Information Sheet

Upskilling & Training Programs offered under COVID-19 Income Support Project

The Ministry of Economic Development in collaboration with the World Bank is currently implementing upskilling and training programme for workers impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

Targeted towards upskilling of prospective jobseekers in priority trades and is seeking interested training providers to conduct the required trainings for the duration of this programme in the area of Diving.

The aim of this upskilling and training program is to provide certificate-level (both locally and internationally recognized) training opportunities to Maldivians within the priority areas. This program is essential to create pathways for displaced workers and workers whose employment has been affected by the pandemic.

The program will be implemented by the Ministry of Economic Development in collaboration with training providers currently established in the Maldives.

The Ministry of Economic Development now invites eligible Training Providers to register to provide the above-mentioned training programs. Interested training providers should provide information demonstrating their capability, capacity, required qualifications and relevant experience to conduct the training programmes.

Training Provider Eligibility Criteria:

- The training provider must be registered as a training institution under the Ministry of Higher Education (if there are no regulatory requirements for institution registration the provider must be recognised by an international certification body)
- The training provider must have the capacity to conduct the programmes physically.
- Have previous experience in conducting vocational or technical training courses.
- Have relevant equipment, tools, and resources required for the training and conduct the practical sessions of the course module as required.
- The trainers must have relevant educational qualifications or specialized training in the field (licenses, certification, etc.) with adequate technical and field experience related to the training area.
- Courses offered must be completed by 31 October 2022 and must be either locally or internationally recognized.
- Eligibility of training providers with previous engagement in the project activities is subject to clearance of satisfactory performance and administrative requirements.

Fees covered by the Ministry of Economic Development for Diving training and upskilling programs.

Diving	Dive Master Course (Full package)	Up to MVR 55,000
	Instructor Development Course (Full package)	Up to MVR 60,000
	Professional Dive Training for Fishermen	Up to MVR 35,000

Dive Master Course (Full package): Dive master course must include all the relevant modules as per the international body the training provider is affiliated to.

Instructor Development Course (Full package): Dive master course must include all the relevant modules as per the international body the training provider is affiliated to.

Professional Dive Training for Fishermen: A program tailored for fishermen to provide with the required training for them to dive safely and adapt to best practices. Training providers must provide minimum modules as below.

- i. Open Water Diver Course
- ii. Advanced Open Water Diver Course (AOWD)
- iii. Emergency First Responder (EFR) Course
- iv. Rescue Diver Course
- v. Deep Diver
- vi. Oxygen Provider

Programme Duration

All training programs that are to be offered under this must be completed before 31st October 2023.

Documents Required:

- 1. Valid Institute/ Business registration.
- 2. Training provider license or recognition from a local/international licensing body
- 3. Institution/Company profile including a brief description, main areas of training/business and profiles of key personnel/trainers (CVs of key trainers).
- 4. Evidence of previous training and experience.
- 5. Program outline (Include: program modules, duration, number of slots per batch, eligibility criteria, date of intake/completion, level of certificate awarded etc.).
- 6. Programme fee structure with training component/module level breakdowns.
- 7. Evidence indicating training capacity (available training infrastructure and equipment, number of classrooms, seating capacity, etc.)
- 8. Any other relevant information to support the application.

Evaluation Criteria

The applications will be evaluated based on the training providers capability to undertake the project. This will include an assessment of relevant experience, technical expertise, resource availability and strength.

#	Criteria	Points
1	Institute's capacity and experience in providing such training	50
2	Experience and qualifications of key personnel/trainers	50

- Applicants that receive at least 35 points or more from each evaluation criteria above will be invited to register as a training provider under this programme.
- Training providers can submit applications before deadlines and those applications will be reviewed as they are received in. Eligible providers will be registered in the Job Center accordingly.

For More Information

Further clarification regarding the registration process can be obtained from the address below during office hours 08:00 hrs - 16:00 hrs.

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Training Providers Registration form must be delivered by e-mail before the deadlines stated in the announcement to the following address below:

Email: tender.pmu@trade.gov.mv