Skills for Persons with Special Needs

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PART 1

SECTION 1: INSTRUCTIONS TO TRAINING PROVIDERS

1. Forward:

Punjab Skills Development Fund (PSDF) is a section 42, not-for-profit Company, established under the Companies Ordinance 1984 by the Government of Punjab, with the objective to provide funding to Training Providers (TPs). PSDF funds vocational skills trainings for the poor and vulnerable population of Punjab. The training providers are engaged through a competitive bidding process on per trainee per month cost basis. Government of the Punjab and DFID, UK are main funding organisations. This funding will be provided for the vocational and technical training of about 380,000 individuals for training in all 36 districts of Punjab.

This scheme namely “Skills for Persons with Special Needs” is funded by the Department for International Development (DFID), UK. The objective of this scheme is to Impart vocational training to persons with special needs to include them in the mainstream economic activity and to equipped them with vocational skills. It aims to provide equal income generation opportunities to the persons with special needs. PSDF invites shortlisted Organisations to submit proposals against invitation letter.

Secretary Training Service Selection Committee
Skills for Persons with Special Needs
Punjab Skills Development Fund
21-A, Dr. Mateen Fatima Road, Gulberg II, Lahore.
2. **Introduction:**

2.1 The purpose of this document is to enable shortlisted organisations (Training Provider) to evaluate documents to be submitted.

2.2 Training Provider should have to submit documentary evidence related to proposed trade and location as requested in PART A of the Technical Form.

2.3 The Client named in the Data Sheet will select multiple entities (Training Providers), in accordance with the specified method of selection.

2.4 Training Provider can only submit technical & financial proposal(s) for the approved course(s) and location(s), attached with the letter of invitation as Annexure.

2.5 The Organisations interested in provision of training should familiarize themselves with the specified terms and conditions and take these into account while preparing their proposals. To obtain first-hand information regarding preparation of proposals, they are encouraged to attend a capacity building / pre-proposal conference.

2.6 It is expected that the Training Providers will arrange employment of maximum number of trainees in various Organisations.

2.7 *Persons for Special needs* involve persons lacking the sense of hearing and ability to speak, visually impaired and physically handicapped and any other disability under such heads. Mentally ill will not be considered under this scope of the scheme.

2.8 On completion of training, training provider will arrange testing and certification either from Punjab Board of Technical Education or any other testing & certification body as specified by PSDF.

2.9 PSDF reserves the right to verify any information provided by prospective bidders. False information / misstatement will lead to disqualification and rejection of the Technical Proposal; and the Organisation may also be blacklisted.

2.10 Only those shortlisted Organisations will be called to submit Technical and Financial Proposal whose previous contracts with PSDF has never been cancelled in part or full w.r.t shortlisted trades.

2.11 The documents submitted to PSDF will not be returned and will be treated in strict confidentiality.

2.12 PSDF reserves the right to request submission of additional information from shortlisted training providers in order to clarify any aspect of Technical Proposals, if required.

2.13 **Conflict of Interest:** The Training Provider, its employee must

   i. Not provide any assistance to any other person/entity in conflict with ‘PSDF’

   ii. Not provide services for any assignment to same or another client
iii. Must disclose any conflicting relationships, and these relationships must not be affecting proposal submission and selection or at any other phase.

2.14 Training Provider must not be involved in any corrupt or fraud practices and adhere to highest ethical standards.

2.15 Performance calculation will be done based upon overall past performance, irrespective of any specific scheme.

2.16 PSDF may inspect Training Providers accounts and records and any other documents relating to the submission of proposals and have them audited by auditors appointed by PSDF or Government of the Punjab.

2.17 The successful Training Provider will sign a training contract and are required to complete the assignment within the mentioned Period. The services may be extended for further based upon the Performance or any other criteria announced by PSDF.

2.18 All direct & indirect taxes will be deducted in accordance with the provisions of Government Rules amended time to time.

2.19 In case of delay in services a penalty for delay may be imposed. If the firm completely fails to provide the services within prescribed period and doesn’t comply with the reminders, the case of Training Provider may be put to relevant authorities to declare the Firm as "Blacklisted".

2.20 Payment of training services will be made on the satisfactory completion of trainings according to terms and conditions.

2.21 Punjab Skills Development Fund reserves the right to give multiple training assignments at a time and also reserve the right to increase or decrease the training assignments during or after contract period.

