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JOR BAGH ROAD, ALIGANJ, NEW DELHI – 110003.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (Eol)

Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (Eol) for conducting Foreign Training of Forestry Personnel (FTFP) under the scheme "Forestry Training & Capacity Building"

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Government of India, invites Expression of Interest (Eol) from Institutions of international repute dealing with training/capacity building of various levels of forestry personnel in Government sector / executives/ field personnel for conducting the training of Forest Officials under the Central Sector Scheme on "Foreign Training of Forestry Personnel (FTFP)" of MoEF & CC. The training programmes would include short term trainings of duration of 3 weeks including one-week of domestic program in India. The selected institute would be required to undertake the development and delivery of the training. A background note giving a brief introduction of Forest Management and Job Profile of Forest Officials is provided at website <https://moef.gov.in/en/>, <http://ifs.nic.in>. The assignment is expected to be for duration of four years (The initial term of the Contract should be for two years and may be extendable only after satisfactory performance review). The training courses are required to be conducted w.e.f. 2022-23.

MoEF&CC invites Expression of Interest (Eol) from institutional of International impute which have required expertise and experience of at least five consecutive years in running academic and executive education programs in the area/areas must have annual turnover exceeding Rs. 5.00 Crores in last three years.

The detailed Eol notice is posted on the website of MoEF&CC: <https://moef.gov.in/en/>, <http://ifs.nic.in> and hard copy of the same is available from the office in the address given below. Mere submission of Eol will not confer to applicants any right for receiving or carrying out the tendered job. MoEF&CC reserves the right to accept/ reject one or all Eols or stop the process of approval at any stage, at its sole discretion without assigning any reason and shall bear no liability whatsoever consequent upon such a decision.

The Eol shall be submitted in a sealed envelope through Speed Post/ Registered Post or delivered by hand superscribing "Foreign Training of Forestry Personnel (FTFP)" on top of the envelope to the following address. The submission shall be within 21 days of the publication of this advertisement.

Address:-

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in forestry and allied subjects. A short resume of the key resource personnel likely to be deployed may also be given.

6. The short listed Institutions from amongst those who have expressed interest would be sent detailed terms of reference and criteria for final selection, to enable them to submit their technical and financial bids. Such a shortlist would be prepared primarily based on the acknowledged reputation of the interested Institution in teaching courses in forestry and allied subjects. MoEF & CC reserves the right to also shortlist an Institution that has not submitted its Expression of Interest (Eoi), provided it is satisfied that such an Institution otherwise meets the short listing criteria.

Responses may be sent to reach the undersigned by 1700 hrs (IST) on 15th Sept, 2022

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Note: - It may kindly be noted that no communication will be sent to the responding parties except to the shortlisted Institutions. Those sending their offers electronically will, however, receive an electronic acknowledgement of the receipt of their Expression of Interest (Eoi).

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During the initial year, they also undergo short trainings and district attachments with various district level officers of revenue and police administration and sometimes a short programme at the State Academies with special emphasis on local general/financial procedures, local laws, etc.

After a few years (2-3) of experience, they are promoted to become Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF) to hold charge of division level posts (also called Divisional Forest Officers) and are entrusted with a wide range of functions related to scientific management of forest, prevention and detection of forest and wildlife related crimes and enforcement of various laws and policies of Government.

Over the first 12-13 years, the officers continue to function as head of forest divisions (DFO's) and are entrusted with various responsibilities related to general management and upkeep of forest areas under the division. After having done these postings as DCF, the officer gets promoted to next level supervisory post i.e. Conservator of Forests. The Conservator of Forests (CF) heads a forest circle, usually having 3-4 divisions under its charge. Finally, after about 18-25 years of service, they enter the last phase of their service and hold top posts in the forest department at State/Central level as Chief Conservator of Forest/ Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

Thus, members of the IFS serve the government for an entire career spanning over three decades. Their job profile, from initial field level implementation responsibilities, changes to supervisory management and finally to policy formulation level.

State Forest Service (SFS) Officers and Range Forest Officers (RFOs) carryout field execution of forestry operations and sustainable management of forest estate based on working plan prescriptions both in the States. The appointment to SFS is done in two ways, namely recruitment through State Forest Service Examination conducted by the State Public Service Commission (SPSC) every year and by promotion from the subordinate service (RFO). Direct recruits to the Service undergo 24 months basic/professional training at Central Academics for State Forest Service (CASFoS), Dehradun, or Coimbatore followed by practical training in States/Districts/Divisions allotted to them. The officer promoted from the Range Forest Officers to State Forest Service also undergo 2 weeks refresher training at CASFoS Dehradun or Coimbatore apart from the induction training of 18 months while entering in service as RFO.

While the minimum qualification for being selected into SFS/RFO is a Bachelor's Degree in any of Science/Engineering disciplines, yet given the high level of competition, most of the officers have a Master's Degree and an outstanding academic record. They come from a wide range of backgrounds such as Botany, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Science etc. A good number are also engineers and doctorates.

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