Subject: Selection of SDC consultants by the State and State preparedness for setting-up of State Data Centre

Dear Shri B.K. Sahu,

As you are aware, State Data Centre (SDC) is one of the core infrastructure of National eGovernance Plan (NeGP). Department of Information Technology has formulated the Policy Guidelines of the SDC which had earlier been circulated to the States.

During the interaction held with the States between 12-15th March '07 at DIT, which was attended by State IT Secretaries/their representatives, various issues related to the SDC scheme, timelines and implementation methodology were discussed. It was mentioned that while the process for Government Approvals is underway, the States/UTs may need to initiate advance action for selection of the site for the Data Centre and seek necessary approvals etc. It was also suggested that States/UTs should also ensure conformity to certain important parameters in this regard. A copy of the document containing the important parameters / considerations that States/UTs shall have to take into account is attached for reference.

Further, DIT has already completed the selection process and empanelled five consulting agencies who shall be allotted to the States/UTs and be responsible for preparation of project proposal, bid process management and provide complete handholding to the States/UTs for setting-up of the State Data Centre. The empanelled agencies are:

1. M/s. Wipro Limited (Infotech Division)
2. M/s. PricewaterhouseCoopers Private Limited
3. M/s. Intel Technology India Pvt. Ltd.
4. M/s. 3i Infotech Limited
5. M/s. Reliance communications Infrastructure Ltd (RCIL)

The State/UT may indicate their preference for the consultancy agency that they would like to engage (as first and second preference) by 31st March ‘07 so that detailing of the consulting agencies can be completed.
and the task related to preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) can be initiated by each State, once the template RFPs being prepared by the Consultants is finalised.

With regards,

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