2.22 Qualified bidder will not be authorized to outsource the services of contract.

2.23 A **separate trade proposal** for each trade will be submitted, which consist of technical proposal and financial proposal, even if the Training Provider is interested in providing training in multiple trades.

2.24 Training Providers should not contact the Client on any matter related to their proposals, any effort by the Training Provider to influence the Client or recommendation for award of Contract may result in rejection. In case of any dispute regarding services, the decision of PSDF shall be final & binding.

3 **Proposal Validity:**

The Data Sheet indicates the time period for which the proposal would remain valid after the submission date. During this period Training Provider shall ensure the availability of nominated professional staff according to proposal. If required, the Client may request Training Providers to extend the validity period of their proposals, if Training Provider agree they will confirm the availability of staff as before.

Training provider may replace staff, which would be considered in the final evaluation for award of Contract. Training provider who do not agree have the right to refuse extension in the validity of their proposals.
4 Clarifications to RFP:

Training Providers may request a clarification on any aspect of the RFP documents up to the date indicated in the Data Sheet. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing. Client may amend the RFP by issuing an addendum in writing or by standard electronic means. The addendum shall be sent to all Training Providers and will be binding upon them. Training Provider would acknowledge its receipt. If amendment is substantial, client may extend the deadline.

5 Preparation of Technical Proposal:

5.3 Responses to the respective sections/parts of the proposal and attached important documents must be clearly and properly flagged.

5.4 Proposal must be signed by the head of the organisation or by the authorised person.

5.5 Technical Proposals containing any information of financial proposal, will be declared nonresponsive and will be returned.

5.6 All documents of Technical proposal must be bind together in book form prepared on prescribed format of RFP. Book form reference to tape binding, ring binding or simple Staple.

5.6 The envelope containing the Technical Proposal shall be sealed and labelled as follows:

   Technical Proposal

   Name of the Trade: ----------------------------------------

   Name of Assignment: Skills for Persons with Special Needs By: [Name of Organisation]

6 Preparation of Financial Proposal:

6.3 The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the Forms provided by the Client.

6.4 The envelope containing the Financial Proposal shall be sealed and labelled as follows: Financial Proposal

   Name of the Trade: ----------------------------------------

   Name of Assignment: Skills for Persons with Special Needs

   By: [Name of Organisation]

6.5 Financial Proposal shall be marked by a warning “DO NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL”.

   Any Financial Proposal found in the envelope meant for Technical Proposal (or vice versa) will lead to rejection of the proposal(s).

7 Submission, Receipt, and Opening of Proposals

Proposal for a trade comprising of a technical and a financial proposal (in separate envelopes) shall be submitted in an outer-sealed envelope, clearly marked as follows:
Technical & Financial Proposals

Name of Assignment: Skills for Persons with Special Needs

Name of the Trade:  ---------------------------------------- By: [Name of Organisation]  

[Client Address as provided in the Data Sheet]

The Client shall not be responsible for any misplacement, loss or premature opening of documents if the outer envelope is not sealed and/or marked as stipulated. The proposals shall not reach to client later than the time and date indicated in the Data Sheet, else it will not be evaluated and returned back. Submit to the address indicated in the Data Sheet through courier or post office. No interlineations or overwriting is allowed except as necessary to correct errors, authorized person must sign the corrections.

8. Evaluation of Technical Proposals:

8.1 Proposals will be evaluated by a third-party evaluation firm against the responsiveness of the information in Technical Proposals. Each trade proposal will be given a technical score (St). Scores will be awarded, and minimum 65% score is necessary for qualification.

8.2 PSDF authorised person will visit the training site before or during the technical evaluation phase to inspect area, facilities, equipment, location, capacity and other aspects of training.

8.3 PSDF will charge a part of evaluation cost from Training Providers, as the evaluation of proposals is being outsourced. Training Providers are required to provide Bank draft in the name of “Punjab Skills Development Fund.”

8.4 The bank draft amounting to Rs. 7,824 (Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-Four only) should be submitted by every Training Provider for evaluation of each trade wise Technical Proposal. For example, if training provider submits 2 Trade Proposals, then the Training Provider is required to submit a bank draft amounting to Rs.15,648 (Rs. 7824 x 2).

