**No. DTNBWED/HQ/PROFESSIONALS/GUIDELINES/ Date : 20-06-2025**

**Guidelines for Hiring of Young Professionals/ Consultants/ Senior Consultants at Headquarters level in Dattopant Thengadi National Board for Workers Education & Development, MoL&E**

1. **Purpose and Scope of Application**

1.1 The Dattopant Thengadi National Board for Workers Education & Development (DTNBWED) (erstwhile Central Board for Workers Education, i.e. CBWE), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Labour & Employment was established by the Govt. of India to implement the Workers Education Scheme. The DTNBWED is committed at achieving the objectives of creating and increasing awareness and educating the workforce for their effective participation in the socio-economic development of the society, industry and nation as a while.

1.2 In view of the ongoing projects of DTNBWED such as collaboration with the National & international organizations, development & maintenance of IT infrastructure (hardware and software) and effective Implementation of Workers Education Scheme, professional manpower is essential to effectively complete the tasks.

1.3 The General Conditions of Contracts for the services of Young Professionals/Consultants/Sr. Consultants will be incorporated into their individual contracts.

1. **Definitions:** The following definitions apply for the purpose of the present instructions:

**2.1 "Individual consultant or service provider"** means Young Professional or Consultant Grade- 1 or Consultant Grade- 2 or Senior Consultant depending upon their experience. Individual Consultants or service providers are recruited for similar activities as Consultancy/Service providing firms when a full team is not considered necessary. They may be independent experts not permanently associated with any particular firm, or they may be employees of a firm recruited on an individual basis. They may also be employees of an agency, institution, or university. They are normally recruited for project implementation supervision, provision of specific expert advice on a highly technical subject, policy guidance, special studies, compliance supervision, training, or implementation monitoring. Individual consultants/service providers are not normally recruited for project preparation unless the proposed project is simple and, generally, a repeat of an already established and successful project.

**2.2 "Consultancy Services"** covers a range of services that are of an advisory or professional nature and are provided by consultants. These services typically involve providing expert or strategic advice e.g. management consultants, policy consultants or communications consultants. Advisory and project related Consultancy services which include, for example feasibility studies, project management, Engineering services, Architectural services, finance accounting and taxation services, training and development. 3. Contractual terms and conditions

1. **Contractual Terms And Conditions**

**3.1 Legal Status:** The Individual Consultant shall have the legal status of an independent Consultant vis-à-vis, DTNBWED and shall not be regarded, for any purposes, as being either a "staff member" of DTNBWED, or an "official" of DTNBWED. Accordingly, nothing within or relating to the Contract shall establish the relationship of employer and employee, or of principal and agent, between DTNBWED and the Individual Consultant.

**3.2 Standards of Conduct:**

**3.2.1** In General the Individual Consultant shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to DTNBWED in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract. The Individual Consultant shall not take any action in respect of its performance of the Contract or otherwise related to its obligations under the Contract that may adversely affect the interests of DTNBWED, and the Individual Consultant shall perform its obligations under the Contract with the fullest regard to the interests of DTNBWED. The Individual Consultant warrants that it has not and shall not offer any direct or indirect benefit arising from or related to the performance of the Contract or the award thereof to any representative, official, employee or other agent of DTNBWED. The Individual Consultant shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the Contract. In the performance of the Contract the Individual Consultant shall comply with the standards of Conduct. Failure to comply with the same is grounds for termination of the Individual Consultant for cause.

**3.2.2 Prohibition of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse**: In the performance of the Contract, the Individual Consultant shall comply with the "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013". The Individual Consultant acknowledges and agrees that any breach of any of the provisions hereof shall constitute a breach of an essential term of the Contract, and, in addition to any other legal rights or remedies available to any person, shall give rise to grounds for termination of the Contract. In addition, nothing herein shall limit the right of DTNBWED to refer any alleged breach of the foregoing standards of conduct to the relevant national authorities for appropriate legal action.

