



**Expression of Interest (EOI) for  
Empanelment of Design and Skilling Partners  
under the STRIDE Initiative of K-DISC**

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### EOI Document Details

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## K-DISC STRIDE

### Expression of Interest for Digital Fabrication Training and Design Partners

#### Providing 3D Design, Printing Services & Skill Training to Neurodivergent Community

##### 1. ABOUT STRIDE & PROJECT OVERVIEW

K-DISC STRIDE (Social Technology & Research for Inclusive Design Excellence) is Kerala's initiative to create India's first Inclusive Innovation Hub for assistive technology manufacturing.

##### Services Required:

- Monthly 3D Design Support Services
- 3D Printing and Manufacturing Services
- 3D Printing Technology Training
- Laser Cutting and Engraving Training
- Digital Fabrication Techniques Training

**Target Beneficiaries:** Neurodivergent individuals in BUDS institutions, special education teachers, Therapists and students

**Timeline:** Starting November 2025 | **Duration:** 2 weeks intensive program | **Coverage:** Pan-Kerala

##### K-DISC Budget Allocation (Year 1: 2025-26):

- ₹15,00,000 for Skilling (Training & Implementation) by Kudumbashree
- ₹5,00,000 for 3D Design Support and Printing Services by K-DISC

##### 2. SCOPE OF WORK

###### 2.1 Training Modules (2-week program)

- **3D Printing:** Technology, operation, materials, quality control, safety
- **Laser Cutting:** Fundamentals, material selection, operations, safety
- **Digital Fabrication:** User-centered design, prototyping, testing, documentation
- **Process Training:** Assessment, project-based learning approaches

###### 2.2 Monthly 3D Design & Printing Services

- Custom assistive device design (CAD files)

- Design iterations based on user feedback
- Manufacturing-ready file preparation
- 3D printing of designed prototypes
- Assembly and finishing services
- Material sourcing and quality assurance
- Technical documentation and user manuals

### **2.3 Delivery Requirements**

1. **Mode:** Hands-on practical training | **Languages:** Malayalam & English
2. **Locations:** STRIDE Makerspaces across Kerala
3. **Outcomes:** Tangible project deliverables and certification

## **3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

### **Mandatory Requirements**

#### **Organizational:**

1. Registered entity in India (min. 3 years) – Startups preferred (KSUM registered)
2. Audited financial statements for last 3 years
3. Experience in vocational skill development
4. Experience with persons with intellectual disabilities
5. GST & PAN registration

#### **Technical:**

1. Trainers in 3D printing and laser cutting
2. 3D Design and CAD expertise
3. Experience in adaptive/assistive technology
4. Familiarity with various 3D printers and laser cutters
5. 3D printing production capabilities

#### **Special Education:**

1. Minimum 3 years with BUDS institutions or special education centers

2. Adaptive teaching methodologies for neurodivergent individuals
3. Track record of successful outcomes

**Infrastructure:**

1. Access to STRIDE Makerspaces OR equipment lease capability
2. Safety compliance

**Preferred Qualifications**

1. Government institution collaborations
2. Assistive technology manufacturing experience
3. Research publications in inclusive design

**4. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**4.1 Institutional Details**

Organization name, registration details, legal status (LLP/Pvt Ltd), GST/PAN, address, contact person, years of operation, financial turnover (3 years), KSUM registration (if applicable)

**4.2 Organizational Capabilities**

1. History, mission alignment with inclusive innovation
2. Achievements, awards, partnerships
3. Infrastructure readiness, prior government projects

**4.3 Previous Projects (Minimum 3 disability-focused projects)**

Project name, client, duration, value, beneficiaries, outcomes, BUDS collaborations, testimonials

**5. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL**

**5.1 Training Cost (per participant for 2-week program)**

Component	Cost (INR)	Remarks
Training Delivery		All trainer fees
Materials & Consumables		Per participant
Certification		

Software Licenses		Pro-rated
Assessment		Testing & documentation
Administration		Coordination

**Total per Participant:** \_\_\_\_ | **Min. Batch:** \_\_\_\_ | **Max. Batch:** \_\_\_\_

## 5.2 Monthly 3D Design & Printing Services

**Total Monthly Cost:** \_\_\_\_ | **Additional Design Cost:** \_\_\_\_ per design

**Additional Printing Cost:** \_\_\_\_ per unit beyond included quantity

## 5.3 3D Printing Service Rates

**Materials:** PLA+, ABS, PETG, TPU (specify rates)

## 5.4 Equipment Lease Rates (if STRIDE equipment unavailable)

Equipment	Daily Rate (INR)	Tech Support	Remarks
3D Printer		Yes/No	With maintenance
Laser Cutter		Yes/No	Safety included
Computers		Yes/No	Software pre-installed

## 5.5 Payment Terms

1. Advance: \_\_\_\_% | Mid-training: \_\_\_\_% | Final: \_\_\_\_%
2. Monthly design/printing: Advance payment
3. Equipment lease: Daily/Weekly terms

## 6. IMPLEMENTATION & QUALITY

### 6.1 Timeline

1. **Week 1:** Foundation - basic concepts, safety, hands-on introduction
2. **Week 2:** Application - advanced techniques, project development
3. **Post-training:** Certification and documentation

## 6.2 Tangible Outcomes Required

1. Minimum 2 fabricated items
2. One assistive device prototype
3. Safety compliance demonstration

## 6.3 Monthly Design & Production Deliverables

1. New assistive device designs per month
2. Weekly progress reviews
3. User feedback integration
4. Printed prototypes with quality assurance
5. Complete technical documentation

## 6.4 Success Metrics

1. Skill acquisition and project completion
2. Safety compliance and certification rate
3. Participant satisfaction

## 7. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

### Must Submit:

1. **Legal:** Registration certificate, GST, PAN, KSUM (if applicable)
2. **Financial:** Audited statements (3 years) - Balance Sheet, P&L, Cash Flow, Auditor's Report, ITR (3 years)
3. **Experience:** Project portfolio, work orders, testimonials (min. 2)

**Note:** All documents self-attested. K-DISC reserves verification rights.

## 8. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Criteria	Weight	Focus
Technical Expertise	20%	3D skills, design, <b>printing capabilities</b> , training methodology
Disability Sector Experience	35%	Min. 3 years BUDS experience, testimonials, adaptive methods

Financial Viability	15%	Competitive pricing, 3-year audited financials, sustainability
Implementation Plan	10%	readiness
Organizational Capabilities	20%	Track record, infrastructure, production capacity, partnerships

**Minimum Score:** 70%

## 9. COMPLIANCE & ETHICS

1. Labor laws, safety regulations, disability rights compliance
2. Data protection, financial transparency, audit readiness
3. Dignity and respect, confidentiality, inclusive communication
4. Child protection, safeguarding, grievance mechanisms

## 10. SUBMISSION

**Deadline:** 20.10.2025

Email to [stride@kdisc.kerala.gov.in](mailto:stride@kdisc.kerala.gov.in)

**Results:** 30 days after publishing

## 11. TERMS & CONDITIONS

### General:

1. K-DISC reserves right to reject any/all proposals
2. Information verification and due diligence
3. Shortlisted vendors may present
4. Contract finalization post-selection

### Disqualification:

1. Incomplete/false information
2. Missing audited financials (3 years)
3. Less than 3 years BUDS experience
4. Poor references or legal issues



5. Blacklisting by government organizations

## **CONTACT**

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