GST Training Accreditation Programme

Expression of Interest (EOI)
for Approved Training Partners (ATPs) to impart GST Training

The Hon'ble President of India has given his assent to the Constitution Amendment Bill on Goods and Services Tax (GST) on 8th September 2016. As GST is proposed to be rolled out by 1st April 2017, it is important to plan for training of trade and other stake holders. Considering the scale of task, it has been decided to involve training institutes and professional bodies of repute in this process.

As a part of Government of India’s trade outreach programme, National Academy of Customs Excise & Narcotics (NACEN) - the apex indirect tax training institute of Government of India- invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from training institutes and professional bodies desirous of imparting GST Training to industry, trade and other stake holders, as ‘Approved Training Partners’ (ATPs) under the ‘GST Training Accreditation Programme’ of NACEN.

Objective: Quality and authoritative GST training at reasonable cost to trade, industry and other stake holders, as a part of the Government of India’s Trade Outreach Programme for successful rollout of GST.
Expression of Interest should be addressed to the Director General, NACEN, NACEN Complex, Sector 29, Faridabad, Haryana and sent by post or email (dg.nacen-cbec@nic.in) so as to reach on or before 20th October, 2016. Shortlisted institutions may be required to make a presentation to NACEN about their available facility and plans, before final selection.

Terms & Conditions of the Expression of Interest are as set out below-
General Terms & Conditions of GST Training Accreditation Programme

Eligibility:
1. Training institutes/professional bodies of repute having experience in fiscal and indirect tax training, who are desirous of imparting GST training to the industry, trade and other stakeholders would be eligible to apply for this Programme.

2. Reasonable fees and training infrastructure will be the important criteria for selection of ATPs. Preference will be given to training institutes/ professional bodies in the public sector or those associated with industry associations with proven track record of training. Interested parties are requested to provide necessary supporting data on existing training activities, available infrastructure, faculty strength, planned fee structure, etc. The parties are required to clearly indicated their willingness to abide by the fee ceiling as may be prescribed/approved by the Government/NACEN.

Selection Procedure
1. A Committee constituted under NACEN will examine the EOIs and shortlist those that are assessed as having the requisite facility & ability to undertake such training. Those shortlisted may be called upon to make a presentation and hold discussions with the Committee before selection.

2. Consequent upon their selection, the institutes would be required to enter into a MOU with NACEN to abide by the terms and conditions of the programme as set out and as may be prescribed.

Modalities of Training:
1. Training would be conducted by Accredited GST Trainers (AGTs) - trained and certified as such, by NACEN. on successful completion of trainer’s training with a qualifying test. Required number of faculty of ATPs (as mutually agreed upon) would be trained by NACEN for this purpose.

2. NACEN would provide a standard GST Training module and the course material for the training module. The ATPs should make necessary arrangements for training and provision
for supplying the course material to the trainees. No change in Training module or Course material should be made without prior approval of NACEN.

3. The GST training programmes would be based on the Model GST Law, Rules, systems & procedures as on date. NACEN and ATPs will work together to update and improve the trainings modules and course materials as they evolve with time.

4. All the display and publicity material relating to the GST training to be conducted by ATP, should mention that it is being conducted under ‘GST Training Accreditation Programme’ in partnership with NACEN.

5. A ceiling on the fee that can be charged per participant by the ATPs from the trainees will be decided in advance by Government/NACEN in consultation with the training institute. This fee ceiling can be in two broad categories – (i). Training per participant and (ii). Accommodation cost, with option to the participant to chose (i) with or without (ii). These charges will be fixed at a reasonable and realistic level for ensuring wider out reach.

**Miscellaneous :**

1. The period of Accreditation would be for a year or such other period as may be extended by mutual agreement.

2. NACEN will have the right of superintendence over the GST training programmes being conducted by ATPs, with a view to ensure quality of training and also to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the engagement.

3. In no event will NACEN be liable for any expense, loss or damage including, without limitation, indirect or consequential loss or damage, or any expense, loss or damage whatsoever arising from the conduct of the training programmes on GST or in selection of ATPs.

4. During evaluation of the EOI, NACEN may, at its discretion, ask interested parties for clarification on their EOI and the same should be provided by the respondents within the time frame prescribed by NACEN. Lack of prompt and thorough response to requests for supplemental information required for the evaluation of the EOI may lead to rejection.

5. NACEN reserves the right to reject any or all the EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

6. Any material misrepresentation of fact or any misconduct during the tenure of accreditation may lead to cancellation of ATP or AGT as the case may be.