

**Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for providing Skill Training under PMKVY 3.0
Special Projects in Centrally Sponsored Centrally Managed (CSCM)
Component**

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ABBREVIATIONS

RFP	Request for Proposal
FY	Financial Year
IST	Indian Standard Time
MSDE	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
NSDC	National Skill Development Corporation
NSQF	National Skill Qualification Framework
PMKVY	Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0
Scheme	Special Projects under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0
SPIA	Special Project Implementing Agency
SIP	Skill India Portal
(A&A)	Accreditation & Affiliation
STT	Short Term Training
TP	Training Provider
TOR	Terms of Reference

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Special Projects under PMKVY 3.0 aims to undertake project-based skilling interventions primarily to meet skilling needs of marginalized or vulnerable groups and those of difficult geographies and hard to reach areas which may not meet all the parameters as laid down in the guidelines of Short Term Training of PMKVY 3.0 due to special circumstances. Projects by reputed industry bodies offering captive placement opportunities, projects by innovative strategies, projects offering local livelihood through creative market linked entrepreneurship and / or projects assuring international placements. specialized organization or projects training in higher NSQF level job roles.
- 1.2. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) invites proposals from the organizations which meet the eligibility for implementation of “PMKVY 3.0 Special Projects” scheme to train

candidates as per the Scheme guidelines in courses aligned to National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) for the year 2020- 21.

2. BROAD CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

2.1. **Fitment of project proposal** - Type of projects that can be taken up under Special projects will be strictly as per Scheme guidelines. The same can be accessed at [https://www.msde.gov.in/sites/default/files/2021-01/PMKVY%20Guideline%20report_\(06-01-2021\)_V5.pdf](https://www.msde.gov.in/sites/default/files/2021-01/PMKVY%20Guideline%20report_(06-01-2021)_V5.pdf) refer to Chapter 4 Section 2 of the Guidelines PMKVY 3.0 (20-21).

2.2. Eligibility criteria for applicant organization –

- 2.2.1.1. The average annual turnover of the Applicant organization in the last three financial years should be at least 25% of the total project cost proposed.
- 2.2.1.2. The Applicant organization should have a positive net worth successively in the last two financial years.
- 2.2.1.3. The Applicant organization should be at least a three year old organization.
- 2.2.1.4. The Applicant organization should have at least one year experience in implementing projects in the proposed sector (s).
- 2.2.1.5. The Applicant organization should not have been blacklisted by NSDC, government or any other government body.
- 2.2.1.6. Applicant organization should possess a valid letter of recommendation from concerned authorities containing details of job role wise targets proposed, in case application is being made on behalf of a government institution.
- 2.2.1.7. If Applicant organization is an NGO, it should possess a valid registration with NITI Aayog's NGO Darpan portal.
- 2.2.1.8. If Applicant organization is an Academic institution, it is eligible to apply only for job roles of NSQF level 5 and above.
- 2.2.1.9. Some flexibility shall be accorded in eligibility criteria for parameters that are not applicable such as annual turnover, net worth, etc. only for ministries/ government departments who are direct applicants and propose to be Special Project Implementing Agency (SPIA).

2.2.2. PMKVY 3.0 STT and Special Projects Guidelines with particular attention to (chapter 2 and 4 of Guidelines of PMKVY 3.0 20-21) are to be referred for more clarification, in case of any ambiguity. The guidelines are accessible at the following link [https://www.msde.gov.in/sites/default/files/2021-01/PMKVY%20Guideline%20report_\(06-01-2021\)_V5.pdf](https://www.msde.gov.in/sites/default/files/2021-01/PMKVY%20Guideline%20report_(06-01-2021)_V5.pdf)

2.3. Proposals are being invited across following three themes-

- 2.3.1. **Inclusion** – projects targeting vulnerable communities and difficult areas as per guidelines.

- 2.3.2. **Innovation/ Academic Institutions** – projects promoting innovation in skill-training life cycle as well as proposals targeting training in higher NSQF job roles of level 5 and above.
- 2.3.3. **International Placements** – projects from members of India International Skill Centres (IISCs) to provide skill training and ensure international placements, thereafter.

3. PROCESS OF SUBMITTING THE PROPOSAL APPLICATION -

- 3.1.1. Applicant organization will have to register on online RFP portal accessible at NSDC website (www.nsdcindia.org).
- 3.1.2. A list of formats is provided as Annexures which required to be filled up and uploaded on online RFP portal at the time of submitting the application.

Timelines for submission of proposals through online RFP portal are given below in Table 1:

S. No.	Key Activities	Dates
1	Opening of RFP portal for applications	10 am on April 16, 2021 (7 days from date of issuance of the Notice)
2	Closing of RFP portal	5.30 pm on May 1, 2021 (15 days from portal opening)

- 3.1.3. All applicant organizations will be allowed to submit individual proposals, independently during the proposal receipt window before the deadline as given in Table 1. Any application that has been created/saved as a draft but not submitted by an applicant on the portal will be considered as null and void.

3.2. Proposal Processing Fee

- 3.2.1. A non-refundable one-time TP registration fee of INR 1,000 (One Thousand Rupees only) will be charged per Applicant Organization.
- 3.2.2. A proposal fee of INR 500 (Five Hundred only) will be charged per proposal submission.
- 3.2.3. Fees may be submitted through any one of the multiple modes of online payment available on the project application portal. Service/payment gateway charges are exclusive of this fee.
- 3.2.4. If the Applicant found to be ineligible as per eligibility criteria defined in the RFP, the amount paid shall not be refunded.
- 3.2.5. Proposal processing fee shall be waived off where government undertakings/ entities are direct applicants and propose to be the Special Projects Implementing Agency (SPIA).

3.3. Sub-Contracting/Franchise/Sub-Letting

Sub-contracting, sub-letting, franchisee arrangement of any kind for the conduct of training under PMKVY 3.0 Special Projects is not allowed for any Organization.

4. EVALUATION PROCESS

Evaluation of all the proposals will be done after the last date of receiving proposals has passed. The evaluation will be done in two stages:

4.1. Stage 1 - Test of Responsiveness

The Applicant organization will undergo a *Test of Responsiveness* under which the Applicants' compliance will be checked against the eligibility criteria and in terms of its fitment under Special Projects component of PMKVY 3.0.

4.2. Stage 2- Technical Evaluation

Only the proposals of the Applicant organizations that pass stage 1 of the evaluation process will be evaluated further.

4.3. Evaluation Parameters

The proposals will be evaluated on two parameters: organization strength and proposal strength. The information for these two parameters will be captured during proposal submission on the portal.

5. INTIMATION TO THE APPLICANT:

5.1 Once the project is approved by the PMKVY Executive Committee, the approval in totality will be communicated to the SPIA via email.

5.2 In case the proposal is not approved, the same will be communicated to the applicant via email as well.

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