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Department Of Telecommunications
Universal Services Obligation Fund
Sanchar Bhawan, 20 Ashoka Road
New Delhi – 110001

EoI Notice No. 30-2/2010-USOF/S.I.

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Invitation of Expression of Interest (EoI) from Telecom Service Providers, Licensed with DoT, for Support from USO Fund for Pilot Project Scheme for Access to ICTs and ICT Enabled Services for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in Rural India

The Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) intends to provide subsidy support for pilot projects for access to ICTs and ICT enabled services for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in rural and remote areas of the country. The types of pilot projects which could be undertaken are as follow:

- i) Setting up of ICT centres equipped with appropriate Assistive Technologies (ATs) for PwDs in educational/rehabilitation/vocational training institutions in rural areas
- ii) Provision of special handsets with/without access to bundled content for PwDs in rural areas
- iii) Public access to ICT facilities with ATs in villages or in/near rural institutions dealing with PwDs.

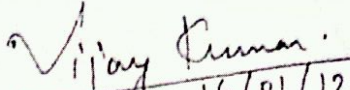
Administrator USOF, on behalf of President of India, invites "Expression of Interest" (EoI) from Service Providers for the above said pilot projects. The detailed document inviting Expression of Interest is available on Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) website www.usof.gov.in (under 'Tenders' under 'Current'). No charges shall be payable by the applicants towards the cost of the EoI application. The applicants are not required to submit any earnest money while submitting the EoI. In case of any query, clarifications may be sought through email at the address dafusof@gmail.com

The applicant must be a Licensed Service Provider with valid license from DoT. Categories of Service Providers who are eligible to apply are as follow:

- i) Cellular Mobile Service Providers,
- ii) Unified Access Service Licensee,
- iii) Internet Service Providers,
- iv) Basic Service Operators, and
- v) Infrastructure Providers.

From the EoIs received, Administrator USO Fund would select project applications as laid down in the EoI document. The Administrator, USO Fund reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications without assigning any reason.

The EoI is to be submitted in Room No. 1307, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi and the last date of submission is 31.03.2012 by 1600 hrs.


Dy. Administrator (Finance-II), USOF