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Notification for Engagement of Young Professionals in NeGD

Based on the guidelines issued by NITI Aayog, vide order no A-1 2013/02/2015-Adm. 1 (B) dated 1st August 2018, the following guidelines and procedures are being prescribed for engagement of Young Professionals in NeGD until such time as these guidelines are amended or new guidelines issued. These guidelines will come into effect from the date of issue.

1. Purpose and Scope of Application

- 1.1. NeGD has been playing a pivotal role in supporting the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology in Programme Management and implementation Projects under Digital India and initiatives undertaken by Ministries/ Departments, both at the Central and State levels. Some of the key initiatives taken up by NeGD are the DigiLocker, UMANG, NCoG, IndEA and also providing support to State Governments through SeMTs under the Capacity Building Scheme.
- 1.2. NeGD provides policy level support for conceptualizing, architecting and implementing key Digital India projects across sectors. The core strength of NeGD has been the handholding of all Ministries & Departments in Central Govt, as well as State Governments for adoption of IT related projects. NeGD is also playing a key role for adoption of emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, IoT, AR/VR, Cloud computing across Government projects.
- 1.3. It is essential for NeGD to have Young professionals who possess the requisite skill sets to be able to fulfill its mandate. These Young professionals will be expected to deliver in such areas where in-house expertise is not readily available within the existing framework. They should be high quality professionals, capable of providing high quality inputs for IT projects related to disciplines like Agriculture/ Education/ Health / Nutrition/Women & Children Development / Social Sciences/ Urban Planning and development/ Infrastructure/ Skill Development/Labour & Employment/ Environment/ Rural Development/ Data Management/ Project Management/ Start Up/ Innovation/Emerging Technologies/Artificial Intelligence/Blockchain/ Cyber Security/ Enterprise Architecture etc. as per the requirements of NeGD / MeitY.
- 1.4. The General conditions of Contracts for the services of Young professionals will be incorporated into their individual contracts.

2. **Definitions:** The following definitions apply for the purpose of the present instructions:


- 2.1. "**Individual consultant or service provider**" means Young Professional depending upon their experience. Individual Consultants or service providers are recruited for similar activities as Consultancy/Service providing firms when a full team is not considered necessary. They may be independent experts not permanently associated with any particular firm, or they may be employees of a firm recruited on an individual basis. They may also be employees of an agency, institution, or university. They are normally recruited for project implementation supervision, provision of specific expert advice on a highly technical subject, policy guidance, special studies, compliance supervision, training, or implementation monitoring. Individual consultants/service providers are not normally recruited for project preparation unless the proposed project is simple and, generally, a repeat of an already established and successful project.
- 2.2. "**Consultancy Services**" covers a range of services that are of an advisory or professional nature and are provided by consultants. These services typically involve providing expert or strategic advice e.g. management consultants, policy consultants or communications consultants. Advisory and project related Consultancy services which include, for example feasibility studies, project management, Engineering services, Architectural services, Finance accounting and taxation services, training and development.

3. **Contractual terms and conditions**

3.1. **Legal Status:** The Individual Consultant shall have the legal status of an independent Consultant vis-a-vis, NeGD and shall not be regarded, for any purposes, as being either a "staff member" of NeGD, or an "official" of NeGD. Accordingly, nothing within or relating to the Contract shall establish the relationship of employer and employee, or of principal and agent, between NeGD and the Individual Consultant.

3.2. Standards of Conduct

3.2.1 In General, the Individual Consultant shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to NeGD in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract. The Individual Consultant shall not take any action in respect of its performance of the Contract or otherwise related to its obligations under the Contract that may adversely affect the interests of NeGD, and the Individual Consultant shall perform its obligations under the Contract with the fullest regard to the interests of NeGD. The Individual Consultant warrants that it has not and shall not offer any direct or indirect benefit arising from or related to the performance of the Contract or the award thereof to any representative, official, employee or other agent of NeGD. The



Individual Consultant shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the Contract. In the performance of the Contract the Individual Consultant shall comply with the standards of Conduct. Failure to comply with the same is grounds for termination of the Individual Consultant for cause.

3.2.2 **Prohibition of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse:** In the performance of the Contract, the Individual Consultant shall comply with the "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013". The Individual Consultant acknowledges and agrees that any breach of any of the provisions hereof shall constitute a breach of an essential term of the Contract, and, in addition to any other legal rights or remedies available to any person, shall give rise to grounds for termination of the Contract. In addition, nothing herein shall limit the right of NeGD to refer any alleged breach of the foregoing standards of conduct to the relevant national authorities for appropriate legal action.

