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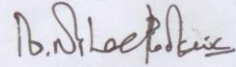
**Public Notice
Regarding Research Study**

Subject: Inviting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for conducting research study.

NPPA intends to invite Expressions of Interest (EOI) from Institutions/Organisations of repute for conducting a research study on the topic "Impact Analysis of Price Regulation in India in the context of Affordability, Accessibility and Availability of Essential Medicines since 1995". A note regarding the scope of the study and procedure for tender is attached as Annexure-I. In order to finalize the technical document and to have a feedback from the prospective service providers, a pre-bid conference is being conducted on 04th January, 2017 at 11.00 am at NPPA, 3rd Floor, YMCA Cultural Centre Building, No.1, Jai Sing Road, New Delhi-110 001. The Service Providers/Institutions/Organisations desirous of submitting the EOIs should have proven experience and expertise in research activities in the relevant fields relating to Pharma Sector . The service providers/Institutions/Organizations desirous of participating in the pre-bid conference may register by e-mail to me.nppa2015@gmail.com and dir.me.nppa@gmail.com before 5.00 pm on 3rd January, 2017, along with a brief profile of the Service Providers/Institutions/Organisations and a brief technical write-up of the proposal.

Encl: Annexure-I : Attach

Yours faithfully,


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Deputy Director

PROPOSAL FOR CONDUCTING RESEARCH STUDY

Subject: - Impact Analysis of Price Regulation in India in the context of Affordability, Accessibility and Availability of Essential Medicines since 1995.

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Scope of the study:

1. Impact assessment of price control since the implementation of DPCO, 1995 to be studied keeping in mind the overall objectives of Department of Pharmaceuticals and National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), that is ensuring the 'Affordability', the 'Accessibility' and the 'Availability' of essential medicines (August, 1996 to August, 2016).
2. The study shall also deeply examine the reasons for a particular 'impact' on affordability, accessibility and availability and also suggest remedial measures to make the price control more effective. The study should also specifically assess the negative impact of price control, if any, on the growth of Indian Pharma sector during the reference period and suggest reforms in the existing policy and regulatory framework.
3. The data base used for the study is going to be primarily the PharmaTrac data which requires to be supplemented by other essential primary, secondary or tertiary data as required and collected by agency.
4. The study should clearly demonstrate with adequate empirical evidence the impact of price control in India during both the phases i.e., the cost based pricing system prior to 2012 and after that within the overall reference period of the decade (August 1996 to August 2016).
5. The study should also take into account earlier studies in Indian context on the subject, if any, and critically examine the methodology, assumptions and inferences in the previous studies and independently establish the relevance of any departure taken up during the proposed study.

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6. The study should also take into account the price regulation system and impact studies done in other countries and try to assess the Indian system of price control vis-a-vis the price regulation systems in other countries.
 7. The study will also critically examine the existing alternate methods of ensuring drug affordability in the country like Government procurement and distribution, the existing insurance support and its impact etc.
 8. The study needs to be completed within a period of four months from the date of issue of work order.

Procedure for tender

The selection of the agency for study shall be done based on the assessment of 'technical' and 'financial' bids procured under a two envelope system with final selection based on L1 basis.

The technical bid will broadly consider following parameters: -

- i) The nature, size, the experience and the expertise of the company /academic institution to conduct such studies in pharma sector. This will be assessed based on its financial performance in the last five years; number of studies conducted; study conducted if any, in the Government/PSU sector; studies conducted in the health and pharma sector; the profile of the technical team earmarked for this study; and the overall reputation of the company /academic institution.
- ii) There will be a pre-bid conference in order to finalise the technical bid document taking into account the feedback from the prospective service providers.
- iii) The finalised technical bid document will thereafter be placed on NPPA's website, 'mygov.in.' and advertised inviting detailed bid documents with financial parameters.
