



## INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY OF SRI LANKA

## **Request for Expressions of Interest**

## All Children Coding Initiative – Development of Curriculum ICTA/GF-GRANT/CON/QBS/2016/59

Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA) is empowered to implement ICT development strategies and programmes, in both the government and private sectors, including Legal & Policy reforms in Sri Lanka. The agency functions under direct purview of the Ministry of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) are increasingly being recognized as essential tools of development. ICTA is now aligning its programmes and projects towards a new vision aiming to accelerate its ICT based development in Sri Lanka. The Government has also taken steps to introduce IT education in schools. Subjects have been included in the national curriculum at the G.C.E. (O/L) and G.C.E. (A/L). A desirable skill set in the work force include computational thinking, problem solving skills, lateral thinking, programming, entrepreneurship and an understanding of how and when to use correct technology. Therefore it is proposed that an island wide initiative be launched to equip the school children with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to cope with the requirements of future job market in the IT industry.

ICTA requires the services of a consultancy organization/firm to develop a curriculum for coding for children from basic level to advance which will create interest and improve the creativity of the children.

ICTA now invites Expressions of Interest (EoI) from eligible consultancy organizations/firms to express their interest for this assignment. EoI must include the requested information as specified in the respective "EoI Information Form" along with documentary evidence in support of core business and years in business, Financial, business and administrative strength/standing, qualifications in the field of the assignment, experience in carrying out assignments of a similar nature and complexity, technical and managerial organization of the firm, technical capabilities and appropriate skills of key staff of the organization, availability of facilities and other relevant information.

The "Terms of Reference" and "EoI Information Form" documents are now available at ICTA, for further information interested parties may download these documents from the procurement link of the ICTA website: <a href="www.icta.lk">www.icta.lk</a>

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Government Guidelines- Selection and Employment of Consultants on Quality Based Selection. All interested parties are informed that all documents shall be issued in English language.

Interested parties may obtain further information from Director-Procurement & Head-Administration, Procurement Division of ICTA by contacting Via Phone: +94 11 2369099, Fax: +94 11 2369091 and email: <a href="mailto:procurement@icta.lk">procurement@icta.lk</a>.

Expressions of Interest including all requested information as specified in the "EOI Information Form" must be delivered no later than **June 24**<sup>th</sup>, **2016** either: (i) electronically to; <u>procurement@icta.lk</u> or (ii) hand delivered or (iii) by post to the address ICT Agency of Sri Lanka, Procurement Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 160/24, Kirimandala Mawatha, Colombo 05, Sri Lanka.

Please mark clearly on the top left hand corner of the envelop or in the subject field of email "Expressions of Interest for All Children Coding Initiative - Development of Curriculum (ICTA/GF-GRANT/CON/QBS/2016/59)"

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