**3.3 Title Rights, Copyrights, Patents and Other Proprietary Rights:**

**3.3.1** Title to any equipment and supplies that may be furnished by DTNBWED to the Individual Consultant for the performance of any obligations under the Contract shall rest with DTNBWED, and any such equipment shall be returned to DTNBWED at the conclusion of the Contract or when no longer needed by the Individual Consultant. Such equipment, when returned to DTNBWED, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Individual Consultant, subject to normal wear and tear, and the Individual Consultant shall be liable to compensate DTNBWED for any damage or degradation of the equipment that is beyond normal wear and tear.

**3.3.2** DTNBWED shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights, including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how or documents and other materials which the Individual Consultant has developed for DTNBWED under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract, and the Individual Consultant acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for DTNBWED. Subject to the foregoing provisions, all maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, reports, estimates, recommendations, documents and all other data compiled by or received by the Individual Consultant under the Contract shall be the property of DTNBWED, shall be made available for use or inspection by DTNBWED at reasonable times and in reasonable places, shall be treated as confidential and shall be delivered only to DTNBWED authorized officials on completion of work under the Contract.

**3.4 Confidential Nature of Documents and Information:** The Individual Consultant would be subject to the provisions of the Indian Official Secrets Act, 1923. The Individual Consultant shall not, except with the previous sanction of DTNBWED or in the bona fide discharge of his or her duties, publish a book or a compilation of articles or participate in radio broadcast or contribute an article or write a letter in any newspapers or periodical either in his own name or anonymously or pseudonymously in the name of any other person, if such book, article, broadcast or letter relates to subject matter assigned to him by DTNBWED.

**3.5 Use Of Name, Emblem or Official Seal of The DTNBWED:** Individual consultant shall not advertise or otherwise make public for purposes of commercial advantage that it has a contractual relationship with DTNBWED, nor shall the Individual consultant, in any manner whatsoever, use the name, emblem or official seal of DTNBWED, or any abbreviation of the name of DTNBWED, in connection with its business or otherwise without the written permission of DTNBWED.

**3.6 Insurance:** The Individual consultant shall be solely responsible for taking out and for maintaining adequate insurance required to meet any of its obligations under the Contract, as well as for arranging, at the Individual consultant's sole expense, such life, health and other forms of insurance as the Individual consultant may consider to be appropriate to cover the period during which the Individual consultant provides services under the Contract.

**3.7 Travel, Medical Clearance and Service Incurred Death, Injury or Illness:**

**3.7.1** DTNBWED may require the Individual consultant to submit a Statement of Good Health from a recognized physician prior to commencement of work in any offices or premises of DTNBWED.

**3.7.2** In the event of the death, injury or illness of the Individual consultant which is attributable to the performance of services on behalf of DTNBWED under the terms of the Contract while the Individual Consultant is traveling at DTNBWED expense or is performing any services under the Contract in any offices or premises of DTNBWED or Government of India, the Individual consultant or the Individual consultant's dependents, as appropriate, shall not be entitled to any compensation.

**3.8 Force Majeure and other Conditions:**

**3.8.1** Force majeure as used herein means any unforeseeable and irresistible act of nature, any act of war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, or any other acts of a similar nature or force, provided that such acts arise from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Individual consultant.

**3.8.2** The Individual consultant acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to any obligations under the Contract that the Individual consultant must perform in or for any areas in which DTNBWED is engaged in, preparing to engage in, or disengaging from any peacekeeping, humanitarian or similar operations, any delay or failure to perform such obligations arising from or relating to harsh conditions within such areas or to any incidents of civil unrest occurring in such areas shall not, in and of itself, constitute force majeure under the Contract.

**3.9 Termination:** The DTNBWED can terminate the contract at any time without prior notice and without providing any reason for it. However, in the normal course the contract will be considered as terminated on the date of completion of tenure of the contract unless extended specifically by DTNBWED. The individual consultant can also seek for termination of the contract upon giving one month's notice to the DTNBWED.

