MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (INDIA)
AND
CENTRE FOR INNOVATIONS IN PUBLIC SYSTEMS,
HYDERABAD

This memorandum of understanding entered into and executed on 13th August, 2012, between

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (INDIA), a premier, non-profit making, scientific and industrial research engineering organisation established in 1920 and incorporated by the Royal Charter in 1935, having its office at 8, Gokhale Road, Kolkata – 700 020, India (hereinafter called as IEI) of the first part.

AND

CENTRE FOR INNOVATIONS IN PUBLIC SYSTEMS, HYDERABAD, funded by the Government of India on the recommendations of the Thirteenth Finance Commission, having its office at Administrative Staff College of India, Bella Vista, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad - 500 082, India (hereinafter called as CIPS) of the other part.

Whereas the IEI is the premier, non-profit making, scientific engineering research organisation established in 1920 and incorporated by the Royal Charter 1935. As such, all activities of IEI, including all activities in cooperation with CIPS as contemplated by this agreement, will be consistent with and must further IEI’s scientific and educational purposes and comply with all laws applicable to IEI. The IEI imparts non-formal
engineering education in India and has 103 State and local centres/chapters throughout the country along with five chapters abroad. The IEI has a membership of over 600,000 members all over the world. The IEI is also a full member of the Engineers Mobility Forum since 2009.

Whereas CIPS is established in May 2010 as an autonomous body and located at the campus of Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Bella Vista, Hyderabad with a primary mandate to identify, recognize and promote innovations in public systems in the areas of management of people, process (cost and quality), systems (technology) and services, across various states to improve the well being of the people. Its functions include:

- To Scout, scan and track different innovations at the state as well as the national level that have positively impacted public service delivery, increased efficiency and led to cost reduction.
- To act as a platform for sharing and disseminating knowledge of new ventures and best practices in administration.
- To design relevant training programmes in partnership with the State Governments for developing an innovative mindset for creating new solutions on an on-going basis.
- To prepare a database of innovative/ best practices in specified sectors.

The objective of this agreement is to establish, maintain and enhance academic and intellectual interaction between the IEI and CIPS through specific initiatives detailed in this Agreement, with a view to promoting excellence in studies and practices relating to Engineering and Technological Sciences.
In recognition of the mutual interest in Workshops/Seminars/Conferences, training, research and consultancy shared by the IEI and the CIPS, both institutions agree to enter into a wide ranging partnership for joint research & consultancy, workshops/seminars/conferences, training, publications and exchange of resource persons for the following activities.

i. Developing long term strategies and plan of action to help in the advancement of institutional effort to improve public service delivery by encouraging outstanding individual/community efforts in the areas of Engineering and Technological sciences.

ii. Sensitizing and developing suitable policies to recognize innovations and creating new platforms for creative ideas and innovations in areas of Engineering and Technological sciences, to be recognized and showcased periodically.

iii. Developing innovation promotion/dissemination activities in areas of Engineering and Technological sciences, with the objective of reaching out to engineers & technologists, youth, women and grassroots communities- so as to promote Innovations in public systems.

iv. Jointly organizing programs of common interests to both parties such as seminars, workshops and training on matters related to creativity in Engineering & Technological sciences and innovations in public systems.

v. Any other areas of co-operation, as agreed to by both Parties from time to time

vi. CIPS will among others assist in dissemination of information and replication of innovative/ best practices.
In furtherance of their mutual interest in research, and as contribution to increased bilateral cooperation between them, both parties, agree to implement, within the framework of the regulations applying to each of the institutions and subject to the availability of resources, the following programmes and activities;

1. **Exchange of Faculty, Research and Resource persons**

IEI and CIPS will promote exchange of faculty, research and resource persons for guest lectures, joint research projects and interaction on issues relating to Engineering and Technological sciences. CIPS/IEI will be able to host nominated civil servants, technocrats, engineers as well as faculty members of both institutions. IEI and CIPS will mutually agree upon the terms and conditions of these exchanges.

2. **Hosting of Visiting Delegations**

IEI and CIPS will facilitate exchange and hosting of distinguished academics, technocrats, engineers, civil servants and thinkers who will deliver public lectures and conduct seminars/workshops or any other suitable activity that relates to the issues of governance and public administration. These events may be held in the premises of IEI or CIPS or any other place mutually convenient with a view to promoting stronger links and interaction between academic, government and policy making levels.

3. **Joint Collaboration efforts**

IEI and CIPS will identify critical themes for replication from time to time and collaborate closely to conduct joint programmes. The expected outcomes for this collaboration will be development of a database of case studies and manuals of best practices on usage of Engineering &
Technological sciences that deepen and facilitate better governance and public administration. Under the overarching umbrella of cooperation between IEI and CIPS, collaborative efforts will be developed for publication of books, monographs, reports and journals.

It shall be the endeavour of the both the organizations to establish a synergy between these institutions for conducting programmes which have the effect of enhancing service delivery by induction of technology for greater convergence of public services through Common Service Centres (CSCs) etc.

It is further realised that there is a considerable scope for scaling up of efforts in the North Eastern parts of the country. This could best be done by using the existing infrastructure available in different parts. This could also be ensured by designing programmes, which meet the specific needs of these states.

4. **Conference Halls / Accommodation**

As and when required, both organizations will share their infrastructure including accommodation and other conference hall facilities, on mutually agreed terms.

5. **Exchange of relevant publications**

IEI and CIPS will agree to share publications brought out by both institutions.

The terms and conditions, under which a specific programme / activity shall be undertaken under the terms of this Memorandum, and any necessary financial arrangements to facilitate these will be mutually
discussed and agreed upon in writing by both the parties prior to the initiation of the particular programme or activity.

Both the parties shall designate a coordinator for this arrangement. For IEI, this person shall be President, IEI or his designate and for CIPS this person shall be the Director, CIPS or his designate.

The institutions may agree every year by letters on the contents of the activities to be taken up on an annual basis, bearing in mind the foregoing paragraphs.

This Memorandum will be in force from the date of its signing and will be valid for 3 years. After that, if none of the parties has given notice for termination or review, its validity will be renewed automatically for another term of 3 years. It may be terminated by either party giving three months' prior notice to the other party in writing. The termination of the Memorandum shall not affect any activity already in progress.

For and on behalf of CIPS
[Name, signature with date]

Sri D Chakrapani, IAS (Retd.)
Director, CIPS

For and on behalf of IEI
[Name, Signature with date]

Mr S L Garg, FIE
President, IEI

Maj Gen (Retd) R K Sanan, VSM, FIE
Secretary and Director General, IEI

Hyderabad
Date: 13th August 2012

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