Bagamati Province Government Ministry of social development

VOCATIONAL AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE

Gajuri, Dhading

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

For Conducting Market Oriented Short-Term Skill Training Courses

On

Different Short-Term Occupations

<u>Issued by</u> **Vocational and Skill Development Training Centre (VSDTC)**Gajuri , Dhading

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Key Conditions for the RFP:

- 1. The eligible TTPs are requested to submit their proposal in the prescribed format only.
- 2. Submission of proposal in a different format may not be considered for evaluation.
- 3. One TTP can propose for a maximum of 6 Occupations and 20 Events (20 Participants per event.
- **4.** The TP/Consultants shall download the proposal document from the VSDTC Heutada BPO website: https://vsdtchetauda.bagamati.gov.np and submit a printed copy duly stamped, signed, and sealed.
- **5.** "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" should be sealed separately, and both the sealed envelopes shall be sealed again in a single envelope.
- **6.** Technical proposal should be submitted as a single proposal while indicating clearly in the application letter, and submitting experience documents, trainers, facilities, etc. for all Events. Financial proposals must be separately submitted for each Event proposed.
- **7.** The Client shall not be binding for any discrepancy in the submitted proposal by a company from the uploaded version of the proposal document.
- **8.** Any unclear points regarding this proposal submission process can be discussed on the pre-bid meeting.
- 9. All copies (every page) of the evidencing documents should have a notary certification.
- **10.** All documents proposed by the consultant should be valid and eligible including the documents of key and non-key experts.
- **11.** The concerned consultant shall be responsible for any fraudulent documents.
- **12.** Evaluation committee will verify the documents submitted by the TPs from the source by using any means of verification to be assured before scoring.

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Section 1. Letter of Invitation

Date:

Dear Training Providers,

1. Ministry of Social Development, Bagmati Province have allocated fund towards implementing Vocational Skill Training Program through Vocational & Skill Development Training Center (VSDTC), Gajuri, Dhading Office. Vocational & Skill Development Training Center (VSDTC) is conducting market oriented vocational short term training based on TNA through close coordination with Local Government (Palika's), Chamber of Commerce, and other stakeholders of TVET secTOR (both GoN & Private) to interested poor, out of school, women & disadvantaged group aiming to increase their participation in production and services through self or domestic wage employment in their respective areas. The objective is to improve the living standard of Nepalese workers, particularly women and people from disadvantaged groups through continuous employment. Thus, the VSDTC intends to apply a portion of this fund to eligible payments under this Contract.

- 2. VSDTC now invites proposals to provide the following consulting services: Conducting Short Term Training Courses as per curricula provided by CTEVT & VSDTC on different Trades enlisted below. More details on the services are in the attached Terms of Reference.
- 3. The Request for Proposal (RFP) has been addressed to the all the eligible training providers who meet the following criteria:
- **4.** Training Providers will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method and procedures described in this RFP.
- 5. The RFP includes the following documents:
 - Section 1 Letter of Invitation
 - Section 2 Information to Training Providers (TP)
 - Section 3 Technical Proposal Standard Forms
 - Section 4 Financial Proposal Standard Forms
 - Section 5 Terms of Reference

Yours sincerely.

Section 6 - Standard Forms of Contract

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Purushottam Pande
Center Chief
Vocational & Skill Development Training Center (VSDTC),
Gajuri, Dhading

Section 2. Information to Consultants/TPs

- 1. Introduction 1.1 The Client named in the Data Sheet will select a Training Provider among those listed in the Letter of Invitation, in accordance with the method of selection specified in the Data Sheet.
 - 1.2 The Training Providers are invited to submit a Technical Proposal and a Financial Proposal, for services as specified in the Data Sheet The proposal will be the basis for contract negotiations and ultimately for a signed contract with the selected consultant.
 - 1.3 The Training Providers must familiarize themselves with local conditions and consider them in preparing their proposals. To obtain first-hand information on the assignment and on the local conditions, Training Providers are encouraged to visit the Client before submitting proposal and are advised to attend a pre-proposal conference if one is specified in the Data Sheet.
 - 1.4 The Client will provide the inputs specified in the Data Sheet, assist the Training Providers in obtaining curriculums needed to carry out the services, and make available relevant project data and reports.
 - 1.5 Please note that (i) the costs of preparing the proposal and of negotiating the contract, including a visit to the Client, are not reimbursable as a direct cost of the assignment; and (ii) the Client is not bound to accept any of the proposals submitted.
 - 1.6 GoN (or Donor Agency) policy requires that consultants provide professional, objective, and impartial advice and always hold the Client's interest's paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own corporate interests. Training Providers will not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best Interest of the Client.

17.1 Without limitation on the generality of this rule, Training Providers shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:

Training Providers, engaged by the Client to provide goods or works for the project, and any of their affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing consulting services for the same project Conversely, Training Providers hired to provide training services for the preparation or implementation of a project, and any of their affiliates, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or services related to the initial assignment (other than a continuation of the Training Provider's earlier training services) for the same project.

Training Providers or any of their affiliates shall not be hired for any assignment which meet to its nature, may conflict with another assignment of the Training Providers.

- 1.7.2 Any previous or on-going participation in relation to the assignment by the Training Provider, its professional staff or affiliates or associates under a contract with the GoN may result in rejection of the proposal. Training Providers should clarify their situation in that respect with the Client before preparing the proposal.
- 1.8 It is the GoN's policy to require its implementing agencies, as well as Training Providers under GoN (or Donor Agency) financed contracts, to observe the highest standard of ethics during the selection and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, the GoN:
- a. Defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:
 "corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the selection process or in contract execution; and

"fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a selection process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Client, and includes collusive practices among Training Providers (prior to or after submission of proposals) designed to establish prices at artificial, non-competitive levels and to deprive the borrower of the benefits of free and open competition.

will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the Training Provider recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent activities in competing for the contract in question;

will cancel the Training Provider's contract if it at any time determines that corrupt or fraudulent practices were engaged in by representatives of the Training Provider or the Client during the selection process or the execution of that contract;

will debar a Training Provider for a stated period, to be awarded a contract if it at any time determines that the Training Providers has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing, a contract; and will have the right to require that, a provision be included requiring Training Providers to permit the Client inspect their accounts and records relating to the performance of the contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Client.

- 1.9 Training Providers shall not be under a debarment for corrupt and fraudulent practices issued by GoN accordance with the above sub para. 1.8 (d).
- 1.10 Training Providers shall be aware of the provisions on fraud and corruption stated in the Standard Contract under the clauses indicated in the Data Sheet.
- 2. Clarification and up to 2.1 Amendment of RFP

documents

Training Providers may request a clarification of any of the RFP documents

the number of days indicated in the Data Sheet before the proposal submission date. Any request for Clarification must be sent in writing by paper mail, cable, telex, facsimile, or electronic mail to the Client's address indicated in the Data Sheet. The Client will respond by cable, telex, facsimile, or electronic mail to

such requests and will send written copies of the response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) to all invited consultants who intend to submit proposals.

- 2.2 At any time before the submission of proposals, the Client may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by an invited consultant, amend the RFP. Any amendment shall be issued in writing through addenda. Addenda shall be sent by mail, cable, telex, facsimile, or electronic mail to all invited Training Providers and will be binding on them. The Client may at its discretion extend the deadline for the submission of proposals.
- 3. Preparation of Proposal
- 3.1 Training Providers are requested to submit a proposal Sub Clause 1.2 written in the language(s) specified in the Data Sheet.

Technical Proposal

3.2 In preparing the Technical Proposal (TP), Training Providers are expected to examine the documents constituting this RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested may result in rejection of a proposal.

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While preparing the Technical Proposal, Training Providers must give attention to the following:

For assignments on a staff-time basis, the estimated number of professional staff months is given in the Data Sheet. The proposal shall, however, be based on the number of professional staff-months estimated by the Training Provider. For fixed- budget-based assignments, the available budget is given in the Data Sheet, and the Financial Proposal shall not exceed this budget.

Proposed professional staff must, at a minimum, have the experience indicated in the Data Sheet, preferably working under conditions like those prevailing in Nepal.

Alternative professional staff shall not be proposed, and only one curriculum vitae (CV) may be submitted for each position.

Reports to be issued by the Training Providers as part of this assignment must be in the language(s) as specified in the Data Sheet.

The Technical Proposal shall provide the following information using the attached Standard Forms (Section 3):

A brief description of the Training Provider's organization and an outline of recent experience on assignments (Section 3B) of a similar nature. For each assignment, the outline should indicate, inter alia, the client, location and duration of the assignment, contract amount, and Training Provider's involvement. Any comments or suggestions on the Terms of Reference and on the data, a list of services, and facilities to be provided by the Client (Section 3C).

A description of the methodology and work plan for performing the assignment (Section 3D).

The list of the proposed staff team by specialty, the tasks that would be assigned to each staff team member, and their timing (Section 3E).

CVs recently signed by the proposed professional staff and the authorized representative submitting the proposal (Section 3F). Key information should include number of years working for the Training Provider/entity and degree of responsibility held in various assignments.

Estimates of the total staff input (professional and support staff; staff time) needed to carry out the assignment, supported by bar chart diagrams showing the time proposed for each professional staff team member (Sections 3E and 3G).

A detailed description of the proposed methodology, staffing, and

monitoring of training, if the Data Sheet specifies training as a major component of the assignment. Any additional information requested in the Data Sheet.

3.5 The Technical Proposal shall not include any financial information.

Financial Proposal

- 3.6 In preparing the Financial Proposal (FP), Training Providers are expected to consider the requirements and conditions outlined in the RFP documents. The Financial Proposal should follow Standard Forms (Section 4). It lists all costs associated with the assignment, including (a) remuneration for staff, and (b) reimbursable expenses such as subsistence (per diem, housing), transportation (mobilization and demobilization), services and equipment (vehicles, office equipment, furniture, and supplies), office rent, insurance, printing of documents, communication (Telephone, Fax etc.) surveys, and training, if it is a major component of the assignment. If appropriate, these costs should be broken down by activity.
- 3.7 The Financial Proposal should include all duties, taxes and other levies, and other charges imposed under the applicable law payable by the Training Provider under the Contract or for any other cause.
- 3.8 Training Providers shall express the price of their services in Nepalese Rupees.
- 3.9 The Data Sheet indicates the required validity period of the proposals. During this period, the Training Provider is expected to keep available the professional staff proposed for the assignment. The Client will make its best effort to complete negotiations within this period. If the Client wishes to extend the validity period of the proposals, the Training Providers who do not agree have the right not to extend the validity of their proposals.
- 4. Submission Receipt, 4.1 and opening of 4.2 Proposals
- The original proposal (TP and FP) shall be prepared in indelible ink. It shall contain no interlineations or overwriting, except as necessary to correct errors made by the Training Provider itself. Any such corrections must be initialed by the persons or person who sign(s) the proposals.