**3.10. Audits and Investigations:** Each invoice paid by DTNBWED shall be subject to a post-payment audit by auditors, whether internal or external, of DTNBWED or by other authorized and qualified agents of DTNBWED at any time during the term of the Contract and for a period of two (2) years following the expiration or prior termination of the Contract. DTNBWED shall be entitled to a refund from the Individual Consultant for any amounts shown by such audits to have been paid by DTNBWED other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. The Individual Consultant acknowledges and agrees that, from time to time, DTNBWED may conduct investigations relating to any aspect of the Contract or the award thereof, the obligations performed under the Contract, and the operations of the Individual Consultant generally relating to performance of the Contract. The right of DTNBWED to conduct an investigation and the Individual Consultant's obligation to comply with such an investigation shall not lapse upon expiration or prior termination of the Contract. The Individual Consultant shall provide its full and timely cooperation with any such inspections, post-payment audits or investigations. Such cooperation shall include, but shall not be limited to, the Individual Consultant's obligation to make available its personnel and any relevant documentation for such purposes at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions and to grant to DTNBWED access to the Individual Consultant's premises at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions in connection with such access to the Individual Consultant's personnel and relevant documentation.

**3.11 Settlement of Disputes:** DTNBWED and the Individual Consultant shall use their best efforts to amicably settle any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof.

**3.12 Arbitration:** Any dispute, controversy or claim between the parties arising out of the Contract, or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably, as provided above, shall be referred by either of the parties to the Chairperson, DTNBWED for arbitration. The Director General DTNBWED may appoint an arbitrator for the settlement of the controversy.

**3.13. Conflict of Interest:** The Individual Consultant shall be expected to follow all the rules and regulations of the Government of India which are in force. He/she will be expected to display utmost honesty, secrecy of office and sincerity while discharging his/her duties. In case the services of the Individual Consultant are not found satisfactory or found in conflict with the interests of the DTNBWED/Government of India, his/her services will be liable for discontinuation without assigning any reason

**4. Terms of reference**

4.1 Heads of Verticals are responsible for ensuring that detailed terms of reference describing the work to be performed are prepared well in advance of the engagement of the individual consultant and submit it in Annexure-I in a timely manner to the executive or administrative office for processing.

4.2 The terms of reference are mandatory and shall form part of the individual contract. The terms of reference shall include the outputs to be delivered and the functions to be performed. The outputs and functions shall be specific, measurable, attainable, results-based and time-bound.

**5. General Terms & Conditions**

**5.1. Tenure:** Individual Consultants will be engaged for a fixed period but not exceeding 3 years for providing high quality services on specific projects as per requirement of the Board. However, their continuation in their respective position beyond the first and subsequent years, would be contingent on a satisfactory Annual Performance Review based on clearly defined Key Performance Indicators. Extension beyond three years may be considered under exceptional circumstances with the approval of Director General, DTNBWED. However, no extension will be given beyond the age of 65 years.

**5.2**. Professionals with requisite qualification and experience as prescribed would be hired as Individual Consultants. As per Rule 177 of GFR 2017, the consulting services do not include direct engagement of retired Government servants. However, a retired Govt servant can be hired as consultant through a competitive process. They should not be engaged against regular vacant posts as consultant under this rule. Retired government servants can be engaged only for the specific tasks and for specific duration as consultant. They should be assigned clear output related goals.

**5.3** The Individual Consultants may be appointed on part-time or full-time basis. Consultants appointed on full-time basis would not be permitted to take up any other assignment during the period of Consultancy with DTNBWED.

**5.4** The appointment of Individual Consultants is of a temporary nature and the DTNBWED can cancel the appointment at any time without providing any reason for it.

**5.5** Part-time Consultants will be appointed subject to the condition that they face no conflict of interest with respect to the work they are handling in DTNBWED.

**5.6 Number of Individual Consultants**: The total number of Individual Consultants to be engaged by DTNBWED shall depend on the actual requirement at a particular point of time and provision of budget.

1. **Educational Qualifications Experience, Age And Remuneration:**
	1. **Educational Qualification:** In general following qualifications are required, however any specific Educational Qualifications may be prescribed as per actual requirement of the verticals.

**Essential** – Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree in relevant subject or BE/B.Tech or 2 Years PG Diploma in relevant subject or LLB or CA or ICWA or possessing any Professional Degree earned after a study of 4 years or more acquired after 10+2.

