Release of Model RFP (Request for Proposal)

Pursuant to regular follow ups and discussions by NASSCOM with Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY), the Model RFP for selection of Implementation Agencies was released by the Hon'ble Minister for Communications & Information Technology Mr Ravi Shankar Prasad in a press conference, held in MeitY premises in New Delhi.

NASSCOM conducted various rounds of industry consultations and workshops to address the key issues faced by the industry on the previously released version of the Model RFP, the earlier version of Model RFP was released in Dec 2011.

NASSCOM facilitated for various inputs as per the requirements of the industry over the past 5 years in order to ensure the streamlining of the IT Procurement Policy of the government. Key issues including terms of payments, acceptance criteria, service level agreement and change management etc were raised to the government to be addressed through the Model RFP. Model RFP will provide a level playing field, to all stakeholders by defining appropriate pre-qualification and technical evaluation criterion. It will help aligning legal terms and conditions with the requirements of the IT Industry.

Model RFP will make payment terms, objective and easier for industry and Government Department and provide guidance on simplifying payment related conditions. It will help incorporating the Exchange Rate variations and converging of government schemes like Make in India / Preference for Domestically Manufactured Electronic Goods (PMA), provisions for Start-ups and MSMEs.

It will provide strategic support to Ministries/Departments of Centre/States for carrying forward the mission of Digital India by way of Capacity Building for e-Governance projects, promote best practices, encourage Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), nurture innovation and technology in various domains.

NASSCOM is undertaking the task to evaluate the released Model RFP.