8.5 Technical proposals forms will be marked based upon the criteria described in the technical proposal.

9. Evaluation of Financial Proposals:

9.1 In case of changes in the technical parameters, PSDF may ask the Training Providers to submit revised Financial Proposals.

9.2 Financial Proposals shall be opened in the optional presence of the Training Providers representatives. Scores and bids will be announced and recorded.

9.3 Any computation error will be corrected, all activities and items described in the Technical Proposal but not priced shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items.

9.4 The lowest quoted Financial Proposal (Fm) on a cost per trainee per month (Inclusive of all taxes) basis with respect to the trade group will be given the maximum financial Score (Sf). Only the Financial Proposals for the qualified Technical Proposals will be opened.
10. Trade-wise Selection of Training Providers

10.1 Training Providers will be ranked based upon the combined technical and financial score. The Organisations scoring the highest combined score within a trade group will be selected and its price per trainee per month (inclusive of all taxes) will be set as a reference price. Combine Score as Reference Score and Technical Score as Reference Technical Score. The top-ranked organisation is awarded the contract. If the Training provider with second highest combined score in the trade group is required to be selected to meet the target number of trainees, it will be offered the contract as follows:

a) Technical score is greater than the top scoring Training Provider: it will be asked to lower the cost per trainee per month to a level so that combined score equals the reference score. In case of refusal the offer will be made to the third highest and so forth.

b) Technical score is equal to or lower than the top scoring Training Provider: it will be asked to lower the cost per trainee per month to a level of reference price in case the cost is higher than the top scorer otherwise the contract will be offered at bid price. In case the second ranked organisation refuses, the offer will be made to the third highest and so forth.

c) In case of the single bidder reference price from previous schemes will be used to make an offer.

d) PSDF decision would be final to determine the offer price.

10.2 The winning Training Provider may be awarded as many places as mentioned in the Technical Proposal, depending upon verified training capacity. Training Provider securing the second highest combined score in the trade group if required may be selected to meet the target number of trainees and so on till the target no of trainees are not met in the Trade group.

11. Negotiation

Negotiation may be done with Training Provider on two aspects technical and/or financial. The Training Provider is expected to commence the assignment after approval by the Client on the mutually agreed date and location.

11.1 Technical negotiations will include discussions on the Technical aspects of the services which may be related to courses/trades, number of classes, training locations, and number of trainees as per recommendations / decisions of the Client, and any suggestions made by the Training Provider to improve the Terms of Reference. The Client and the Training Providers will finalize the Terms of Reference, courses/trades, number of trainees, location(s) of training, number of classes, percentage of employment commitment, staffing schedule, delivery schedule, logistics, and reporting arrangements.

These documents will then be incorporated with the Contract as “Description of Services”. Special attention will be paid to clearly defining the inputs and facilities required from the Client to ensure satisfactory implementation of the assignment.

11.2 Financial negotiations will be conducted for changes in cost of the services as a result of agreed technical modifications, and/or reduction in cost. Financial negotiations can also be conducted for the purpose of reduction in bidding cost, if the bid rate(s) exceed the maximum rate(s) acceptable to the Client, if any, as fixed by PSDF based upon calculation of trade reference price.
11.2.1 In case of single bidder in any trade group, reference price will be calculated based upon previous rates of the same/similar course. Otherwise average price of previous scheme will be considered.
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<th>Skills for Persons with Special Needs</th>
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<td><strong>Name of the Client</strong></td>
<td>Punjab Skills Development Fund (PSDF)</td>
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<td><strong>Districts</strong></td>
<td>The Scheme “Skills for Persons with Special Needs” is for all districts of the Punjab and adjoining areas.</td>
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<td><strong>Location of Training Institutions</strong></td>
<td>RFP to be submitted for only the shortlisted training locations mentioned in the Letter of Invitation.</td>
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<td><strong>Time Schedule of the Training Services</strong></td>
<td>Trainings will start from April 2019. All trainees enrolled under “Skills for Persons with Special Needs” must complete training by March 2021 or as specified in agreement. However, it may be extended for a further period/number of trainees based upon performance evaluation of Training Provider as per the deliverables of the contract.</td>
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<td><strong>Target No. of Trainees</strong></td>
<td>Total enrolment target under the scheme is 2,000 trainees till 2021. PSDF may increase the target number after approval.</td>
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<td><strong>Candidate Selection</strong></td>
<td>Candidate selection will be Training Provider’s responsibility.</td>
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<td><strong>Capacity Building / Pre-Proposal Conference</strong></td>
<td>A Capacity Building Conference will be held. Date and venue will be communicated via email.</td>
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<td><strong>Target Group (Eligibility for Admission)</strong></td>
<td>The trainees for the scheme can be from any district of the Punjab.</td>
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<td>• A Special Person (male or female) with age from 18 to 29.</td>
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<td>• Must have CNIC with permanent or temporary residential address of Punjab</td>
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<td>• CNIC must indicate that the individual is a Special Person.</td>
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<td>• In case of CNIC not mentioning the special need, medical certificate from Government Hospital showing the disability must be attached.</td>
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<td>• Must not have previously attended any course funded by PSDF and registered in PSDF database.</td>
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<td>• Must meet the entry requirements as specified in respective training curricula.</td>
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| **Recommended Duration of Training** | • The recommended duration of training will be as mentioned in Letter of Invitation up to 6 Months.  
• In case of international certification, duration will be as per respective certification Guided Learning Hours.  
• In case of Self certification, duration will be as per respective Curriculum. |
| **Trainees per Class** | Maximum 25 keeping in view availability of training space (Class room and Practical Area). |
| **Minimum Conduct Hours** | • Minimum conduct hours per week are 20 (5 days x 4 hours daily). Extended conduct hours per week would be observed if total training hours mentioned in the respective curriculum are more than the Minimum Conduct Hours.  
• In case of international certification, minimum conduct hours may be increased as per the guided learning hours. |
| **Selection of Trades / Courses** | Trades will have to be selected from the Letter of Invitation sent to the shortlisted Training Providers only. |
| **Testing and Certification** | • Testing / certification from an accredited body is an essential requirement of the scheme. |
| **Implementation of Training** | Training would be delivered in Training Provider rental/own premises with dedicated labs/ work stations. This scheme is for implementation of training in a formal manner with course components to be delivered in dedicated classrooms/labs/workshops. |
| **Job Placement** | Training Provider has to commit minimum 20% employment Commitment. Training Providers would be required to establish and maintain a proper Placement Cell at the institute. The Placement Cell place the trained personnel on jobs. Training Providers who provide evidence of such arrangements will be scored higher in the evaluation of technical proposal. |
| **Payment to Training Provider** | a) Training Fee  
b) Trainee Support Payments  
c) Testing and Certification fees (on reimbursement basis) in case the testing authority is other than PBTE. |
| **Training Fee** | The financial bid will be based on training fee inclusive of all expenditures. It will include but is not limited to:  
• Trainers’ remuneration  
• Consumable Training Material  
• Training Manual & Stationery required for training  
• Protective clothing (in any)  
• Management & Reporting costs  
• Depreciation / Rentals of Machinery and Equipment etc.  
• Utilities & Miscellaneous items  
• Post training support to trainees (Placement)  
Any other Cost related to the training operational head |
| Trainee Support | Fixed Stipend  
• @ Rs. 1,500 per trainee per month  
• Payment of stipend will be made as per PSDF policy through the Training Providers and will be linked to attendance. PSDF may engage a third party for payment of stipend directly to trainees.  
• Uniform and a bag of acceptable quality for each trainee as per PSDF defined standard design & colour. An amount of Rs. 1,500 per trainee (one-time cost) will be paid to the training provider for the purpose. |