**Desirable** – Persons with M.Phil., M.Tech, M.S., LLM, Ph.D, additional qualifications, research experience, published papers and post qualification experience in the relevant field would be preferred.

* 1. **Experience, Age and Remuneration:**

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| Name of the position | Experience (in years) | Upper Age Limit (in years) | Remuneration (in INR) |
| Young Professional | 1  | 32 | 30,000 – 45,000 |
| Consultant Gr. 1 | 3-8 | 45 | 10,000 - 1,00,000 |
| Consultant Gr. 2 | 8-15 | 50 | 1,25+000 - 1,75,000 |
| Sr. Consultant  | 15 yrs. And above | 62 | 2,00,000 - 2,25,000 |

\* Experience includes upto 3 years for Ph.D. holder, provided no work experience is counted during those 3 years.

* 1. The Consultation Evaluation Committee shall fix the consolidated remuneration for the positions of Consultant/Sr. Consultant. The consolidated remuneration will be **inclusive of all applicable taxes** and no other facility of allowance will be allowed.

**6.3 (a)** In case the contract is for more than one year, the remuneration may be reviewed after completion of one year on annual basis. The enhancement in remuneration will be based on his/her performance during the year after the recommendation of the Performance Appraisal Board to be constituted duly approved by the Director General, DTNBWED as per the following criteria:-

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| **S.N.** | **Performance** | **Enhancement in remuneration** |
| (a) | Performed only routine/assigned work | Nil |
| (b) | Individual Consultant/YP who have made significant contribution in his/her domain and have shown exceptional quality in providing the desired output as expected by higher authorities on the assigned/specific task. | Upto 5% of the remuneration with the approval of Director General, DTNBWED |
| (c) | In exceptional cased, where the individual consultant demonstrated exemplary performance in his/her domain and have made significant contribution in policy making and his or her articles have been published in reputed journals/magazine/newspaper or has authored books etc. | Upto 10% of the remuneration with the approval of Director General, DTNBWED |

Performance not to be judged merely on the Annual Performance Review based on clearly defined Key Performance Indicators grading. Publication articles in reputed journals/magazine/newspaper or books authored by the individual consultant/YP will be given extra weightage while evaluating/deciding cases for enhancement in remuneration etc.

**6.3 (b)** Total enhancement in remuneration shall not exceed 10% annually in any case.

**6.3 (c)** Notwithstanding anything mentioned above, in no case the remuneration of any individual consultant shall exceed 1.25 times of the initial remuneration.

**6.4**  Hiring criteria may be further defined for specific positions depending the specific requirements and circumstances

**6.5**  Emoluments of Part-time Consultant will be decided on number of man-days basis by the CEC.

1. **SELECTION PROCESS**

**7.1** The Selection of Young Professionals/ Consultants/ Senior Consultants shall be made in accordance with the provisions contained in GFRs 2017 under Rules 177 to 196 and Chapter 7 - Selection of Individual Consultant/service Provider (para 7.1 and 7.2), Chapter – 6 (para 6.5) of Manual for Procurement for Consultancy and Other Service 2017.

**7.2** The requirement of DTNBWED will be advertised from time to time on its website.

**7.3** The applications received shall be placed before a Selection Committee comprising a Chairman and three members.

**7.4** The Selection Committee may devise its own method for selection of suitable candidates as per the requirement. The Selection Committee may recommend a panel of names for keeping in reserve list with validity.

**7.5** In certain exceptional cases, with the approval of the Director General, selection from a single source as per GFRs-2017 may also be considered. However, full justification for this must be given by the Consultancy Evaluation Committee (CEC).

**7.6 Payment:** The payment will be released by DTNBWED within one week after completion of the month based on the biometric attendance registered by the individual consultant or on certification by concerned officer/official in case the individual consultant has been deputed to other place.

**8. Leave** The Individual Consultants shall be entitled to leave of 8 days in a year on pro-rata basis. Further, the absence up to one month may be considered without remuneration. However, in exceptional cases for professional development, training etc. this condition may be relaxed by CEO, DTNBWED. Apart from this the women consultant may be eligible for maternity leave as per the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017 issued by Ministry of Labour and Employment vide no S-36012/03/2015-SS-1 dated 12th April, 2017.

