

Government of India
Planning Commission
(Secretariat for the Committee on Infrastructure)
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Invited for

Report on “India Infrastructure Sector: Current Policy and Regulatory Environment for Attracting Investments”

Extension of time for submission of Proposal

1. The Secretariat for the Committee on Infrastructure has decided to assign the preparation of a report on “*India Infrastructure Sector: Current Policy and Regulatory Environment for Attracting Investments*” to a consultancy firm.
2. Adviser (Infrastructure), Planning Commission, for and on behalf of the President of India, hereby invites proposals to prepare the report from reputed consultancy firms with proven experience in economic research in infrastructure sectors.
3. The proposal should be submitted to Shri C.K. Sharma, Section Officer (Infrastructure), Planning Commission, Room 224, Yojana Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi – 110 001 **on or before 17:00 hrs. on 25 June 2008**. For any further detail contact Ms. Vandana Aggarwal, Director (Infrastructure), at vaggarwal@nic.in.

Terms of Reference, Objectives and Scope of the Assignment

4. The objective of the assignment is to set out exhaustively and cogently all aspects of the existing policy and regulatory framework in various infrastructure sectors in a readily accessible and transparent manner.
5. Its need arises particularly from the requirements of meeting the infrastructure deficit in terms of capacities as well as efficiencies in delivery of infrastructure services. Projections on required investment in infrastructure sectors have been made by the Planning Commission consistent with achieving GDP growth averaging 9% per year during the Eleventh Plan 2007-08 to 2011-12. These projections and the existing policy and regulatory framework in various infrastructure sectors are variously contained, *inter alia*, in the Eleventh Plan documents, the 2008 Consultation Paper of the Planning Commission on “Projections on Investment in Infrastructure during the Eleventh Plan”, the financing plans prepared for some infrastructure sectors, the reports of Working Groups set up for the Eleventh Plan period as well as various policy pronouncements of the Government of India and State Governments over time.
6. Consistent with the high priority accorded by the Government to investments in the infrastructure sectors and the estimated investment requirements, the Planning Commission would be assigning the preparation of a report on all aspects of the existing policy and regulatory framework in various infrastructure sectors to an

eminent consultancy firm with proven experience in economic research particularly in infrastructure sectors.

7. Specifically, the consultancy firm would be required to:
 - a. explore, collate, compile and detail out, comprehensively and cogently in a report, all existing policy, regulatory and procedural frameworks and specifications with regard to attracting investment in infrastructure in India; and
 - b. delineate and highlight the changes in policies introduced in the last decade to promote greater commercialisation of infrastructure, including promotion of public-private partnerships. Policy prescriptions or recommendations for policy reform do not constitute an objective of this exercise and should not be a part of this report.
8. The coverage of infrastructure sectors will include electricity (including non-conventional energy), telecommunications, roads and bridges, railways (including MRTS), ports, airports, irrigation (including watershed development), water supply and sanitation, storage and gas distribution sectors, which have been broadly defined for the purpose of the projections on such investments made in the Eleventh Plan Document and as approved by the Empowered Committee of the Committee on Infrastructure.

Timeframe for Study

9. The first draft of the report will be submitted to Principal Adviser to Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, by 30 September 2008. The final report, in three copies, will be submitted by 31 October 2008.

Estimated Reasonable Expenditure

10. The estimated expenditure on its preparation, including copy editing of the final report, may be indicated exclusive of applicable taxes.

Evaluation Criteria

11. The selection of the consultancy firm, with proven experience in economic research particularly in infrastructure sectors, would be based on the lowest financial bid.

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