An authorized representative of the Training Providers shall initial all pages of the original Technical and Financial Proposals. The authorization shall be in the form of a written power of attorney accompanying the Proposal.

4.3 For each proposal, the consultants shall prepare the number of copies indicated in the Data Sheet. Each Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal shall be marked "ORIGINAL" or "COPY" as appropriate. If there are any discrepancies between the original and the copies of the proposal, the original governs.

- 4.4 The original and all copies of the Technical Proposal shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Technical Proposal," and the original and all copies of the Financial Proposal in a sealed envelope clearly marked "FINANCIAL
 - PROPOSAL" and warning: "DO NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL." Both envelopes shall be placed into an outer envelope and sealed. This outer envelope shall bear the submission address and other information indicated in the Data Sheet and be clearly marked, "Do NOT OPEN, EXCEPT IN PRESENCE OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE.
- 4.5 The completed Technical and Financial Proposals must be delivered at the submission address on or before the time and date stated in the Data Sheet. Any proposal received after the closing time for submission of proposals shall be returned unopened.
- 4.6 After the deadline for submission of proposals, the Technical Proposal shall be opened immediately by the evaluation committee. The Financial Proposal shall remain sealed and deposited with the Client's Procurement Unit until all submitted proposals are opened publicly.

Proposal Evaluation

General

- 5.1 From the time the bids are opened to the time the contract is awarded, if any Training Provider wishes to contact the Client on any matter related to its proposal, it should do so in writing at the address indicated in the Data Sheet. Any effort by the Training Provider to influence the Client in the Client's proposal evaluation, proposal comparison or contract award decisions may result in the rejection of the consultant's proposal.
- 5.2 Evaluators of Technical Proposals shall have no access to the Financial Proposals until the technical evaluation, is concluded.

Evaluation of Technical Proposals (QCBS, QBS, FBS LCBS)

- 5.3 The evaluation committee, appointed by the Client as a whole, and each of its members individually, evaluates the proposals based on their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference, applying the evaluation criteria and point system specified in the Data Sheet. The evaluation committee shall compute the score obtained by each proposal by taking the average of the scores given by each member to the proposal. Each responsive proposal will be given a technical score (St). A proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to important aspects of the Terms of Reference or if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the Data Sheet.
 - In the case of Quality-Based Selection, the highest ranked consultants are invited to negotiate its proposal and the contract on the basis of the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal submitted in accordance with the instructions given in Para.

1.2 and the Data Sheet.

5.4

Public Opening and 5 5.5 Evaluation of Financial Proposals (CBS Only) Public Opening and 5.6 Evaluation of Financial Proposals (QCBS,

FBS, LCBS)

The Financial Proposals shall be opened publicly in the presence of the Training Providers representatives who choose to attend. The name of the Training Provider and the proposed prices shall be read aloud prepare minutes of the public opening.

After the evaluation of quality is completed, the Client shall notify those Training Providers whose proposals did not meet the minimum qualifying mark or were considered non-responsive to the RFP and Terms of Reference, indicating that their Financial Proposals will be returned unopened after completing the selection process. The Client shall simultaneously notify the Training Providers that have secured the minimum qualifying mark, indicating the date and time set for opening the Financial Proposals. The opening date shall be 7 days within the notification date. The notification may be sent by registered letter, cable, telex, facsimile, or electronic mail.

- 5.7 The Financial Proposals shall be opened publicly in the presence of the Training Providers representatives who choose to attend. The name of the Training Provider, the technical scores, and the proposed prices shall be read aloud and recorded when the Financial Proposals are opened. The Client shall prepare minutes of the public opening.
- 5.8 The evaluation committee will determine whether the Financial Proposals are complete (i.e., whether they have cost all items of the corresponding Technical Proposals; if not, the Client will cost them and add their cost to the initial price), correct any computational errors.
- 5.9 In case of Fixed Budget Selection (FBS), the Training Provider's Financial Proposals with cost more than the specified fixed budget ceiling by the Client in Data Sheet shall be rejected
- 5.10 In case of Least Cost Based Selection (LCBS), the Training Provider's proposal which has scored the minimum pass mark in the technical proposal and is of the least cost in the financial proposal shall be invited for negotiation.
- 5.11 The financial scores (Sf) of the Financial Proposals will be computed as indicated in the Data Sheet. Proposals will be ranked according to their combined technical (St) and financial (Sf) scores using the weights (T = the weight given to the Technical Proposal; P = the weight given to the Financial Proposal; T + P = 1) indicated in the Data Sheet: S = St x T% + Sf x P%. The consultant achieving the eligible combined technical and financial score will be invited for negotiations.

Negotiations will be held at the address indicated in the Data Sheet. The aim is to reach agreement on all points and sign a contract.

6. Negotiations 6.1

- 6.2 Negotiations will include a discussion of the Technical Proposal, the proposed methodology (work plan), staffing and any suggestions made by the Training Provider to improve the Terms of Reference. The Client and Training Provider will then work out final Terms of Reference, staffing, and bar charts indicating activities, staff, periods in the field and in the home office, staff-months, logistics, and reporting. The agreed work plan and final Terms of Reference will then be incorporated in the "Description of Services" and form part of the contract Special attention will be paid to getting the most the Training Provider can offer within the available budget and to clearly defining the inputs required from the Client to ensure satisfactory implementation of the assignment.
- 6.3 Unless there are exceptional reasons, the financial negotiations will involve neither the remuneration rates for staff (no breakdown of fees) nor other proposed unit rates in the cases of QCBS methods. For QBS, the Training Provider should provide the information on remuneration rates described in the Appendix to this information.
- 6.4 Having selected the Training Provider based on, among other things, an evaluation of proposed key professional staff, the Client expects to negotiate a contract based on the experts named in the proposal. Before contract negotiations, the Client will require assurances that the experts will be available. The Client will not consider substitutions during contract negotiations unless both parties agree that undue delay in the selection process makes such substitution unavoidable or that such changes are critical to meet the objectives of the assignment. If substitution is considered, then the proposed alternative candidate shall be evaluated as per the original criteria. The qualification and experience of the substitute candidate shall equal to or higher than the originally proposed candidate shall equal to or higher than the originally proposed candidate. If this is not the case and if it is established that key staff were offered in the proposal without confirming their availability, the consultant may be disqualified.
- 6.5 The negotiations will conclude with a review of the draft form of the contract. If negotiations fail, the Client will invite the consultant whose proposal received the second highest score to negotiate a Contract

Award of Contract

- 7.1 Pursuant to Sub-Clause 6.5, the consultant, with whom agreement is reached following negotiation, shall be selected for approval of his proposal and the Client shall notify its intention to accept the proposal to the selected Training Provider and other short-listed Training Providers within 7 days of selection of the winning proposal.
- If the review application is not received by the Client pursuant to Sub-Clause 7.2 then the proposal of 7.2 the Training Provider, selected as per Sub-Clause 7.1 shall be accepted and the successful Training Provider shall be notified to come for signing the Agreement within 15 days.
- 7.3 If the Training Provider fails to sign an agreement pursuant to Sub-Clause 7.3 then the Client will invite the Training Provider whose proposal received the next highest score to negotiate a contract.
- 7.4 If a review application is received by the Client pursuant to Clause 7.1 then the Client will clarify and respond within 5 days of receiving such application.
- 7.5 If the applicant is not satisfied with the decision given by the procuring entity and/ or the decision is not given by the Procuring Entity Chief within 5 days, then the applicant can file a complaint to the Review committee within 7 days.
- 7.6 The Client shall return the unopened Financial Proposals of those Training Providers who did not pass the technical evaluation.
- 7.7 The Training Provider is expected to commence the assignment on the date and at the location specified in the Data Sheet.

8. Confidentiality

8.1 Information relating to evaluation of proposals and recommendations concerning awards shall not be disclosed to the Training Providers who submitted the proposals or to other persons not officially concerned with the process, until the letter of intention to accept the proposal is not issued to the selected Training Provider pursuant to Sub- Clause 7.1

9. Conduct of Consultants

9.1 The Training Provider shall be responsible to fulfil his obligations as per the requirement of the Contract Agreement, RFP documents and GoN's Public Procurement Act and Regulations.

- 9.2 The Training Provider shall not carry out or cause to carry out the following acts with an intention to influence the implementation of the procurement process or the procurement agreement:
 - a. give or propose improper inducement directly or indirectly,
 - b. distortion or misrepresentation of facts
 - c. engaging or being involved in corrupt or fraudulent practice
 - d. Interference in participation of other prospective bidders.
 - e. Coercion or threatening directly or indirectly to impair or harm, any party or the property of the party involved in the procurement proceedings.
 - f. collusive practice among Training Providers before or after submission of proposals for distribution of works among Training Providers or fixing artificial/uncompetitive proposal price with an intention to deprive the Client the benefit of open competitive proposal price.
 - g. contacting the Client with an intention to influence the Client with regards to the proposals or interference of any kind in examination and evaluation of the proposals during the period after opening of proposals up to the notification of award of contract.

10. Blacklisting Training Provider

- 10.1 Without prejudice to any other rights of the Employer under this Contract, the Public Procurement Monitoring Office may blacklist a Training Provider for his conduct up to three years on the following grounds and seriousness of the act committed by the Training Provider:
 - A) If it is proved that the bidder committed acts pursuant the Information to Consultants clause 9.2
 - B) If the bidder fails to sign an agreement pursuant Information to Consultants clause 7.3,
 - C) If it is proved later that the bidder/contractor has committed substantial defect in implementation of the contract or has not substantially fulfilled his obligations under the contract or the completed work is not of the specified quality as per the contract.
 - D) If convicted by a court of law in a criminal offence which disqualifies the consultant from participating in the contract.
 - E) If it is proved that the contract agreement signed by the consultant was based on false or misrepresentation of consultant's qualification information,
 - F) Other acts mentioned in the Data Sheet or SCC
- A Training Provider declared blacklisted and ineligible by the Non-Public procurement Office and or concerned Donor Agency in case of donor funded project shall be ineligible to bid for a contract during the period of time determined by the GON and or the concerned donor agency.

Information to Training Provider

DATA SHEET

Clause Reference

1.1	The name of the Client is: Vocational and Skill Development Training Centre, Gajuri, Dhading Phone: 010-402053
	The method of selection is: Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement Act 2063 and Public Procurement Regulation, 2064 and its amendments.
1.2	The name, objectives, and description of the assignment are:
	Name: Conducting Market Oriented Short-Term Skill Training Courses.
	Objectives : The main objective of the assignment is to deliver quality skill training for the targeted beneficiaries following the prescribed curricula and assisting them for sustainable and rewarding employment in trained occupations.
	Description: Ministry of Social Development, Bagmati Province have allocated fund towards implementing Vocational Skill Training Program. MoSD and VSDTC have entered into an agreement to conduct the training programs through VSDTC, Dhading. VSDTC, Dhading aims to procure experienced, eligible and competent private Training Provider to conduct Short Term training courses of duration varying from 15 days to 160 hours to the Nepalese youth inclusive of women and other disadvantaged group in following occupations and number of trainees. The training will be conducted in all 4 districts (Rasuwa, Dhading, Kathmandu, Nuwakot) in clause 3.1 of section 5: Terms of Reference (TOR) for Conducting Short Term Training Courses.
	Training providers having adequate facilities to provide training in the related occupation are requested to submit their proposals. There must be agreement/Permission letter between the TP and each Proposed local Bodies with their shared roles and responsibilities to perform the assignment otherwise TP's should conduct training on specified occupation at allocated venue by VSDTC, Dhading. In the process of evaluation of proposals, VSDTC, Dhading team will verify the physical facilities and will verify the submitted documents from source. Joint venture between training providers and sub-contracting of the assignment will not be accepted.
1.3	A pre-proposal conference will be held on 2080/01/19 in CTEVT BAGMATI PROVINCE. The name(s), address(es), and telephone numbers of the Client's official(s) are: Name: VSDTC, Dhading Address: Gajuri, Dhading Telephone No: 010-402053
1.4	The Client will provide the following inputs: Training curriculum, Training Implementation Guidelines, Training Manuals, Training Monitoring guidelines and other relevant Documents
1.5	The clauses on fraud and corruption in the Contract are: As per the standard form of Contract
1.6	Clarifications may be requested 5 days before the proposal submission date. The address for requesting clarifications is: Name: VSDTC, Dhading Address: Gajuri, Dhading Telephone No: 010-402053
1.7	Proposals should be submitted in the following language(s): English or Nepali
1.8	 i Training Provider/entity may associate with other consultants: No a. The estimated number of professional staff-months required for the assignment is: 1. Two Instructors for 20 trainees (Duration as per Curricula) (During training Periods) 2. At least one instructor should have TOT/IS.
1.0	ii The minimum required experience of proposed professional staff is: As per TOR iii Reports that are part of the assignment must be written in the following language(s): English
1.9	(i) Training is a specific component of this assignment: Details is as per the TOR (ii) Additional information in the Technical Proposal includes: As per the TOR
2.1	Proposals must remain valid 35 days after the noticed published for contract.
2.2	Consultants must submit original copy of technical and financial proposal separately.

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	The proposal submission address:
	Name: VSDTC, Gajuri, Dhading
	Address: Gajuri-1, Dhading
	Telephone No: 010-402053
	Information on the outer envelope should also include:
	The original and a copy of the technical Proposals shall be placed in a sealed (Lahachhap) envelope clearly market
	"Technical Proposal for VSDTC, Gajuri- Training on [Insert Occupation Name]" and the original and a copy of
	financial proposal in another sealed (Lahachhap) envelope clearly marked
	"Financial Proposal for VSDTC, Dhading-Training on [Insert Occupation Name]".
2.3	Both envelopes shall be placed into an outer envelope and sealed (Lahachhap). This outer envelope shall clearly mark "Proposals for VSDTC, Gajuri-Training on [Insert Occupation Name]".
	Proposals can be collected no later than: 17th hour of 24h day of Baisakh, 2080 (Sunday)
2.4	The proposals must be submitted no later than 12:00 noon of 25 th day of Baishakh 2080 and Technical Proposal wibe opened on 2080/01/25 onwards at VSDTC , Gajuri .
	The address to send information to the Client is:
2.5	Name: VSDTC, Gajuri
	Address: Gajuri, Dhading Telephone No: 010-402053
	The number of points to be given under each of the evaluation criteria are: Point
	(i) Specific work experience of the proposer. [20]
	(ii) a) Effectiveness towards ways of performing & work place conditions.
2.6	b) Number of Skill Test Conducted by the proposer.
	c) Adequacy of the proposed work plan and methodology in response to the Terms of Reference. [5
	(iii) The capacities and expertise of the key staff for the assignment. [40]
	(iv) Technology transfer or training. [5
	Total Points: 10
	The minimum technical score required to pass: 60
	The formula for determining the financial scores is the following:
	[Either Sf = 100 x Fm/F, in which Sf is the financial score, Fm is the lowest price and F is the price of the propos
_	under consideration, or another proportional linear formula]
2.7	The weights given to the technical and Financial Proposals are: T (Technical Proposal) =
	0.7, and
	P (Financial Proposal) = 0.3
	The address for negotiations is:
2.8	Name: VSDTC, Gajuri
1	Address: Gajuri, Dhading, Telephone No: 010-402053
2.9	The assignment is expected to commence on Second Week of Jestha at specified locations in TOR

Section 3. Technical Proposal Standard Forms

- 3A. Technical Proposal Submission Letter.
- 3B. Consultant's References.
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3A	Technica	al Proposal	Submission	Letter
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3A Tec	chnical Proposal Submis	sion Letter		
			Date:	
Provin	entre Chief ace Office (VSDTC, Gajuri) , Dhding			
Subjec	et: Submission of the Techn	nical Proposal		
Dear S	ir:			
trainin dated (Lahac	We, the undersigned, offer g courses for Events as indic 10/01/2080 and our Propehhap) under a separate enve	cated in the table below in according to the category. We are hereby sublope. Proposed Training Inf	ccordance with your pmitting our techniormation:	Request for Proposal cal proposal sealed
SN	Occupation	No of Events	District	Remarks
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
the pronegotia in the l	otiations are held during the poposal. Our proposal is bind ations. We here by confirm Request for Proposal (RFP).	ing upon us and subject to that our proposal is in accordance.	the modifications readance with the Stan	sulting from contract
Sincere	ely Yours,			
Author	rized Signature:			
Name	and Title of Signatory:			
Name	of Training Provider:			
Addres	-			
Stamp	of the Training Provider:			

3B Training Provider's References

- 3B.1 Background information (Maximum 500 words)
- **3B.2** Understanding the Objective of the Assignment
- 3B.3 Expected output/outcome of the Assignment.

3C: Specific Experience of the Consultants related to the Assignment.

3C.1 Training Experience in Related Occupations only (at least 390 hours) till date.

S.N.	Occupations	Number of Trainers Trained	Number of Trainees Passed/Appeared Skill Test	Number of Graduates Employed	Funding Organization/Client (write full name and address)	In which fiscal year training was conducted?
1						
2						
3						

(Please attach notarized copies of experiences only provided by the funding agency and NSTB. Do not attach the copy of agreement)

3C.2.For Institutions conducing/running Academic Courses in Related Trade

S.N.	Academic Year	Name of Technical Education Course	Number of groups conducted	Number of students enrolled	Number of graduates	Remarks
1						
2						
3						

3D Available Infrastructure and Physical facilities.

Availability of Infrastructure: Office Building, Classrooms, Practical Workshop/labs, Library, Hostels, Toilets for male and female, furniture, Water facility, Internet, electricity etc.

3D.1. Office Space and Training Facilities (Training Provider)

S.N.	Particulars	Quantity	Size	Capacity	Location	Remarks
1.	Physical Infrastructure a) Building b) Training Hall c) Workshop/Lab d) Washrooms e) Hostel					
2.	Furniture a) b) c) d) e) f)					
	Others a) b) c) d) e)					

3D.2. List of tools, equipment and training materials available with Training Provider.

[Please mention the list of available teaching learning materials for those occupations in which you are intended to apply. You can add more rows where necessary.]

Occupation 1:

SN	Description	Size	Quantity (No. Pieces, etc.)	SN	Description	Size	Quantity (No. Pieces, etc.)
1				6			
2				7			
3				8			
4				9			
5				10			

Occupation 2:

SN	Description	Size	Quantity (No. Pieces, etc.)	SN	Description	Size	Quantity (No. Pieces, etc.)
1				6			
2				7			
3				8			
4				9			
5				10			

Occupation 3:

SN	Description	Size	Quantity (No. Pieces, etc.)	SN	Description	Size	Quantity (No. Pieces, etc.)
1				6			
2				7			
3				8			
4				9			
5				10			

Occupation 4:

SN	Description	Size	Quantity (No. Pieces, etc.)	SN	Description	Size	Quantity (No. Pieces, etc.)
1				6			
2				7			
3				8			
4				9			
5				10			

Occupation 5:

SN	Description	Size	Quantity (No. Pieces, etc.)	SN	Description	Size	Quantity (No. Pieces, etc.)
1				6			
2				7			
3				8			
4				9			
5				10			

- 3E. Comments and suggestions of consultants on the terms of reference and on data, services, and facilities expected from the client
 - > On the Terms of Reference:
 - > On the data, services, and facilities expected from the Client:

3F. Description of the methodology and work plan for performing the assignment.

3F.1. Preparation methodology

- Outreach Strategy/social marketing
- > Participants Selection
- > Venue Management
- > Safety Measures/ Emergency Preparedness

3F.2.Implementation methodology

- > Training implementation method
- ➤ Work Plan
- > Personnel schedule
- > Monitoring and Performance Evaluation Methodology
- > Job Placement Strategy
- > Communication and Reporting Mechanism

3F.3. Other Innovative Ideas Related to the Assignment

3G. Team composition and task assignments

Provide information on staff proposed for the training under this assignment.

S. N.	Proposed Position	Name	Qualification	ToT /Instructional Skills	Years of Experience
1	Training Coordinator				
2	Trainer				

(CVs of the staffs shall be recently signed by the proposed professional staff and the authorized representative of the Training provider/s to be considered for evaluation.) Please submit the notarized copies only. If same expert's CV is submitted by more than one training provider such CV will not be evaluated in any TPs favor.

- 1. Highest academic certificate
- 2. TOT/ instructional skills/managerial skills certificates and
- 3. Evidence of relevant Experiences and similar tasks performed; based on the submitted CV.

3H. Formats of curric Proposed Position:		vitae (CV) for propos	ed –	profe	ssion	al staff
Name of Training Provider/	Institu	ıte:	_			
Name of Staff:						
Phone /Mobile No. of Staff:						
Date of Birth:			_			
Membership in Professional	Socie	eties:				
Education:	1	11	د ـ ع ـ	14!	. C	l. 6 - 7 - 6 - 7 - 6 - 7 - 6 - 7 - 7 - 7 -
Summarize the degrees obtained, college and university and Year of Qualification Institute/School/College				iucation		ar of Completion
	f emp	sition, list in chronological of loying organizations and ma		tasks p	erforn	
Example (Instructor from		Employer		Major	tasks	Performed
2070 to till date)						
Training: [Summarize relevant traini member, giving names of tr	•	•	upe	rvision) succ	essfully completed by staff
Training		Institute			Durati	ion and Date
qualifications, my experience	ce, and	the best of my knowledge and me. athorized representative of the			I	data correctly describe my Date: [Day/Month/Year]
						-
_		ative:				
Stamp of the Training provi	der: _					_

31. Time schedule for professional personnel

Contact Number: _____

			Months (in the Form of a Bar Ch 1rt)						
Name	Position	Responsibility	Baisakh	Jestha	Ashad	Number of Months			
						Subtotal (1)			
						Subtotal (2)			
						Subtotal (3)			
						Subtotal (4)			
ull Time:	_	Part Time	e:						
Leports Due: Activities Du	ration:	- —							
gnature:									
	epresentative)								
ll name:									
tle:									
ddress:									

3J. Activity (Work) Plan

Activity	[1st, 2nd, etc. are months from the start of assignment.]							
Activity (Work)	Baisakh	Jestha	Ashad	Remarks				

Section 4. Financial Proposal – Standard Forms

- **4A.** Financial Proposal submission form.
- 4B. Summary of costs.
- 4C. Detailed Breakdown of Cost
- **4D.** Instructions for Cost Calculations

4A. Financial Proposal Submission Letter

Date:
The Centre chief Vocational and Skill Development Training Centre Gajuri, Dhading
Subject: Submission of the Financial Proposal.
Dear Sir/Madam; We, the undersigned, offer to provide the Consulting Service for conducting short
term training courses for Events as indicated in the table below in accordance with your Request for
Proposal dated 11/01/2080 and our Proposal. Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of NRs
(Amount in words).
Our Financial Proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations, up to expiration of the validity period of the Proposal.
We understand you are not bound to accept any proposal you receive.
Sincerely Yours,
Authorized Signature:
Name and Title of Signatory:
Name of the Training provider:
Address:
Stamp of the Training provider:

4B. Summary of Costs

Costs	Amount(s)	Amount in Figure
Subtotal		
Total without VAT		
Value Added Tax (VAT)		
Total Amount of Financial Proposal		

4C. Detailed Breakdown of Cost

	Financial Proposal for Training Courses
Name of TP:	Address:
Date:	
Occupation:	Training Duration: as per CTEVT,
VSDTC, FEB curricula.	
Training Venue:	
Important Note:	

- > Proposed number of participants = 20
- > Ceiling (Upper limit) of direct cost for training per participants = Nrs.
- > Tiffin @ Rs 100/Participant/day
- > Other Expenditure as per Sip Mulak Talim Karyakram Sanchalan Karyabidhi, 2079

S.N	Cost Item	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Rate in Figure	Total Amount
1	Stationary	Event	1			
2.	Training Materials, Tools & Equipment Cost	Event	1			
3	Trainers Renumeration	Event	1			
4.	Participants Tiffin Cost @Rs. 100/Participant/day/20 Participants	Event	1			
5.	Training Management Cost (Opening, House Rent, Notice Publication, Repair & Maintenance, Sanitation, Drinking Water, Certification, Closing)	Event	1			
Total	1 Event Cost Rs.					
Total Event Cost Rs.						
VAT @ 13%						
Gran	d Total		-			

Authorized Signature:	Office Stamp
Date:	
Name:	
Designation:	

4D Instructions for Financial Proposal

- TTPs must submit separate financial proposals for each Event.
- TTPs must provide lunch for the NRs. 100/trainee per day for the duration of training.
- Monitoring of the programs will be conducted by the province office in joint collaboration with the Ministry of Social Development.
- The training management cost is to be included in the training cost. This includes the cost of outreach and social marketing activities to be conducted by the TPs to select the target participants and managing health and safety measures. This also includes the cost incurred during inauguration-closing and the participants" selection process.

4E Ceiling of Cost for Different Trainings

S. No	Occupation	Duration (Hours)	Total Number of Participants	Total Cost (Inclusive of VAT) in thousands	Remarks
1.	Community Agriculture Assistant	160	80	1560.00	
2.	Community Livestock Assistant	160	80	1560.00	
3.	Mushroom Farming	160	100	2065.57	
4.	Security Guard	160	80	1602.94	
5.	Advanced Beauty Parlor	160	40	1029.80	
6.	Junior Beautician	160	60	1436.12	
7.	Care Giver	160	60	1261.53	
8.	Cook	160	60	1339.50	
9.	Waiter/Waitress	160	40	780.00	
10.	Barista	160	40	893.00	
11.	Homestay	15 days	20	355.55	
12.	House Keeping	160	40	780.00	
13.	Sales Person	160	80	1560.00	
14.	Cutting Her Thread	160	20	412.60	
15.	Baker	150	60	1313.01	
16.	Incense Stick Making	7 days	40	411.60	
17.	Cushion Making	160	40	780.00	
18.	Entrepreneurship Development	7 days	100	1001.50	
19.	Sewing Machine Repairing	70 hrs.	20	318.35	
20.	Steel Fixture	160	60	1186.95	
21.	Junior Electrician	160	40	881.70	
22.	Aluminum Fabricator	160	40	881.70	
23.	Junior House Painter	160	40	825.20	

Section 5: Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference (TOR) for Conducting Short Term Training Courses

Background

Ministry of Social Development, Bagmati Province have allocated funds towards implementing Vocational Skill Training Program through Vocational and Skill Development Training Centre (VSDTC), Bagmati Province Office. VSDTC, Gajuri office is conducting market oriented vocational short-term training based on TNA through close co-ordination with Local Government (Palika's), Chamber of Commerce, and other stakeholders of TVET sector (both GoN & Private) to interested poor, out of school, women & disadvantaged group aiming to increase their participation in production and services through self or domestic wage employment in their respective areas. The objective is to improve the living standard of Nepalese workers, particularly women and people from disadvantaged groups through continuous employment. Thus, the VSDTC Bagmati Province intends to apply a portion of this fund to eligible payments under this Contract.

1. Objectives of the Assignment

The main objective of the assignment is to deliver quality skill training for the targeted beneficiaries following the curricula provided by VSDTC\CTEVT Bagmati Province; managing and facilitate in placing them for sustainable and rewarding employment in the trained occupations. Other objectives are to:

- Ensure that the targeted beneficiaries have participated in training
- Ensure the quality of training as per the developed quality indicators/criteria this includes quality delivery by the instructors, coaching by the supervisors/mentors in the industries
- Confirm that trainees receive adequate practical experiences as per the curricula and agreed criteria.
- Confirm that theory and practical sessions are well balanced during the classroom-based instruction following the defined criteria by CTEVT (20% theory and 80% practical).
- Ensure that graduates are facilitated to be employed in the competitive job market.

2. Scope of Work

In line with the above stated objectives, the TPs will be responsible for providing skills training in close coordination with concerned association/local chambers and with VSDTC, Gajuri Bagmati Province. The TPs will also facilitate and assist training graduates for getting into employment in the related occupations. Followings are the scope of work:

3.1 Occupations:

Based on the Training Need Assessment (TNA) conducted by VSDTC Bagmati Province and consultation with stakeholders through the workshops and interviews and pack consultation following occupations were selected as most needed and marketable. The table below shows Events breakdown under this assignment.

Sector	Program	District	No of Events	Remarks
		Dhading	2	
	Community Agriculture Assistant	Rasuwa	1	
		Nuwakot	1	
	Total Events: 4		Participants: 80	
		Dhading	2	
A aria. Itra	Community Livestock Assistant	Rasuwa	1	
Agriculture		Nuwakot	1	
	Total Events: 4	Total Events: 4		
		Dhading	2	
	Mark as and Farmain a	Rasuwa	1	
	Mushroom Farming	Nuwakot	1	
		Kathmandu	1	
	Total Events: 5		Participan	ts: 100

ants: 60
ants: 60
ants: 60
1

Sector	Program	District	No of Events	Remarks
Constructions / Engineering	Steel Fixture	Nuwakot	2	
Constructions / Engineering		Dhading	1	
	Total	Events: 3	Participants	s: 60
	Junior	Dhading	1	
	Electrician	Nuwakot	1	
	Total I	Event: 2	Participants	s: 40
	Aluminum	Nuwakot	1	
	Fabricator	Dhading	1	
	Total I	Event: 2	Participants	s: 40
	Junior House Painter	Rasuwa	1	
		Dhading	1	
	Total I	Event: 2	Participant	s: 40

Total Events: 62 Total Participants: 1240

TTPs can propose for maximum of 6 occupations with 20 Events only.

- **3.2. Geographical coverage:** In this year, the following geographical areas will be covered and the training services for this assignment will be delivered in major urban and semi-urban centers of 4 districts of Bagmati Province as per datasheet. VSDTC Bagmati Province will provide the location for the assignment in coordination with local levels of the province. If any of proposed occupation became difficult to conduct at allocated regions due to technical or other reason, the Training venue (district) and occupation can be changed before MOU through negotiation & approval of VSDTC Gajuri, Dhading, Bagmati Province.
- **3.3 Selection of participants:** The TPs will have to follow the "Skill Based Training Program Implementation Guidelines 2079" for participants' selection which can be downloaded from www.mosd.bagmati.gov.np.
- **3.4 Duration of the assignment:** Duration of this assignment will be of 2 months after signing the contract. TP will submit a detailed work plan along with human resource plan with proposed/identified venue in RFP.
- 3.5 Quality of instructions: The TPs are required to manage well-qualified and highly experienced instructor/s to conduct classroom instruction & workshop/Agricultural field/practical labs, which includes skill demonstration, illustrated talk, guided practice, independent practice. They also required managing modern training facilities as far as practicable.
- **3.6 Career counselling and business skills session:** The TPs will facilitate the training sessions on career counselling as per the "Career Counselling Guidelines" provided by the project. The TP will facilitate and coordinate with VSDTC BAGMATI PROVINCE to conduct business skills sessions at appropriate time during the training period.
- **3.7 Assessment of trainees' performance and record keeping:** The TPs are responsible for keeping the records of all training related activities including daily/weekly performance evaluation of the trainees.
- **3.8 Job placement**: The TPs are responsible to assist the graduates through adequate post training supports ensuring employment in the related occupations.
- 4 Required competency of the bidder: The training providers are required to have followed minimum physical facilities and human resources to carry out the services.

- **4.1** Physical facilities requirements: The training provider must have the adequate physical facilities, which includes well-equipped classrooms, practical lab, trainer's preparation rooms, rest rooms, library, extracurricular facilities and adequate tools, equipment's and training materials. The facilities and materials will be as per the curriculum, which is subject to verification during the selection process.
- **4.2** Team composition and their qualifications: There must be 20:2 Instructors to conduct classroom-based trainings in the training venue as well as including one training manager for overall management. Followings are the core competencies of the team.

Title/number: Training Coordinator

Qualifications and experiences: Minimum qualification Diploma. Minimum 5 years of working experience in coordination, developing training plan, training implementation, training monitoring and evaluation, training data analysis etc. Experiences of OHS and HR planning in industrial sector of Nepal will be preferable.

Responsibilities:

- Overall management of the training program and training team co-ordination with VSDTT Bagmati Province office and other related stakeholders.
- Prepare training implementation plan and make sure the effective implementation.
- Conduct regular visit to training sites during the training period.
- Submit training reports and other documents as per agreement.
- Develop strategy, approach and methodology ensures effective monitoring of the training program.
- Collaborate with strategic partners to facilitate job placement for the training graduates.
- Maintain records of necessary training related documents that include the roster of potential employers too.
- Supervise monitoring and evaluating programs.
- Ensure the quality of the training.
- Develop success stories, lesson learned and implement corrective measures etc.
- Co-ordinate with province office for all training related activities.