**9. Tax Deduction at Source**: The Income Tax or any other tax liable to be deducted, as per the prevailing rules will be deducted at source before effecting the payment, for which the DTNBWED will issue TDS Certificate/s. Goods and Service Tax, as applicable shall be admissible to the Individual Consultants. The DTNBWED undertake no liability for taxes or other contribution payable by the Individual Consultant on payments made under this contract.

**10. Police Verification:** Police verification of the Individual Consultants shall be done as per the latest instructions issued by MHA. In case the police verification is received as negative, the contract of individual consultant shall cease to exist with immediate effect without any notice.

**11. Training:** After joining, a minimum of three days induction training (not to be paid) be organized for all the individual consultants.

**12. Relaxation:** Where the Director General, DTNBWED is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules.

**DATTOPANT THENGADI**

**NATIONAL BOARD FOR WORKERS EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Contract for the services of an Individual Consultant/YP**

File No Date

This Contract is entered into on [insert date] between the DTNBWED and Mr/Ms/Mrs...... s/d/w/o (hereinafter referred to as "the Individual Consultant/YP")

whose address is ……………………

WHEREAS DTNBWED desires to engage the services of the Individual Consultant/YP on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, and:

WHEREAS the Individual Consultant/YP is ready and willing to accept this Contract with DTNBWED on the said terms and conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

**1. Nature of services**

The Individual Consultant/YP shall perform the services as described in the Terms of References which form an integral part of this Contract and are attached hereto as Annex I.

**2. Duration**

This Individual Contract/YP shall commence on **[insert date],** and shall expire upon satisfactory completion of the services described in the Terms of Reference mentioned above, but not later than **[insert date],** unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms of this Contract. He/She is designated as **[Insert Consultants or Senior Consultants or Young Professionals]**. This Contract is subject to the conditions mentioned in the **"Procedure and guidelines for engagement of Consultants / Senior Consultants / Young Professionals in DTNBWED dated** ......... and are attached hereto as Annex II.

**3. Payment**

A consolidated remuneration of Rs. …………… per month inclusive of all applicable taxes shall be paid to the Individual Consultant/YP subject to satisfactory services. If unforeseen travel outside the Duty Station is requested by DTNBWED, and upon prior written agreement, such travel shall be at DTNBWED’s expense and the Individual Consultant/YP shall receive a TA/DA as per the said terms and conditions.

4. Rights and Obligations of the Individual Consultant

The rights and obligations of the Individual Consultant/YP are strictly limited to the terms and conditions of this Contract, including its Annexes. Accordingly, the Individual Consultant/YP shall not be entitled to any benefit, payment, subsidy, compensation or entitlement, except as expressly provided in this Contract. The Individual Consultant/YP shall be solely liable for claims by third parties arising from the Individual Consultant's own acts or omissions in the course of performing this Contract, and under no circumstances shall DTNBWED be held liable for such claims by third parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Contract.

By signing below, I, the Individual Consultant/YP, acknowledge and agree that I have read and accept the terms of this Contract, including the conditions mentioned in the **"Procedure and guidelines for engagement of Consultants/ Senior Consultants / Young Professionals in DTNBWED date** ........ and attached hereto in Annex II which form an integral part of this Contract.

The Individual Consultant/YP has submitted a Statement of Good Health and form for Police verification.

**AUTHORIZING OFFICER: INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT/YP**

**DTNBWED:**

Name: Name:

Signature:- Signature:

Date: Date:

Place: Place:

**Annex – I**

**Terms of Reference for the Individual Consultant/YP**

DTNBWED Reference:

Title : Young Professional/Consultant/Sr. Consultant

**(Following are to be filled by the concerned vertical and sent to Administration to initiate hiring process)**

1. Name of the Vertical :
2. Purpose of Assignment:
3. Duration
4. Tasks Related to Assignment and any other task incidental thereto:
5. Qualifications and Competencies:
6. Academic:
7. Work experience: