) **Profile of the Consulting Firm** – of about 25 pages, providing a description of the firm's sector-specific expertise, country/regional experience, and collaboration with experts in the field.

At the stage of submitting an EOI, it is not required to give a detailed design of the project. One consulting firm shall be shortlisted from the submitted EOIs and profiles. A detailed ToR for the task would be shared with the shortlisted firm and finalized after discussion. The firm will then be expected to submit the Technical and Financial proposals for this project.

The final selection of the consulting firm will be by 'Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS)' method, based on the qualifications and experience of the organization in the relevant field of work and an **assessment of the Financial and Technical proposals submitted.**

The deadline for submitting the Expression of Interest is ONE MONTH from the publication of this call for EOIs (**latest by 1 February 2013**). Any EOI received after the stipulated time shall not be considered. Any EOI submitted by email before the deadline shall be considered for evaluation though a hard copy of the EOI must be sent by post/courier/hand to the address given below (On the envelope please write clearly: 'EOI for Documentation of Good Practices of Water and Sanitation under PEARL').

For any queries related to this or for submission through mail, contact Ms. Kanak Tiwari: ktiwari@niua.org

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