4.2.2. Title/number: Instructors

Total time input: 1 months (2 instructors per 20 trainees)

Qualifications and experiences for Level-1: Minimum qualification of instructor is Diploma or Skill Test Level-3 passed or equivalent in related occupation & for sub instructors is minimum Pri-Diploma or Skill Test Level-2 passed (in case of unavailability in the market) in same occupation. Minimum 5 years of work experience in training or in related work and received TOT or instructional skills training from the recognized institute.

Responsibilities:

- Develop daily lesson plan, deliver training session according to the set guidelines and criteria.
- Conduct theory and practical classes according to the curricula.
- Use learner countered teaching methodologies for effective training delivery.
- Assess continuously the performance of the trainees and maintain the records.
- Assist training manager in planning and managing training program.
- Arrange site visit study visits and exposures etc.
- Supervise trainee's performance and provide necessary feedback for their improvement.
- Manage / maintain trainer's logbook, trainee's attendance and other training related documents.
- Arrange/manage extra coaching for needy trainees (if necessary).

Section 5: Eligibility Criteria for Bidder

To be eligible for submitting RFP, the training provider must meet the following criteria:

To be engine for submitting Ref.; the training provider must meet the following effectua.		
i) Eligibility & Completeness Test (RFP will be rejected if required documents mentioned in this section are not submitted)	Compliance	Remarks
Copy of Registration of the company/firm in Office of Company Registrar duly certified from notary public (Mandatory)	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
Copy of certificate of Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT) affiliation Along with Renewal for 079/080 (Mandatory)	Yes/No	Pass/Fail

Value Added Tax (VAT) Registration Certificate duly certified from notary public (Mandatory)	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
Tax Clearance Letter for FY 2078/079 duly certified from notary public (Mandatory)	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
Average annual transaction minimum twenty million rupees (for last three fiscal years audit report with tax clearance certificate duly certified from notary public (2076/077 to 2078/079) (Mandatory)	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
Experience of conducting skill training to minimum 5000 trainees duly certified from notary public (at least 160 Hours)	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
Self-declaration letter indicating the understanding of TOR, no conflict of interest with the procurement process and TOR, and declaration of not being blacklisted or convicted of fraudulent activities or corruption while doing consulting business (Mandatory)	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
Copy of renewed (Adhyawadhik 2078/079) organization or company registration certificate duly certified from notary public	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
Minimum 7 years of experience duly certified from notary public (Mandatory)	Yes/No	Pass/Fail

5. Reporting Requirements and Time Schedule for Deliverables

- a. Inception Report within 7 days after signing the contract.
- b. Project Completion Report: within 1 week after completion of Training.

Criteria for Technical Proposal Assessment

Evaluation of technical/financial proposal/s will be based on the following criteria. The proposal/s shall be evaluated under seven categories with scores as shown in the table below making a total score of 100 points. The minimum score for proposal/s to be accepted is 60. The proposal/s, which meets minimum acceptable score, will be ranked based on scores obtained. Then contract negotiation will be started with the top ranked training providers. If negotiation is failed or proposed numbers of trainees are not covered, then second ranked service providers will be called for negotiation and so on.

S.N.	Criteria
1	Conformity with Technical proposal including, organizational structure, Methodological description to implement the program
2	Contribution by the Training Providers
	Quality of Implementation Plan
3	Proposed infrastructure facilities (subject to field verification) Tools, equipment and Training Materials (subject to field verification)
4	Quality of Technical Staff Training Coordinator Instructor
5	Creativity of Document
6	Working Experience in Other TVET Programs
7	Training related Strength
8	No of Trainees Appeared in the Skill Test Conducted by NSTB

Section 6. Standard Form of Contract

STANDARD FORM OF CONTRACT

Consultants' Services

Time-Based / Lump sum Small Assignments

Title of Consulting Services: Implementation of training courses

Office Name: Vocational and Skill Development Training Centre

Office Address: Gajuri-1, Dhading

Funding Agency: GON

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Contract for Consultant Services

For

[Short term Training Courses]
Between

VSDTC

Bagmati Province Office Gajuri , Dhading

		And
•••••	 	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Dated:		

Form of Contract

This CONTRACT (hereinafter called the "Contract") is made the [day] day of the month of [month],

[year], between, on the one hand, VSDTC BAGMATI PROVINCE hereinafter called the "Client") and, on the other hand, [name of consultants] (hereinafter called the "Consultants").

WHEREAS

- (a) The Client has requested the Consultants to provide certain consulting services as defined in the General Conditions of Contract attached to this Contract (hereinafter called the "Services");
- **(b)** The Consultants, having represented to the Client that they have the required professional skills, and personnel and technical resources, have agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract;
- (c) The Client has received grant from the GON (hereinafter called the "Donor") towards the cost of the Services and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this grant to eligible payments under this Contract, it being understood
 - (i) That payments by the Donor will be made only at the request of the Client and upon approval by the Donor,
 - (ii) That such payments will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the agreement providing for the grant, and
 - (iii) That no party other than the Client shall derive any rights from the agreement providing for the grant or have any claim to the grant proceeds;

NOW THEREFORE the parties here to hereby agree as follow:

- 1. The following documents attached hereto shall be deemed to form an integral part of this Contract:
 - (a) The General Conditions of Contract;
 - (b) The Special Conditions of Contract;
 - (c) The following Appendices:

ii.

- Appendix A: Terms of Reference
- Appendix B: Technical Proposal
- Appendix C: Negotiated Financial Proposal
- Appendix D: Reporting Requirements and Deliverables
- Appendix E: Minutes of Negotiations Meetings
- Appendix F: Form of Guarantee for Advance Payments
- Appendix G: Code of Conduct
- 2. The mutual rights and obligations of the Client and the Consultants shall be as set forth in the Contract, in particular:
 - (a) The Consultants shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract; and
 - (b) The Client shall make payments to the Consultants in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the Parties here to have caused this Contract to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written.

II.

For and on behalf of VSDTC BAGMATI PROVINCE

Signature	Signature
Purushottam Pande	Name:
Center chief	Designation:
	(witness)
For and on behalf of (TPs).	, ,
Signature	Signature
Name:	Name:
Chairperson/Authorized Representative	Designation: (Witness)
uthorized Representatives	

General Conditions of Contract

1. General Provisions

- 1.1 **Definitions** Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:
 - a. "Applicable law" means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in Nepal, as they may be issued and in force from time to time;
 - b. "Government" means Government of Nepal.
 - c. "Contract" means the Contract signed by the Parties, to which these General Conditions of Contract (GCC) are attached, together with all the documents listed in Clause 1 of such signed Contract;
 - d. "Effective Date" means the date on which this Contract comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause GCC 2.1:
 - e. GCC" means these General Conditions of Contract:
 - f. "Donor" means the organization offering loan, credit or grant to GoN
 - g. "Local Currency" means the currency of the Government;
 - h. "Member," in case the Consultants consist of a joint venture of more than one entity, means any of these entities; and "Members" means all these entities;
 - i. "Party" means the Client or the Consultants, as the case may be, and "Parties" means both of them;
 - j. "Personnel" means persons hired by the Consultants or by any Sub- consultant as employees and assigned to the performance of the Services or any part thereof; "Foreign Personnel" means such persons who at the time of being so hired had their domicile outside Nepal; "Local Personnel" means such persons who at the time of being so hired had their domicile inside Nepal; and "Key Personnel" means the Personnel referred to in Clause GCC 4.2(a);
 - k. "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented;
 - 1. "Services" means the work to be performed by the Consultants pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix A hereto;
 - m. "Sub-consultant" means any person or entity to whom/which the Consultants subcontract any part of the Services in accordance with the provisions of Clause GCC 3.7:
 - n. "Third Party" means any person or entity other than the Government, the Client, the Consultants or a Subconsultant.

1.2 Relation between two parties

relation

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a of master and servant or of principal and agent as between the Client and the Consultants. The Consultants, subject to this Contract, have complete charge of Personnel and Sub consultants, if any, performing the Services and shall be full responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.

1.3 Law Governing Contract between Law of Nepal.

This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation the Parties shall be governed by the Applicable This Contract has been executed in the English language, which shall be the binding and controlling language

1.4 Language

for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.

1.5 Headings

The headings shall not limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Contract.

1.6 Notices

1.6.1 Any notice, request or consent required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing. Any such notice, request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered

in person to an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent by registered mail, telex, telegram or facsimile to such Party at the address specified in the SCC.

1.6.2. Notice will be deemed to be effective as specified in the SCC.

1.6.3. A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party notice of such change pursuant

to the provisions listed in the SCC with respect to Clause GCC 1.6.2.

1.7 Location

The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in Appendix A hereto and, where the location of a task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in Nepal or elsewhere, as the Client may approve.

1.8 Authority of Member in Charge

In case the Consultants consist of a joint venture of more than one entity, the Members hereby authorize the entity specified in the SCC to act on their behalf in exercising the entire Consultants' rights and obligations towards the Client under this Contract including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Client.

1.9 Authorized representatives

Authorized Representatives Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to executed, under this Contract by the Client or the Consultants may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the SCC.

1.10 Taxes and Duties

Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the Consultants, Sub- consultants and Personnel shall pay such taxes, duties, fees and other impositions as may be levied under the Applicable Law.

Commencement, Completion, Modification and Termination of Contract

1.11 Effectiveness of Contract

1.12 Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective

- 1.13 Commencement of Services
- 1.14 Expiration of Contract
- 1.15 Variation

1.16 Force Majeure 1.16.1

This Contract shall come into force and effect on the date (the "Effective Date") of the Client's notice to the Consultants instructing the Consultants to begin carrying out the Services. This notice shall confirm that the effectiveness conditions, if any, listed in the SCC have been met.

If this Contract has not become effective within such time period after the date of the Contract signed by the Parties as shall be specified in the SCC, either Party may, by not less than Fifteen (15) days written notice to the other Party, declare this Contract to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration by either Party, neither Party shall have any claim against the other Party with respect hereto.

The Consultants shall begin carrying out the Services at the end of such time period after the Effective Date as shall be specified in the SCC

Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clause GCC 2.9 hereof, this Contract shall terminate at the end of such time period after the Effective Date as shall be specified in the SCC.

Variation of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any variation of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties however, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposals for variation made by the other Party.

Definitions

- a. For the purposes of this Contract, For the purposes of this Contract, "Force Majeure" means an event, which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, and which makes a Party's performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible in the circumstances, and includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action (except where such strikes, lockouts or other industrial action is within the power of the Party invoking Force Majeure to prevent), confiscation or any other action by government agencies.
- **b.** Force Majeure shall not include
 - Any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party's Sub- consultants or agents or employees, nor
 - ii. Any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both
 - (A) Consider at the time of the conclusion of this Contract and
 - (B) Avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder.
- C. Force Majeure shall not include insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder.

1.16.2 No Breach of Contract

1.16.3 Measures to Taken

The failure of a Party to fulfil any

of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Contract.

- **a.** A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall take all be reasonable measures to remove such Party's inability to fulfil its obligations hereunder with a minimum of delay.
- **b.** A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any event not later than fifteen (15) days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.
- **c.** The Parties shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the consequences of any event of Force Majeure.

1.16.4 Extension of Time (EOT)

Any period within which a Party

shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure or Client's failure to provide facilities in time as per the contract. The Consultant shall apply to the Client for extension of time, stating the causes for delay with supporting evidence within 7 days before the expiry of the Contract completion date. The approval of EoT shall be subject to verification by the Client weather:

- **a.** The consultant had made the best possible efforts to complete the work in due time,
- **b.** The facilities to be provided by the client as per the contract to the consultant was made in time or not,
- c. The delay was as a result of force majeure or not.

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1.18 Termination 1.18.1

Consultation Not later than fifteen (15) days after the Consultants, as the result of an event of Force Majeure, have become unable to perform a material portion of the Services, the Parties shall consult with each other with a view to agreeing on appropriate measures to be taken in the circumstances.

Suspension The Client may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultants, suspend all payments to the Consultants hereunder if the Consultants fail to perform any of their obligations under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension

(i) shall specify the nature of the failure, and shall request the Consultants to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding seven (7) days after receipt by the Consultants of such notice of suspension.

By the Client The Client may, by not less than seven (7) days' written notice of termination to the Consultants. (except in the event listed in paragraph (f) below, for which there shall be a written notice of not less than fifteen (15) days), such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (g) of this Clause GCC 2.8.1, terminate this Contract:

- **a.** If the Consultants fail to remedy a failure in the performance of their obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to Clause 2.8 hereinabove, within Seven
 - (7) days of receipt of such notice of suspension or within such further period as the Client may have subsequently approved in writing subsequently approved in writing.
- **b.** If the Consultants become (or, if the Consultants consist of more than one entity, if any of their Members becomes) insolvent or bankrupt or enter into any agreements with their creditors for relief of debt or take advantage of any law for the benefit of debtors or go into liquidation or receivership whether compulsory or voluntary;
 - if the Consultants fail to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to
 - Clause GCC 8 hereof;
- **c.** if the Consultants submit to the Client a statement which has a material effect on the rights, obligations or interests of the Client and which the Consultants know to be false;
- **d.** if, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultants are unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days; or
- e. if the Client, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Contract.
- **f.** if the Consultant, in the judgment of the Client, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the Contract. For the purpose of this clause:

"Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the selection process or in contract execution.

"Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a selection process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Client, and includes collusive practice among consultants (prior to or after submission of proposals) designed to establish prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the Client of the benefits of free and open competition.

1.18.2 By the Consultants

The Consultants may, by not less than seven (7) days' written notice to the Client, such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this Clause GC 2.8.2, terminate this Contract:

- **a.** if the Client fails to pay any money due to the Consultants pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clause GCC 8 hereof within Thirty (30) days after receiving written notice from the Consultants that such payment is overdue.
- **b.** If the client is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Contract and has not remedied the same within Thirty (30) days (or such longer period as the Consultants may have subsequently approved in writing) following the receipt by the Client of the Consultants' notice specifying such breach;
- **c.** If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultants are unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than Fifteen (15) days; or
- **d.** If client fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to clause GCC 8 hereof.

1.18.3 Cessation of Rights & obligations

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses GCC 2.2 and Obligations or GCC 2.9 hereof, or upon expiration of this Contract pursuant to Clause GCC 2.4 hereof, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except (i) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration, (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in Clause GCC 3.3 hereof, the Consultants' obligation to permit inspection, copying and auditing of their accounts and records set forth in Clause GCC 3.6(ii) hereof, and (iv) any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.

1.18.4 Cessation of Services

Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to Clauses GCC 2.9.1 or GCC 2.9.2 hereof, the Consultants shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultants and equipment and materials furnished by the Client, the Consultants shall proceed as provided, respectively, by Clauses GCC 3.9 or GCC 3.10 hereof.

1.18.5 Payment Upon Termination

Upon termination of this contract pursuant to clauses or GCC 2.9.2 hereof, the Client shall make the following payments to the Consultants:

a. remuneration pursuant to Clause GCC 6 hereof for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination;

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- **b.** reimbursable expenditures pursuant to Clause GCC 6 hereof for expenditures actually incurred prior to the effective date of termination; and
- **c.** except in the case of termination pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (d) of Clause GCC 2.8.1 hereof, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incident to the prompt and orderly termination of the Contract including the cost of the return travel of the Personnel and their eligible dependents.

1.18.6 Disputes about the Events of Termination

If either Party disputes whether an event specified in paragraphs (a) through (e) of Clause GCC 2.8.1 or in Clause GCC 2.9.2 hereof has occurred, such Party may, within Fifteen (15) days after receipt of notice of termination from the other Party, shall settle the dispute pursuant to Clause GCC 8 hereof, and this Contract shall not be terminated on account of such event except in accordance with the terms of any resulting arbitral award

Obligations of the Consultants

1.19 General

1.19.1 Standard of Performance

The Consultants shall perform the Services and carry out their obligations hereunder with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional techniques and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate advanced technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods. Consultants shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as faithful advisers to the Client, and shall always support and safeguard the Client's legitimate interests in any dealings with Sub-consultants or Third Parties.

1.19.2 Law Governing Services

The Consultants shall perform the Services in accordance with the Applicable Law and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any Subconsultants, as well as the Personnel of the Consultants and any Sub-consultants, comply with the Applicable Law.

The Client shall notify the Consultants in writing of relevant local customs, and the Consultants shall, after such notification, respect such customs

1.19.3 Application of Procurement Law

1.20 Conflict of Interest

1.20.1 Consultants Not to Benefit from Commissions

If the Consultants, as part of the Services, have the responsibility of advising the Client on the procurement of goods, works or services, the Consultants shall comply with any applicable procurement guidelines as per the prevailing Public Procurement Act and Regulations of the GoN (or of the Donors/funding agencies) and shall always exercise such responsibility in the best interest of the Client. Any discounts or commissions obtained by the Consultants in the exercise of such procurement responsibility shall be for the account of the Client.

The remuneration of the Consultants pursuant to Clause GCC 6 hereof shall constitute the Consultants' sole remuneration in connection with this Contract or the Services and, subject to Clause GCC 3.2.2 hereof, the Consultants shall not accept for their own, Discounts, benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in etc. Connection with activities pursuant to this Contractor to the Services or in the discharge of their obligations hereunder, and the Consultants shall use their best efforts to ensure that any Sub- consultants, as well as the Personnel and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional remuneration.

ii. 1.20.2 Consultants and Affiliates Not to Engage in **Certain Activities**

The Consultants agree that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultants and any entity affiliated with the Consultants, as well as any Subconsultant and any entity affiliated with such Sub-consultant, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or services (other than the Services and any continuation thereof) for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services.

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Confidentiality The Consultants, their Sub-consultants, and the Personnel of either of them shall not, either during the term of within two (2) years after the expiration of this Contract, disclose any proprietary of confidential information relating to the Project, the Services, this Contract, or the Client's business or operations without the prior written consent of the Client.

1.23 Insurance to be Taken Out by the

Consultants

Liability of the Consultants Subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the SCC, the Consultants' liability under this Contract shall be as provided by the Applicable Law.

The Consultants

- shall take out and maintain, and shall cause any Sub- consultants to take out and maintain, at their (or the Sub- consultants', as the case may be) own cost but on terms and conditions approved by the Client, insurance against the risks, and for the coverage's, as shall be specified in the SCC, and
- at the Client's request, shall provide evidence to the Client showing that such insurance has been taken out and maintained and that the current premiums therefore have been paid.
- 1.24 Accounting, Inspection and Auditing

The Consultants

- shall keep accurate and systematic account and records in respect of the Services hereunder, in accordance with internationally accepted accounting principles and in such for and detail as will clearly identify all relevant time changes and costs, and the bases thereof (including such bases as may be specifically referred to in the SCC), and
- shall permit the Client or its designated representative periodically, and up to one year from the expiration or termination of this Contract, to inspect the same and make copies thereof as well as to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Client and, where applicable.
- 1.25 **Prior Approval**

Consultants Actions Requiring Client's The Consultants shall obtain the Client's prior approval in writing before taking any of the following actions:

- a. appointing such members of the Personnel as are listed in Appendix C merely by title but not by name;
- any other action that may be specified in the SCC.
- 1.26 **Reporting Obligations**

The Consultants shall submit to the Client the reports and documents specified in Appendix D hereto, in the form, in the numbers and within the time periods set forth in the said Appendix.

1.27 to be the Property of the Client

Documents Prepared by the Consultants All plans, drawings, specifications, designs, reports, other documents and software prepared by the Consultants for the Client under this Contract shall become and remain the property of the Client, and the Consultants shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver ass such documents to the Client, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Consultants may retain a copy of such documents and software. Restrictions about the future use of these documents and software, if any, shall be specified in the SCC.

1.28 Equipment and materials made available Equipment and Equipment and materials made available to the Consultants by **Furnished**

by the Client,

Materials Materials Furnished by the Client, or purchased by the Consultants with funds provided Client by the Client, shall be the property of the Client and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Consultants shall make available to the Client an inventory of such equipment and materials and shall dispose of such equipment and materials in accordance with the Client's instructions While in possession of such equipment and materials, the Consultants, unless otherwise instructed by the Client in writing, shall insure them at the expense of the Client in an amount equal to their full replacement value.

Consultant's Personnel and Sub-consultant

1.29 General The Consultants shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Personnel and Sub-consultants as are required to carry out the Services.

1.30 **Description of Personnel** a. The title, agreed job description, minimum qualification and estimated period of engagement in the carrying out of the Services of each of the

- Consultants' Key Personnel are described in Appendix B. If any of the Key Personnel has already been approved by the Client, his/her name is listed as well.
- **b.** If required to comply with the provisions of Clause GCC 3.1.1 hereof, adjustments with respect to the estimated periods of engagement of Key Personnel set forth in Appendix C may be made by the Consultants by written notice to the Client, provided
 - (i) that such adjustments shall not alter the originally estimated period of engagement of any individual by more than 10% or one week, whichever is larger, and
 - (ii) that the aggregate of such adjustments shall not cause payments under this Contract to exceed the ceilings set forth in Clause GCC 6.1(b) of this Contract. Any other such adjustments shall only be made with the Client's written approval.
- c. If additional work is required beyond the scope of the Services specified in Appendix A, the estimated periods of engagement of Key Personnel set forth in Appendix B may be increased by agreement in writing between the Client and the Consultants, provided that any such increase shall not, except as otherwise agreed in writing, cause payments under this Contract to exceed the ceilings set forth in Clause GCC 6.1(b) of this Contract.