3.3. **Title Rights, Copyrights, Patents and Other Proprietary Rights:**

3.3.1 Title to any equipment and supplies that may be furnished by NeGD to the Individual Consultant for the performance of any obligations under the Contract shall rest with NeGD, and any such equipment shall be returned to NeGD at the conclusion of the Contract or when no longer needed by the Individual Consultant. Such equipment, when returned to NeGD, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Individual Consultant, subject to normal wear and tear, and the Individual Consultant shall be liable to compensate NeGD for any damage or degradation of the equipment that is beyond normal wear and tear.

3.3.2 NeGD shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights, including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how or documents and other materials which the Individual Consultant has developed for NeGD under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract, and the Individual Consultant acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for NeGD. Subject to the foregoing provisions, all maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, reports, estimates, recommendations, documents and all other data compiled by or received by the Individual Consultant under the Contract shall be the property of NeGD, shall be made available for use or inspection by NeGD at reasonable times and in reasonable places, shall be treated as confidential and shall be



delivered only to NeGD authorized officials on completion of work under the Contract.

- 3.4. **Confidential Nature of Documents and Information:** The Individual Consultant would be subject to the provisions of the Indian Official Secrets Act, 1923. The Individual Consultant shall not, except with the previous sanction of NeGD or in the bona fide discharge of his or her duties, publish a book or a compilation of articles or participate in radio broadcast or contribute an article or write a letter in any newspapers or periodical either in his own name or anonymously or pseudonymously in the name of any other person, if such book, article, broadcast or letter relates to subject matter assigned to him by NeGD.
- 3.5. **Use Of Name, Emblem or Official Seal of The NeGD:** Individual consultant shall not advertise or otherwise make public for purposes of commercial advantage that it has a contractual relationship with NeGD, nor shall the Individual consultant, in any manner whatsoever, use the name, emblem or official seal of NeGD, or any abbreviation of the name of NeGD, in connection with its business or otherwise without the written permission of NeGD.
- 3.6. **Insurance:** The Individual consultant shall be solely responsible for taking out and for maintaining adequate insurance required to meet any of its obligations under the Contract, as well as for arranging, at the Individual consultant's sole expense, such life, health and other forms of insurance as the Individual consultant may consider to be appropriate to cover the period during which the Individual consultant provides services under the Contract
- 3.7. **Travel, Medical Clearance and Service Incurred Death, Injury or Illness:**
- 3.7.1. NeGD may require the Individual consultant to submit a Statement of Good Health from a recognized physician prior to commencement of work in any offices or premises of NeGD.
- 3.7.2. In the event of the death, injury or illness of the Individual consultant which is attributable to the performance of services on behalf of NeGD under the terms of the Contract while the Individual Consultant is traveling at NeGD expense or is performing any services under the Contract in any offices or premises of NeGD or Government of India, the Individual consultant or the Individual consultant's dependents, as appropriate, shall not be entitled to any compensation.
- 3.8. **Force Majeure and other Conditions:**




3.8.1. Force majeure as used herein means any unforeseeable and irresistible act of nature, any act of war

(whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, or any other acts of a similar nature or force, provided that such acts arise from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Individual consultant.

3.8.2. The Individual consultant acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to any obligations under the Contract that the Individual consultant must perform in or for any areas in which NeGD is engaged in, preparing to engage in, or disengaging from any peacekeeping, humanitarian or similar operations, any delay or failure to perform such obligations arising from or relating to harsh conditions within such areas or to any incidents of civil unrest occurring in such areas shall not, in and of itself, constitute force majeure under the Contract.

3.9. **Termination:** NeGD can terminate the contract at any time without prior notice and without providing any reason for it. However, in the normal course it will provide one month's notice to the individual consultant. The individual consultant can also seek for termination of the contract upon giving one month's notice to the NeGD.

3.10. **Audits and Investigations:** Each invoice paid by NeGD shall be subject to a post-payment audit by auditors, whether internal or external, of NeGD or by other authorized and qualified agents of NeGD at any time during the term of the Contract and for a period of two (2) years following the expiration or prior termination of the Contract. NeGD shall be entitled to a refund from the Individual Consultant for any amounts shown by such audits to have been paid by NeGD other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. The Individual Consultant acknowledges and agrees that, from time to time, NeGD may conduct investigations relating to any aspect of the Contract or the award thereof, the obligations performed under the Contract, and the operations of the Individual Consultant generally relating to performance of the Contract. The right of NeGD to conduct an investigation and the Individual Consultant's obligation to comply with such an investigation shall not lapse upon expiration or prior termination of the Contract. The Individual Consultant shall provide its full and timely cooperation with any such inspections, post-payment audits or investigations. Such cooperation shall include, but shall not be limited to, the Individual Consultant's obligation to make available its personnel and any relevant documentation for such purposes at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions and to grant to NeGD access to the Individual Consultant's premises at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions in connection with such access to the Individual Consultant's personnel and relevant documentation.



