General Information

Application Closing Date: 31st January 2014
Assignment Start Date: 3rd February 2014

Background:
Transparency International (TI) is the global civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption. Through more than 90 chapters worldwide and an international secretariat in Berlin, Germany, TI raises awareness of the damaging effects of corruption and works with partners in government, business and civil society to develop and implement effective measures to tackle it.

Transparency International (TI) National Chapters in 5 countries in South Asia (Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) are currently undertaking National Integrity System (NIS) assessments. These assessments assess the key public institutions and non-state actors in each country’s governance system with regard to (1) their overall capacity, (2), their internal governance systems and procedures, and (3) their role in fighting corruption. They examine both the formal legal framework of each institution and the actual practice. The reports will be used to compare performance across institutions within each country and to identify best as well as bad practices as a basis for advocacy efforts in each country.

The results of these national assessments will also feed into a regional report analysing trends in anti-corruption in the South Asia region. To supplement the analysis from the 5 countries, TI requires some additional analysis on the current anti-corruption and governance framework in India.

3. Objectives

Transparency International (TI) is inviting expressions of interest from highly motivated international experts on governance and anti-corruption in India. The expert is expected to develop a background paper on “Anti-corruption Trends in India”. The research has 2 objectives:

A. To analyse the existence (law) and effectiveness (practice) of:

   Right to Information in India

   Whistle-blower Protection in India

B. To analyse the following three institutions with regards to their resources, independence, transparency and role in fighting corruption:
The research should be based on desk research. The researcher is encouraged to make use of the NIS toolkit as a rough guide, but is not expected to systematically answer all of the indicator questions. The toolkit will be provided to the successful candidate for reference.

The consultant will work closely with TI’s Research Department and Asia Pacific Department on this assignment. The expected level of effort is estimated at 15 days over a 4 week period (between 3rd February and 28th February 2014).

Deliverables

1 background paper on “Anti-corruption Trends in India”. (TI will review the draft paper after 3 weeks and may request some changes or additional research to be completed before the end of the assignment).

Selection Criteria

The Consultant should have the following qualifications:

Significant research experience on governance and anti-corruption issues
Excellent knowledge of the anti-corruption system in India
Demonstrated qualitative research skills,
Experience of working with clients in civil society, particularly advocacy-oriented NGOs
Highly motivated and committed to the values of transparency and integrity
Fluency in English

Remuneration

The Consultant will receive a lump sum of EUR 6,000 for this assignment.

Transparency International e.V. (Secretariat), (TI-S) is registered as a Business Entity in Germany with VAT identification number DE273612486. In order to determine the Value Added Tax (VAT) implications of this tender, we kindly request that the Consultant answer each of the following questions relating to VAT and submit their answers in the attached Word document, along with their email application.

Are you a registered business entity or operating as a private person?
In what country is your business operation located?
Are you registered for VAT?
If registered for VAT, located outside the EU, and do not apply the reverse-charge mechanism,
what rate of VAT are you obliged to charge?
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Contact Information

The application should include the following:

Cover letter describing your motivation and qualifications for the assignment;
Curriculum vitae (incl. two referees);
One relevant example of writing
Completed VAT template

Please indicate “Consultancy – Scoping Paper India” in the subject line of your email application. Applications should be sent in English by email to Andy McDevitt HYPERLINK "mailto:amcdevitt@transparency.org" amcdevitt@transparency.org and Maren Thompson HYPERLINK "mailto:mthompson@transparency.org" mthompson@transparency.org by close of business on 31st January 2014. Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.