

**Government of India**  
**Department of Science and Technology (DST)**  
**SEED Division**  
**Invitation for EOI for**  
**“Women Technology Parks (WTP)”**

## **Summary**

The Department of Science & Technology has been implementing a scheme ‘Science & Technology for Women’ with a view to empowering women through inputs of science and technology. The broad objectives of this scheme are to promote development and adaptation of appropriate technologies, transfer of proven technologies and demonstration of live technology models to benefit women. Recognizing the likely benefits of an improved and structured mechanism for delivering technologies to the rural areas, a number of women technology parks were set up in different geographic / agro climatic regions of the country. Women Technology Park is a technology modulation and a training centre to show case livelihood technologies for women. Technology management packages are developed here to transfer to the rural women for their food security and livelihood generation. A large number of women receive hands – on training at the WTP. The organizations also constantly do research and developments in farmers’ field and modulate the technology packages to address location specific needs.

The Department of Science and Technology is planning to have more WTPs at different agro-climatic regions of the country. The Department invites **Expression of Interest (EOI)** with a focus on holistic empowerment of women. Expression of Interest (EOI) are sought from consortia of academic/R&D institutions and Panchayati Raj Institutions, Voluntary Organizations, State Government Organizations that will address the thematic areas articulated in this call document under the S&T for Women Scheme of the SEED Division. In case of voluntary organizations it is mandatory that they have (i) at least 10 years experience in implementing S&T driven projects (ii) have successfully completed at least 5 major projects with support from S&T Departments / other credible international funding agencies (iii) should have a physical presence in the location specified for intervention to include a office and required place for demonstration and training. It is mandatory for voluntary organizations to tie up with technology providing institution to be eligible (Consent letter to be attached with EOI).

The EOI should specifically provide a template – (a) Area to be covered (b) theme / sub sectors (c) List of technologies (d) Natural resources (e) Existing livelihoods / alternative identified (f) Infrastructure available (g) Stakeholders / Other agencies who can partner there, etc.. Participation of the user group in identifying the intervention package would need to be ensured.

## **Review Process, Evaluation and Funding Decisions**

EOI will be subjected to a screening process and short listed organizations will be invited to submit full proposals. The proposals will be evaluated by the Programme Advisory Group.

### **Submission format**

Expression of Interest (EOI) should be **emailed to Mrs. Sobhana Bhaskaran** at **E.mail: [sobha@nic.in](mailto:sobha@nic.in)** as an attachment only in MS word format. The subject of the message will be: “**Women Technology Parks (WTP)**”

### **Important dates and deadlines**

Deadline for declaration of intention to submit: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012

Closing date: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2012

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