- 3.11. **Settlement of Disputes:** NeGD and the Individual Consultant shall use their best efforts to amicably settle any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof
- 3.12. **Arbitration:** Any dispute, controversy or claim between the parties arising out of the Contract, or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably, as provided above, shall be referred by either of the parties to the CEO, NeGD for arbitration. The CEO NeGD may appoint an arbitrator for the settlement of the controversy.
- 3.13. **Conflict of Interest:** The Individual Consultant shall be expected to follow all the rules and regulations of the Government of India which are in force. He/she will be expected to display utmost honesty, secrecy of office and sincerity while discharging his/her duties. In case the services of the Individual Consultant are not found satisfactory or found in conflict with the interests of the NeGD/Government of India, his/her services will be liable for discontinuation without assigning any reason.

4. **Terms of reference**

- 4.1. Heads of Verticals are responsible for ensuring that detailed terms of reference describing the work to be performed are prepared well in advance of the engagement of the individual consultant and submit it in Annexure-1 in a timely manner to the executive or administrative office for processing.
- 4.2. The terms of reference are mandatory and shall form part of the individual contract. The terms of reference shall include the outputs to be delivered and the functions to be performed. The outputs and functions shall be specific, measurable, attainable, results-based and time-bound.

5. **General Terms & Conditions**

- 5.1. **Tenure:** Individual Consultants will be engaged for a fixed period but not exceeding 3 years for providing high quality services on specific projects as per requirement of the verticals. However, their continuation in their respective position beyond the first and subsequent years, would be contingent on a satisfactory Annual Performance Review based on clearly defined Key Performance Indicators. Extension beyond three years may be considered under exceptional circumstances with the approval of CEO, NeGD. However, no extension will be given beyond the age of 65 years.
- 5.2. Professionals with requisite qualification and experience as prescribed would be hired as Individual Consultants. As per Rule 177 of GFR 2017, the consulting services do not include direct engagement of retired Government servants. However, a retired Govt servant can be hired as consultant through a competitive process. They should not be engaged against regular vacant posts as consultant under this rule. Retired government servants can be engaged only for the specific tasks and for

specific duration as consultant. They should be assigned clear output related goals.

5.3. The Individual Consultants may be appointed on part-time or full-time basis. Consultants appointed on full-time basis would not be permitted to take up any other assignment during the period of Consultancy with NeGD.

5.4. The appointment of Individual Consultants is of a temporary nature and the NeGD can cancel the appointment at any time without providing any reason for it.

5.5. Part-time Consultants will be appointed subject to the condition that they face no conflict of interest with respect to the work they are handling in NeGD

5.6. **Number of Individual Consultants:** The total number of Individual Consultants to be engaged by NeGD shall depend on the actual requirement at a particular point of time and provision of budget.

6. **Educational Qualifications, Age, Experience and Remuneration:**

6.1. **Educational Qualification:** In general, following qualifications are required, however any specific Educational Qualifications may be prescribed as per actual requirement of the verticals.

Essential - Master's Degree in relevant subject or BE/B. Tech or 2 Years PG Diploma in Management or LLB or CA or ICWA.

Desirable - Persons with M. Phil, PhD, additional qualifications, research experience, published papers and post qualification experience in the relevant field would be preferred.

6.2. Experience, Age and Remuneration

Name of the Position	Post Qualification experience in Years*	Upper age (limit)	Remuneration
Young Professional	1	32 years	60,000 (Fixed)

6.3. The Consultation Evaluation Committee shall fix the consolidated remuneration. The consolidated remuneration will be inclusive of all applicable taxes and no other facility or allowance will be allowed.

6.4. Hiring criteria may be further defined for specific positions depending on the specific requirements and circumstances.

6.5. Emoluments of Part-time Consultants will be decided on number of man-days basis by the CEC.

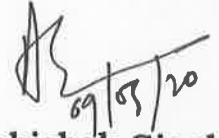
7. **TA/DA** - No Transportation will be provided by NeGD for attending office. However, for attending local meetings within Delhi NCR taxi charges may be claimed by the individual consultant. The individual consultant may also require to undertake domestic tours subject to approval of the competent authority and they will be allowed following TA/DA.

Position	Mode of Journey	Reimbursement of Hotel, Taxi and Food Bills
Young Professional	Air in Economy class or by Rail in AC Two Tier	Hotel accommodation of up to Rs. 2250/- per day; Taxi charges of up to Rs. 338/- per day for travel within the city and food bills not exceeding Rs. 900/- per day shall be allowed.

