



Ministry of Commerce and Supplies, Government of Nepal  
**Nepal Enhanced Capacities for Trade and Development (NECTRADE)**  
Supported by Enhanced Integrated Framework, WTO



## Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

The Government of Nepal, Ministry of Commerce and Supplies (MoCS) has taken steps to put in place the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), a global initiative for trade related capacity building of LDCs. Accordingly, Nepal Trade Integration Strategy (NTIS) was launched in June 2010 to support EIF implementation process. The NTIS has not only identified 19 products and services as having comparative advantage for exports but also prescribed number of action steps to gain competitive edge in the 19 items.

National Implementation Arrangement, which comprises of a National Steering Committee, a Focal Point, a National Implementation Unit (NIU) and other entities are constituted by the Government as per the guidelines of EIF Executive Secretariat, Geneva. The NIU is responsible for coordinating EIF activities and implementation at the national level. The Nepal Enhanced Capacities for Trade and Development (NECTRADE) Project is further designed to strengthen national arrangements of the EIF to enhance Nepal's ownership of trade related technical assistance and maximize the benefits that the country can derive from participation in international trade.

The NIU/NECTRADE is thus seeking EOI from all interested public, private and non-government agencies for immediate collaboration. This entails working with the NIU to develop project proposals for implementation of action steps identified in the NTIS. The major areas for EOI submission include:

- Strengthen trade negotiations capacity of Nepal
- Strengthen investment facilitation
- Strengthen trade facilitation
- Strengthen technical standards of domestic NTB (SPS and TBT) institutions
- Strengthen other business environment supportive institutions
- Strengthen intellectual property rights
- Strengthen service sectors environment
- Strengthen trade support network and institutions
- Strengthen EIF National Implementation Arrangements
- Strengthen 19 priority export potential sectors
- Any other activities suggested by the NTIS 2010

Further details and Terms of Reference can be downloaded from the website [www.mocs.gov.np/notice](http://www.mocs.gov.np/notice)

Qualified agencies are requested to submit their EOIs, by email to [nctrade@mocs.gov.np](mailto:nctrade@mocs.gov.np) OR by hand delivery/post to **NECTRADE, Project Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, MoCS Building, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal** by September 30, 2011 at 15.00 hrs. Early EOI submissions are highly encouraged.

*Interested agencies may submit their interest in maximum 3 areas. Selected EOIs will be taken as the base for developing detail project proposals, during which NIU/NECTRADE will provide necessary technical support.*