

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS:** Third Party Evaluation (TPE), development of a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework, and periodic impact assessment across the AICoEs

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- I3C-IIT Jammu (I3C), a Section 8 company, has been engaged by CPMU, IIT Jammu - the Central Nodal Agency for the Ministry of Education-for activities relating to the assessment, monitoring, evaluation and technology development of AI solutions developed under the AI Centres of Excellence.
- The AICoE programme under the scheme code of 4224 comprises 03 Centres of Excellence spanning agriculture, healthcare and sustainable cities hosted at institutions of national importance.
- I3C invites proposals from eligible institutions for undertaking independent Third Party Evaluation (TPE), development of a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework, and periodic impact assessment across the AICoEs. The proposal be shipped to the **Office of I3C-IIT Jammu, 14AC2002, Building SivaSagar, Indian Institute of Technology Jammu, NH-44, PO Nagrota, Jagti, J&K 181221, India.**

## **2. SCOPE OF WORK**

- Design of a structured, programme-wide MEL framework applicable across all four AICoEs, with a common results architecture and sector-specific indicator sets.
- Establishment of baselines, key performance indicators, outcome metrics and a data-collection protocol for each Centre.
- Conduct of periodic independent evaluation, including annual reviews and the statutorily mandated three-year and five-year evaluation milestones.
- Impact assessment studies covering deployment, adoption, beneficiary reach and measurable societal outcomes of AI solutions developed under the Centres.
- Benchmarking and validation methodology for AI solutions, including criteria for technical performance, field readiness and scalability.
- Preparation of policy-relevant recommendations and evaluation reports in a form suitable for submission to the Ministry of Education.
- Capacity-building support to the Centres on evaluation-ready data capture and reporting discipline.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY**

- Applicants shall be premier management institutions , or institutions of similar academic and research credentials of national standing, including Institutes of National Importance, Institutions

of Eminence, and centrally funded research institutions with an established evaluation or public-policy research unit.

- The applicant institution shall have a demonstrated institutional record of having undertaken evaluation, impact assessment or MEL assignments for the Government of India, State Governments, or multilateral development institutions.
- The applicant shall have an in-house faculty-led team with demonstrable competence in evaluation design, econometric and statistical analysis, survey methodology and mixed-methods research.
- The applicant shall be free of any conflict of interest in relation to the AICoEs, their host institutions, and the implementing agencies, and shall furnish an undertaking to that effect.
- The applicant shall not have been blacklisted or debarred by any Ministry, Department or agency of the Government of India as on the date of submission.

#### **4. CONTENTS OF THE PROPOSAL**

- Technical Proposal: institutional profile; understanding of the assignment; proposed evaluation methodology and MEL architecture; work plan with milestones and deliverables; composition of the proposed team with curricula vitae of key personnel; and evidence of comparable past assignments.
- Financial Proposal: an all-inclusive quotation in Indian Rupees, inclusive of all applicable taxes, cess and institutional overheads, submitted separately from the Technical Proposal.
- Statutory documents: registration or constitution documents, PAN, GST registration (where applicable), and the conflict-of-interest and non-debarment undertakings.

#### **5. SELECTION METHOD AND EVALUATION CRITERIA**

- Selection shall be on a Quality-and-Cost Based Selection (QCBS) basis, in accordance with the General Financial Rules, 2017, with the Technical Proposal weighted at 70 per cent and the Financial Proposal at 30 per cent.

| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>Technical Evaluation Parameter</b>                                  | <b>Weightage</b> |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1.            | Institutional credentials and standing                                 | 15               |
| 2.            | Relevant past experience in programme evaluation and impact assessment | 25               |
| 3.            | Soundness of proposed methodology and MEL architecture                 | 30               |
| 4.            | Composition and qualifications of the proposed team                    | 20               |
| 5.            | Work plan, deliverable schedule and institutional readiness            | 10               |

- Financial Proposals shall be opened only in respect of applicants securing the prescribed minimum technical qualifying score.

#### **6. DURATION AND DELIVERABLES**

- The engagement shall be for an initial period of 1 year aligned to the utilization timeline under the Project Agreement, extendable to 2 year as per requirement.
- All IPR including reports, frameworks, methodologies, datasets and other deliverables produced under the engagement shall vest in CPMU, IIT Jammu through I3C-IIT Jammu which can be further transferred to IIT Jammu by CPMU if required..
- Payments shall be milestone-linked and released against accepted deliverables.

## 7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Proposals received after the prescribed date and time shall not be entertained.
- Incomplete proposals, or proposals not conforming to the prescribed format, are liable to be rejected without further reference.
- The selected institution shall not engage directly with the Ministry of Education on any matter pertaining to this engagement; all communications shall be routed through I3C-IIT Jammu.
- I3C reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, without assigning any reason, and to alter the scope, timelines or quantum of the assignment.
- The engagement shall be governed by the rules of IIT Jammu, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

## 8. INDICATIVE SCHEDULE

| Stage                                 | Indicative Date |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Publication of Call for Proposals     | August 03, 2026 |
| Last date for seeking clarifications  | August 10, 2026 |
| Last date for submission of proposals | August 24, 2026 |
| Opening and technical evaluation      | Sept 1, 2026    |
| Opening of financial proposals        | Sep 5, 2026     |
| Communication of award                | Sep 15, 2026    |

## 9. CONTACT

All queries shall be addressed in writing to the Project Management Cell, I3C-IIT Jammu, at [i3c@iitjammu.ac.in](mailto:i3c@iitjammu.ac.in), quoting the reference number of this Call. Clarifications issued in response shall be published on the institutional website and shall form part of this Call.