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The Key Personnel and Subconsultants listed by title as well as by name in Appendix B are hereby approved by the Client. In respect of other Key Personnel which the Consultants propose to use in the carrying out of the Services, the Consultants shall submit to the Client for review and approval a copy of their biographical data. If the Client does not object in writing (stating the reasons for the objection) within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of receipt of such biographical data.

- a. Except as the Client may otherwise agree, no changes shall be made in the Key Personnel. If, for any reason beyond the reasonable control of the Consultants, it becomes necessary to replace any of the Personnel, the Consultants shall forthwith provide as a replacement a person of equivalent or better qualifications.
- **b.** If the Client
 - i. (finds that any of the Personnel has committed serious misconduct or has been charged with having committed a criminal action, or
 - ii. has reasonable cause to be dissatisfied with the performance of any of the Personnel, then the Consultants shall, at the Client's written request specifying the grounds, therefore, forthwith provide as a replacement a person with qualifications and experience acceptable to the Client
- **C.** Any of the Personnel provided as a replacement under Clauses (a) and (b) above, the rate of remuneration applicable to such person as well as any reimbursable expenditures (including expenditures due to the number of eligible dependents) the Consultants may wish to claim as a result of such replacement, shall be subject to the prior written approval by the Client. Except as the Client may otherwise agree,
 - i. the Consultants shall bear all additional travel and other costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement, and
 - **ii.** the remuneration to be paid for any of the Personnel provided as a replacement shall not exceed the remuneration which would have been payable to the Personnel replaced.

The Client warrants that the Consultants shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to all sites in Nepal with respect of which access is required for the performance of the Services

If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the Applicable Law with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost incurred by the Consultants in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultants under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties hereto, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the ceiling amounts specified in Clause GCC 6.1(b).

1.31 Approval of Personnel

1.32 Removal and/or Replacement of Personnel

Obligations of the Client 1.33 Access to Site

1.34 Change in the Applicable Law

1.35 Services, Facilities and Property of Client

The Client shall make available to the Consultants and the Personnel,

for the purposes of the Services and free of any charge, the services, facilities and property described in Appendix A and B at the times and in the manner specified in said Appendix A and B, provided that if such services, facilities and property shall not be made available to the Consultants as and when so specified, the Parties shall agree on

- (i) any time extension that it may be appropriate to grant to the Consultants for the performance of the Services,
- (ii) the manner in which the Consultants shall procure any such services, facilities and property from other sources, and
- (iii) the additional payments, if any, to be made to the Consultants as a result thereof pursuant to Clause GCC 6.1(c) hereinafter.

Payment In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultants under this Contract, the Client shall make to the Consultants such payments and in such manner as is provided by Clause GCC 6 of this Contract.

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Payments to the Consultants

1.37 Cost Estimates: Ceiling Amount

- **a.** An estimate of the cost of the Services payable in local currency is set forth in Appendix E.
- **b.** Except as may be otherwise agreed under Clause GCC 2.6 and subject to Clause GCC 6.1(c), payments under this Contract shall not exceed the ceilings in local currency specified in the SCC. The Consultants shall notify the Client as soon as cumulative charges incurred for the Services have reached 80% of either of these ceilings.
- C. Notwithstanding Clause GCC 6.1(b) hereof, if pursuant to any of the Clauses GCC 5.3 or 5.4 hereof, the Parties shall agree that additional payments in local and/or foreign currency, as the case may be, shall be made to the Consultants in order to cover any necessary additional expenditures not envisaged in the cost estimates referred to in Clause GCC 6.1(a) above, the ceiling or ceilings, as the case may be, set forth in Clause GCC 6.1(b) above shall be increased by the amount or amounts, as the case may be, of any such additional payments.

1.38 Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenditures

- a. Remuneration for the Personnel shall be determined on the basis of time actually spent by such Personnel in the performance of the Services after the date determined in accordance with Clause GCC
 - 2.3 and Clause SCC 2.3 (or such other date as the Parties shall agree in writing) (including time for necessary travel via the most direct route) at the rates referred to, and subject to such additional provisions as are set forth, in the SCC.
- **b.** Reimbursable expenditures actually and reasonably incurred by the Consultants in the performance of the services, as specified in Clause SCC 6.3.
- **a.** All payments to the Consultant for the performance of the services shall be made in the currency of the GoN.

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Mode of Billing and Payment

Currency of Payment

Billings and payments in respect of the Services shall be made as follows:

- a) Public procurement act, 2063 and Public Procurement Regulation, 2064 as well as Training Guidelines, 2079 will be followed.
- b) Single final payment (100%) will be made after submission of Final report approved by VSDTC.
- c) TTPs may claim the training cost after completion of training activities and submission of training completion report.
- d) TTPs must prepare financial proposal based on the estimated cost of VSDTC. Financial proposals exceeding the estimated cost will be excluded from financial evaluation.
- e) All Payments under this Contract shall be made to the account of the Consultant specified in the "Skill Based Training Program Implementation Guidelines 2079".
- f) The structure of the completion report is mentioned below:

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Report Format:

Name of TTP: -

Training Completion Report

- 1. Context of training:
- **2.** Training Subjective:
- **3.** Training Venue:
- **4.** Training Duration:
- 5. Date of training implementation: 2080/......to 2080/......
- **6.** Trainers' name and Address:
- 7. Training Methods:
- 8. Trainee details:

SN	Name &	Age	Gender		Education	Attendance	Contact	Remarks
	Address		male	female		days	Phone No.	

- **9.** Attendance of Trainers:
- **10.** Achievements:
- 11. Trainees Evaluation from the side of Trainer:
- 12. Details of Training expenses:
- 13. Issues raised during the training conduction:
- **14.** Training Evaluation:
- 15. Improvement and recommendation:
- **16.** Work plan:

Additionally, report must include:

At least 10 photographs: inauguration, closing ceremony, monitoring activities, classroom activities (theoretical and practical).

Receipts (Varpai) of tiffin.

Recommendation letter on training completion from local level.

Each document must be certified and stamped by the institution.

At least 3 video clips taken during training implementation clearly showing training participants, trainers, and training venue for each event

1.40 Retention

- a. The Client shall retain from each payment due to the Contractor the proportion stated in the SCC until Completion of the whole of the works.
- b. One half of the retention shall be repaid by the Client to the consultant at the time of the payment of the Final Bill pursuant to GCC Clause 6.4 (d)
- The remainder of the retention shall be paid by the Client to the consultant within 15 days after submission of an evidence document issued by the concerned Internal Revenue Office that the consultant has submitted his Income Returns.

1.41 Liquidated Damages The Consultant shall pay liquidated damages to the Client at the rate per day stated in the SCC for each day that the completion service is later than the Completion Date. The total amount of liquidated damages shall not exceed the amount defined in the SCC. Beyond this limit the contract may be terminated by the Client. The Client may deduct liquidated damages from any payments due to the Consultant. Payment of liquidated damages shall not affect the Consultant's liabilities.

Fairness and Good Faith

1.42 Good Faith

The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Contract and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Contract.

1.43 Operation of the Contract The Parties recognize that it is impractical in this Contract to provide for every contingency which may arise during the life of the Contract, and the Parties hereby agree that it is their intention that this Contract shall operate as between them, and without detriment to the interest of either of them, and that, if during the term of this Contract either Party believes that this Contract is operating unfairly, the Parties will use their best efforts to agree on such action as may be necessary to remove the cause or causes of such unfairness, but no failure to agree on any action pursuant to this Clause shall give rise to a dispute subject to arbitration in accordance with Clause GCC 8 hereof.

Settlement of Disputes

1.44 Amicable Settlement

The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Contract or the interpretation thereof.

1.45 Dispute Settlement

Any dispute between the Parties as to matters arising pursuant to this Contract which cannot be settled amicably within fifteen (15) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's request for such amicable settlement may be referred to the Adjudicator by either Party within 7 days after the amicable settlement period of 15 days

of the Adjudicator

- 1.46 Appointment a. The Adjudicator shall be appointed jointly by the Client and the Consultant within 15 days of the commencement date of the contract. If the parties cannot reach an agreement on the appointment of the Adjudicator, the Client will request the Appointing Authority designated in the SCC, to appoint the Adjudicator within 7 days of receipt of such request.
 - b. Should the Adjudicator resign or die or should the Client and the Consultant agree that the Adjudicator is not functioning in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, a new Adjudicator shall be jointly appointed by the Client and the Consultant. In case of disagreement between the Client and the Consultant, within 15 days, the Adjudicator shall be designated by the Appointing Authority at the request of either party, within 7 days of receipt of such request.

1.47 Procedures for Disputes

- If a dispute is referred to the Adjudicator pursuant to GCC Clause 8,2 then the Adjudicator shall give a decision in writing within 15 days of receipt of a reference of the dispute.
- The Adjudicator shall be paid by the hour at the rate specified in the SCC, together with reimbursable expenses of the types specified in the SCC, and the cost shall be divided equally between the Client and the Consultant, whatever decision is reached by the Adjudicator.
- Either party may refer a decision of the Adjudicator to an Arbitrator within 15 days of the Adjudicator's written decision. If neither party refers the dispute to arbitration within the above 15 days, the Adjudicator's decision will be final and binding.
- In case of arbitration, the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the arbitration procedures published by Nepal Council of Arbitration

2. Remedies for **Breach of** Contract

Without prejudice to any other right of the Client under this Contract, the remedies available to the Client in the event of breach of the Contract by the Consultant are as follows:

- rejection of defective performance
- prompt replacement and correction of defective services, b.
- application of liquidated damages for delay as per the provision of the Contract, c.
- termination of the contract and correction of the services, not performed as per the requirement of the contract, at the expense of the consultant,
- recovery for consequential damages;
- such other remedies as may be available pursuant to the contract or to applicable law.

3. Conduct of Consultants 10.1 The Consultant shall be responsible to fulfil his obligations as the requirement of the Contract Agreement, RFP documents and GoN's Procurement Act and Regulations.

> 10.2 The consultant shall not carry out or cause to carry out the following acts with an intention to influence the implementation of the procurement process or the contract agreement:

- a. give or propose improper inducement directly or indirectly,
- b. distortions or misrepresentation of facts
- c. engaging or being involved in corrupt or fraudulent practice
- **d.** interference in participation of other prospective bidders.
- e. coercion or threatening directly or indirectly to impair or harm, any party or the property of the party involved in the procurement proceeding
- f. collusive practice among consultants before or after submission of proposals for distribution of works among consultants or fixing artificial/uncompetitive proposal price with an intention to deprive the Client the benefit of open competitive proposal price.
- g. contacting the Client with an intention to influence the Client with regards to the proposals or interference of any kind in examination and evaluation of the proposals during the period after opening of proposals up to the notification of award of contract.

