

FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, Hauz Khas, New Delhi

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Subject: Invitation to Pre-RFP Meeting and Change in Procurement Process for [Project Creation of IT Infrastructure for Startup India Grand Challenge with the theme of Responsible AI for National Security]

Reference: [IITD/FT/EOI/2025-26], published on [09 Jul 2025 and date of submission extended to 09 Aug 2025]

This notice is issued with reference to the Expression of Interest (EOI) published by FITT which has partnered with NCIIPC a Government of India undertaking for conduct of NCIIPC Startup India Grand Challenge with the theme of “Responsible AI for National Security”. The challenge focuses on identifying and fostering the development of cutting-edge AI solutions for Twelve critical problem statements defined by the technical and operational teams at NCIIPC and SME from the academia. (Refer to website <https://ai-grand-challenge.in/> for the details)

The IT hardware being procured for the datacentre will be used to provide Compute resources to the Startups which would be incubated in the Incubation facility being created as a part of this challenge in which shortlisted startups i.e. upto a maximum of 3 Startups per problem statement (Maximum of 36 Startups) would work on the Problem statements to create AI models. The Startups will be provided with compute facility and resources to access Customised data sets being generated as a part of the challenge.

The EOI document previously stated that the Request for Proposal (RFP) would be shared exclusively with bidders who were found to be technically qualified based on their EOI submissions. However, due to a change in the scope of work and to encourage wider participation, it has now been decided to proceed with an **open RFP publication**.

In preparation for this open RFP, we are inviting all interested parties—including both those who responded to the original EOI and any other potential bidders—to attend a pre-RFP meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the new project proposals and take valuable inputs from the industry before the final RFP document is published.

Meeting Details:

- **Date:** Tuesday, the 16th September 2025
- **Time:** 1430 Hours
- **Location:** Mini Board Room, 2nd Floor, R&I Park IIT Delhi

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Your participation in this meeting is highly encouraged as it will help in creating a comprehensive and robust RFP.

We look forward to your valuable insights.

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