8. **Selection Process**

- 8.1 The selection of Individual Consultants shall be made in accordance with the provisions contained in GFR 2017 under Rules 177 to 196 and Chapter 7 - Selection of Individual Consultant/Service Provider (para 7.1 and 7.2) Chapter - 6 (para 6.5) of Manual for Procurement for Consultancy and Other Services 2017.
- 8.2 The requirement of NeGD will be advertised from time to time on its website.
- 8.3 The applications received shall be placed before a Screening Committee
- 8.4 The Screening Committee shall shortlist the applicants and recommend a panel of at least 3 eligible candidates per vacancy.
- 8.5 The panel of Shortlisted applications shall be placed before a Consultancy Evaluation Committee.
- 8.6 The Consultancy Evaluation Committee (CEC) may devise its own method for selection of suitable candidates as per the requirement. The CEC may recommend a panel of names for keeping in reserve list with validity.
- 8.7 In certain exceptional cases, with the approval of the CEO, selection from a single source as per GFR 2017 may also be considered. However, full justification for this must be given by the Consultancy Evaluation Committee (CEC).
- 8.8 NeGD may also hire individual consultants on secondment basis under Rule 194 of GFR, 2017 from established Research Organizations e.g. NIPFP, IEG, NCAER, Universities, Educational Institutions, including but not limited to IITs, IIMs, AIIMS and other Research Institutions like ICAR, PSUs and Government Organizations. In exceptional cases, individuals can also be hired on secondment basis from Private Institutions/Organisations/ Think Tanks like ICRIER, FICCI, CII, Centre for Policy Research with the approval of CEO, NeGD. This engagement will be based

on payment of such monthly sum to the parent employer as would cover the cost of salary and other allowances due to the selected individual and additional expenditure in terms of Department of Expenditure's approval conveyed vide ID No. 26/1/2016- PPD dated 25-10-2016.



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P&CEO, NeGD

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1. PS to Hon'ble Minister E&IT,
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister of States E&IT
3. PS to Secretary, MeitY
4. All GCs, MeitY
5. All Societies/ Autonomous Bodies, MeitY
6. Notice Board
7. NeGD/MeitY/Digital India Websites

National e-Governance Division
Digital India Corporation
Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology

Annexure-I

**Terms of Reference for the Individual
Consultant**

NeGD Reference:

Title: Young Professional

**(Followings are to be filled by the concerned vertical and send to
Administration to initiate hiring process)**

1. Name of the Vertical:
2. Purpose of assignment:
3. Duration:
4. Tasks Related to Assignment:
5. Job Description:
6. Qualifications and Competencies:
 - a. Academic:
 - b. Work experience:

**National e Governance Division,
Digital India Corporation
Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
Government of India**

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Date:-

Contract for the services of an Individual Consultant

This Contract is entered into on [insert date] between the NeGD and Mr./Ms./Mrs.

_____ s/d/w/o _____ (hereinafter referred to as
"the Individual Consultant") whose address is _____

WHEREAS NeGD desires to engage the services of the Individual Consultant on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, and:

WHEREAS the Individual Consultant is ready and willing to accept this Contract with NeGD on the said terms and conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows

1. Nature of services

The Individual Consultant shall perform the services as described in the Terms of References which form an integral part of this Contract and are attached hereto as Annex I.

2. Duration

This Individual Contract shall commence on [insert date], and shall expire upon satisfactory completion of the services described in the Terms of Reference mentioned above, but not later than [insert date], unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms of this Contract. He/She is designated as Young Professional. This Contract is subject to the conditions mentioned in the "Procedure and guidelines for engagement of Young Professionals in National e-Governance Division (NeGD)" dated 22.08.2020 and are attached hereto as Annex II.

3. Payment

A consolidated remuneration of Rs per man month inclusive of all applicable taxes shall be paid to the Individual Consultant subject to satisfactory services. If unforeseen travel outside the Duty Station is requested by NeGD, and upon prior written agreement, such travel shall be at NeGD's expense and the Individual Consultant shall receive a TNDA as per the said terms and conditions.

4. Rights and Obligations of the Individual Consultant

The rights and obligations of the Individual Consultant are strictly limited to the terms and conditions of this Contract, including its Annexes. Accordingly, the Individual Consultant shall not be entitled to any benefit, payment, subsidy, compensation or entitlement, except as expressly provided in this Contract. The Individual Consultant shall be solely liable for claims by third parties arising from the Individual Consultant's own acts or omissions in the course of performing this Contract, and under no circumstances shall NeGD be held liable for such claims by third parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Contract.

By signing below, I, the Individual Consultant, acknowledge and agree that I have read and accept the terms of this Contract, including the conditions mentioned in the "Procedure and guidelines for engagement of Young Professionals in National e-Governance Division (NeGD)" dated 22.08.2020 and attached hereto in Annex II which form an integral part of this Contract.

The Individual Consultant has submitted a Statement of Good Health and form for Police verification.

AUTHORIZING OFFICER: NEGD

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT:

Name:

Name:

Signature:

Signature:

Date:

Date:

Place:

Place: