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**Invitation for Empanelment of Agencies for Social Impact Assessment Studies**

According to the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013, Government of Odisha vide its resolution No.20214/R&DM/RDM-RRC-POLICY-0005-2014 dated 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 has selected Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies (NCDS), Bhubaneswar as the State SIA (Social Impact Assessment) Unit. The Act stipulates that SIA study is mandatory for all projects requiring land acquisition. While preparing the SIA report the SIA agency is required to collect and analyse a range of quantitative and qualitative data, undertake detailed site visits, use participatory methods such as focused group discussions (FGDs), participatory rural appraisal (PRA) techniques and informant interviews.

In view of this, applications are invited from reputed national and state level research organizations/NGOs specifying their resource personnel, research qualifications and competency to undertake SIA studies for empanelment by the State SIA unit. The interested agencies are requested to submit along with their applications a brief profile about their institutions, latest annual report containing nature of activities and similar types of baseline socio-economic surveys, resource mapping, socio-cultural properties surveys, etc. taken up by them in the past.

The last date for receipt of applications for empanelment of agencies to undertake SIA studies is 15 November, 2014 and all such applications should be addressed to the Coordinator, State SIA Unit, Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Bhubaneswar-751013 (Odisha).

Director