4. Blacklisting Consultant 11.1 Without prejudice to any other right of the Client under Contract, Public this Procurement Monitoring Office may blacklist a consultant for his conduct up to three years on the following grounds and seriousness of the act committed by the consultant without prejudice to any other rights of the Client under rights under this Contract:

- a. If it is proved that the bidder committed acts pursuant to the Information to Consultants GCC 10.2,
- b. If the consultant fails to sign an agreement pursuant to Information to Consultants clause 7.3,
- c. If it is proved later that the consultant has committed substantial defect in implementation of the contract or has not substantially fulfilled his obligations under the contract or the completed work is not of the specified quality as per the contract,
- d. If convicted by a court of law in a criminal offence which disqualifies the bidder from participating in the contract.
- 11.2. A Consultant declared blacklisted and ineligible by the Public Procurement Office and or

Donor Agency in case of donor-funded project shall be ineligible to bid for a contract during the period of time determined by the PPMO and or the concerned donor agency.

Special Conditions of Contract

1 Amendments Of, And Supplements To, Clauses in The General Conditions of Contract

1.1 The addresses are:

	Client:
	Address: Vocational and Skill Development Training Centre, Bagamati Province
	Gajuri, Dhading
	Attention, Centre Chief
	Tel.: 010-402053
	Consultants:
	Attention: Tel: Fax:
	E-mail:
1.2	(a) in the case of personal delivery or registered mail, on delivery;
	(b) in the case of fax, 24 hours following confirmed transmission; The Authorized Representatives are:
1.3	The Authorized Representatives are:
	For the Client, Centre Chief, VSDTC, Dhading
	For the Consultants:
1.5	The time period shall be 7 days
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- **1.6** The time period shall be 15days
- 1.7 For a period of two years after the expiration of this Contract, the Consultants shall not engage, and shall cause their Personnel as well as their Sub-consultants and their Personnel not to engage, in the activity of a purchaser (directly or indirectly) of the assets on which they advised the Client under this Contract nor in the activity of an adviser (directly or indirectly) of potential purchasers of such assets. The Consultants also agree that their affiliates shall be disqualified for the same period of time from engaging in the said activities.

2.0 Limitation of the Consultants' Liability towards the Client

- (a) Except in case of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Consultants or on the part of any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultants in carrying out the Services, the Consultants, with respect to damage caused by the Consultants to the Client's property, shall not be liable to the Client:
 - i. for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and
- ii. for any direct loss or damage that exceeds (A) the total payments for professional fees and reimbursable expenditures made or expected to be made to the Consultants hereunder, or (B) the proceeds the Consultants may be entitled to receive from any insurance maintained by the Consultants to cover such a liability, whichever of (A) or (B) is higher.
- (b) This limitation of liability shall not affect the Consultants' liability, if any, for damage to Third Parties caused by the Consultants or any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultants in carrying out the Services.
- 2.1 a. Third Party motor vehicle liability insurance in respect of motor vehicles operated in Nepal by the Consultants or their Personnel or any Sub consultants or their Personnel, with a minimum coverage of NRs 5,00,000;
 - b. Employer's liability and workers' compensation insurance in respect of the Personnel of the Consultants and of any Subconsultant, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Applicable Law, as well as, with respect to such Personnel, any such life, health, accident, travel or other insurance as may be appropriate; and "The Consultants shall not use these documents for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the Client."
- 2.3 For Services rendered pursuant to Appendix A, B and D, the Client shall pay the Service Provider an amount not to exceed Amount mentioned in the ceiling of the cost for the training pursuant to Appendix B" Financial proposal, "Negotiated" which has been established based on the understanding that it includes all of the Service Provider's costs and profits as well as any tax obligation that may be imposed on the Service Provider.
- 2.4 Payment: The final Payment will include total of agreed amounts, upon the completion of the training and Submission of final Report

Note:

- i. TP"s should maintain separate account of all the expenses during training.
- ii. In case of the service provider's request on extension of time period to submit the project completion report, the project can extend time up to one month.
- iii. If the service provider is unable to complete the agreed number within the given time frame, written information with justification should be given to the project.

The account is: (Insert Consultant's Account Number)

Liquidated Damages: at the rate of 0.05 % of contract price per day to a maximum of 10% of the sum stated in the Agreement

Appendices

Appendix A—Terms of Reference

Appendix B—Technical Proposal

Appendix C— Negotiated Financial proposal

Appendix D: Reporting Requirements and Time Schedule for Deliverables

- Inception Report within 7 days after signing the contract.
- Project Completion Report: within 1 week after completion of assignment

Appendix E —Minutes of negotiation meetings

Appendix F—Form of Bank Guarantee for Advance Payments

TO:	[Name and Address of Client]
	[Name of Contract for Consultants' Services]

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Clauses GCC 6.4(a) and SCC 2.4 of the above-mentioned Contract (hereinafter called "the Contract"), [name and address of consultants] (hereinafter called "the Consultants") shall deposit with [name of Client] a bank guarantee to guarantee their proper and faithful performance under the said provisions of the Contract in an amount of [amount of Guarantee], [amount of Guarantee in words].1

We, the [bank or financial institution], as instructed by the Consultants, agree unconditionally and irrevocably to guarantee as primary obligor and not as Surety merely, the payment to [name of Client] on his first demand without whatsoever right of objection on our part and without his first claim to the Consultants, in the amount not exceeding [amount of Guarantee], [amount of Guarantee in words].

We further agree that no change or addition to or other modification of the terms of the Contract which may be made between [name of Client] and the Consultants, shall in any way release us from any liability under this guarantee, and we hereby waive notice of any such change, addition or modification.

The validity period of the guarantee shall be 30 beyond the period scheduled for repayment of the advance payment and the guarantee shall remain valid and in full effect from the date of the advance payment under the Contract until the [name of Client] receives full repayment of the same amount from the Consultant.

An amount is to be inserted by the bank or financial institution as specified in Clause GC 6.4(a) & SC 2.4.

APPENDIX G: Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct guides the behavior expected from the Training Providers and VSDTC BAGMATI PROVINCE hereafter, for effective working relation amongst themselves in order to attain the Project outputs and outcomes in the highest possible standard.

It is expected that by following this Code of Conduct, all parties (the Training Provider & BAGMATI PROVINCE) are applying and communicating a coherent and a transparent set of values and rules of doing business aimed at ensuring efficiency and effectiveness of the development fund channeled through the Project, maintaining impartiality and transparency in service provisions and procurement, and enhancing their outreach for the maximum benefit of the disadvantaged youths. All parties agree to follow this code of conduct. It does not reiterate norms and regulations already laid down by the Nepalese legislation.

This Code of Conduct forms an integral part of the contract between the VSDTC BAGMATI PROVINCE and its partner training providers and is binding for all staff involved in implementing the activities of the project. It is, therefore, the task of the management of each training provider to ensure that their staffs are aware of this code of conduct and that they adhere to it throughout service delivery. As the work of a development agency and its associated organizations are a matter of public interest, it is important that this Code of Conduct be followed by their staff when conducting themselves in the public—whether at work or off work.

General values and rules of conducting Training

The VSDTC Gajuri, Dhading, partner Training Providers agree to:

- Conduct quality training and employment services under this assignment.
- Put the advancement and empowerment of the disadvantaged youth as the highest priority by ensuring high efficiency, effectiveness and
 maximum use of the available funds.
- Share the joint responsibility for advancing the Project and its development objectives by stimulating and supporting each other.
- Ensure the visibility of the Project and its funding agencies in the public during service procurement and delivery.
- Carry out communication based on facts or provide reference of the designated person in the Project for the respective information.
- Treat each other as equal development partners instead of dependent recipients and funding provider
- Stimulate a cooperative and a transparent spirit of collaboration between the staff of the Training Provider and the VSDTC, Gajuri based on mutual respect for the work of each staff member
- Build up a relationship of trust and transparency while maintaining confidentiality of classified information
- · Refrain from influencing trainees or graduates during any stage of service delivery and during employment
- Openly and timely discuss with each other shortcomings and challenges in order to find mutual solutions for attainment of set project outputs and outcomes
- Ensure the transparency of the financial transactions and administration of the Project funds
- Strive for the highest levels of public accountability
- Be a role model for inclusiveness and strive for workforce diversity with appropriate representation of gender and discriminated groups
- Settle business disputes through mutual consultations in an amicable and lawful manner.
- Adhere to the principles outlined in the Basic Operating Guidelines (BOGs).
- Establish a good network with the government agencies, chambers and associations and development partners to bring synergy for imparting skills and managing sustainable and rewarding employment.

Specific Code of Conduct for VSDTC BAGMATI PROVINCE

VSDTC BAGMATI PROVINCE will abide by the following in its collaboration with partner Training Providers:

- Assist to the Training Providers and in implementing quality training, share information consistently with all, and treat each equally and without bias
- Consider the Training Provider's performance, commitment and results during the procurement of services.
- Exercise good judgement in the case where more than one Training Provider must be contracted out for training services in the same occupation.
- Build the capacity of the Training Providers through training and individual coaching for efficient and result- oriented service delivery.
- Communicate any changes in the policies for service procurement and ensure that they are implemented in timely and transparent manner
- Monitor the training providers in the field and as per the mandate set in the training implementation guidelines and provide guidance and timely feedback as per appropriate for attainment of project outputs and outcomes.
- Guarantee timely payment of claims in compliance with the contractual terms and conditions as agreed between the Training Provider and the VSDTC, Gajuri.
- · Maintain the confidentiality of the Training Providers competing in a RFP with due respect to their corporate rights

Specific Code of Conduct for the Training Providers

The Training Providers and their consortium industries will abide by the following in its collaboration with the Project:

- Maintain the highest standards of service delivery at fair and competitive prices.
- Ensure a transparent and unbiased announcement and selection of trainees by applying the predefined selection criteria of VSDTC BAGMATI PROVINCE.
- Manage and apply appropriate safety measures during training and will ensure access to enough and appropriate training materials, tools and equipment during theoretical and practical sessions and as mandated by the training curriculum.
- Make provision for worker coaches (experienced worker) and support with their capacity building for training and supervision to the trainees.
- Assess one's own capacity and competence realistically with respect to that of other training providers and be open to learn from them.
- Coordinate with other training providers operating in the same district(s) and/ or training programs in similar trades in order to exchange experiences, strive for a win-win situation and avoid unhealthy competition.
- Establish a good network and communication with the government agencies, chambers and associations and development partners to bring synergy for imparting skills and managing sustainable and rewarding employment.
- Maintain high standard of training as envisioned in training implementation guideline of VSDTC BAGMATI PROVINCE for envisioned outcome.
- Maintain expense records separately on GoN format for Audit & monitoring purpose by VSDTC BAGMATI PROVINCE.

Final provision

This code of conduct is guided by the current situation and needs for effective program implementation. it will be updated jointly with the Training Providers as per the need in the future.