

APPLICATION FOR CONSULTANTS

- ***The Department of Social Defence invites applications from consultants interested in various types of short term assignments of working for children.***

Assignments may be in the nature of undertaking studies, preparing plans, policy documents, detailed working with institutions and the children etc. Remuneration will vary based on the assignment.

Please send in your resume to: *Office of the Commissioner, Department of Social Defence, 300, Purasawalkam High Road, Chennai-600010. Last date for receiving applications is 5TH October 2007.*

The Department of Social Defence works to protect and promote the welfare of children, especially those in difficult circumstances and in need of care and protection. The focus being the care, protection and rehabilitation of abandoned, neglected, destitute children and children in conflict with law.

Qualifications and Specialized knowledge required:

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Applications are also invited from persons with B.F.A/B.Arch., with innovative design conceptualization and sketching abilities. Working knowledge of AUTOCAD desirable.

➤ **IMMEDIATE ASSIGNMENT**

Terms of Reference

Applications are invited for posts of Team Leader and Project Assistants for preparation of comprehensive Plan of Action for establishing Child Welfare Committee and Juvenile Justice Board in all districts and linking the Children's Homes to them.

Background of the Assignment:

As per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act 2006, Child Welfare Committees with Reception Units are to be established and linked to Children's Homes for children in need of care and protection and Juvenile Justice Boards are to be established along with Observation Homes in all districts to provide Social Defence for children in conflict with law. Shelter Homes and Fit Institutions are to be identified as well.

There are a number of Children's Homes within the Social Welfare Department run by the Government, in this Department of Social Defence as also in the Department of Social Welfare, and through NGOs in both the departments, as well as outside in various parts of the State. In order to provide comprehensive and effective services to children in need of care and protection, it has been proposed to correlate the establishment of Child

Welfare Committees in each district with Children's Homes without duplication of efforts.

As far as Observation Homes are concerned, the number of NGOs coming forward is limited, and the Government will have to establish more of them in all the districts along with Juvenile Justice Boards, utilizing existing resources and putting forth new investments

The above tasks would require not only assessing the availability within the districts, but also liaising with competent NGOs who are interested in getting actively involved in the implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act, covering care and protection of children and protection of children in conflict with law.

Basic Objective of the Consultancy:

Field level assessment of existing institutions for children, resources available and liaising with concerned authorities and NGOs to bring about a comprehensive Plan of Action, without duplication, leading to implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act in the entire State.

Major Tasks to be accomplished:

- Assess existing institutional structure for Children's Homes, Observation homes under the Juvenile Justice system, Social Welfare Department and under NGOs.
- Prepare the plan for comprehensive coverage, covering infrastructure, staffing, linkages, recurring costs etc.
- Prepare specific location plans with redesigning of existing infrastructure and proposing new infrastructure to meet the needs and make it child friendly.

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Duration of Contract and Deadline for Submission of Project:

Two months – Completion before 31.12.2007.

Official Travel Involved:

Approximately 15 days per month.

Estimated Cost of Consultancy:

Rs.40,000/- per month* for Team Leader

Rs.20,000/- per month* for Project Assistants.

(* Travel Expenses extra)

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