| Testing Fee | PSDF will pay the testing fee directly to PBTE under special arrangements.  
• In case of self-certification, no fee will be paid.  
• No testing fee will be paid to those organisations which are legally training providers as well as certifying authorities such as HEC Recognised universities.  
• For international certification, fee will be reimbursed after receipts of invoices.  
• In case of national certification, if the testing arrangement is proposed by the training provider (other than PBTE), the negotiated testing fee will be paid by the training provider to the testing agency. The testing fee will be reimbursed by PSDF upon submission of invoices at agreed/negotiated rates.  
• For international certifications, Training Provider (except Public Sector providers) would submit a written guarantee that they have sufficient funds to pay testing fees in advance. PSDF will refund testing and registration fee after receiving the verified Examination attendance sheet and results of trainees from the respective Testing Certification Body. |
| Proposal Language | English |
| Currency | All financial figures should be quoted in Pak Rupees as mentioned in the Financial Proposal. |
| Evaluation Cost | Rs. 7,824 (Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Four Only) should be submitted by every Training Provider for evaluation of each trade wise technical proposal. |
| Basis of Financial Evaluation | The quoted costs should include all applicable taxes. The financial bid will be evaluated on the basis of per trainee per month cost (Inclusive of all applicable direct and Indirect Taxes). |
| Submission of Proposal | For each trade, separate technical & financial proposals are to be submitted |
| Submission Address | Bidding documents should be submitted through courier and should be addressed as under:  
Secretary Training Service Selection Committee  
Skills for Persons with Special Needs  
Punjab Skills Development Fund,  
21/A, H-Block, Dr Mateen Fatima Road,  
Lahore, Pakistan |
<p>| Last Date of Submission of Proposal | January 25, 2019; 05:00 PM by post/ courier. Proposals received after the mentioned date will not be accepted. |
| Date of Opening of Final Proposal | Will be communicated later. |</p>
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<th>Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) methodology will be used for selection of Training Providers based on combined Technical and Financial Score.</th>
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<td>Criteria for Evaluation of Proposal</td>
<td>Technical Score (St) of proposal Quality of Training = 80 Capacity of the Organisation to deliver = 20 (Minimum Qualifying Technical Score = 65%)</td>
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| Financial Score (Sf) of proposal | \[
S_f = 100 \times \frac{\text{Lowest Price}}{\text{Price of Proposal Under Consideration}} 
\]
| Overall Score(S) | \[ S = S_t \times T + S_f \times P \]
<p>| Multiple Training Providers | Client may select multiple Training Providers following the methodology mentioned in case the top-ranked organisation does not have the capacity to meet the target number of trainees in the relevant trade. |
| Expected Date and Address for Agreement Negotiations | Date: Will be communicated later by the Client. Address: Punjab Skills Development Fund, 21/A, H-Block, Dr. Mateen Fatima Road, Gulberg II, Lahore. or any other address as notified. |
| Client Representative | Faiza Akram Management Associate- Program Development Email: <a href="mailto:faiza.akram@psdf.org.pk">faiza.akram@psdf.org.pk</a> Phone No. 042-111-11-7733 Ext 107 Punjab Skills Development Fund, 21-A, H Block, Dr. Mateen Fatima Road, Gulberg II, Lahore |
| Validity of Proposal | 240 days from last date of submission |
| Clarification Requests | Requests addressed to Client’s Representative / Contact Person in writing can be received before the last date of submission of technical proposal. |
| Expected Start Date of Classes | 1st April 2019 |
| Any Special Condition | • PSDF may relax one or more conditions of the RFP under notice to all shortlisted Training Providers. • PSDF will engage a third-party monitoring organisation to verify proposed deliverables. |</p>
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<th><strong>Bank Guarantee</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Training Facilities</strong></td>
<td>The Training Provider shall ensure availability of all trade-related equipment specified in the relevant curriculum in such a manner that all trainees are able to perform lab tasks. Depending upon the specific requirements of a trade, the standards may vary. Training Providers must submit status of available machinery, equipment, tools, furniture, etc. With reference to the list provided in the respective curriculum on the prescribed format attached with the Technical Proposal form. All training facilities are subject to inspection.</td>
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<td><strong>Means of Communication</strong></td>
<td>Formal communication between PSDF and Training Providers may be made through letter or email in English Language.</td>
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| **Performance Evaluation** | • It is suggested that Training Provider should select trades keeping in view their practical area availability, mobilization capacity & placement challenges.  
  • Performance of the Organization will also be evaluated on the basis of ratio of successfully qualified trainees with reference to number of trainees contracted and as per the performance standards of Monitoring as defined by the Client. Poor performance will affect selection of the Organisation in PSDF future schemes and or extension of the contract. As such:  
  • Training Providers are advised not to overestimate their enrolment & employment capacity  
  • Performance and future contracting will also be assessed based upon employment of trainees  
  • PSDF may impose financial penalties on Training Providers on account of any violations/ breach of rules. |
| **Contract Extension** | Performance of Training Providers would be evaluated semi annually. Subject to performance evaluation and release/ availability of funds, the Contract may be extended for an additional period and/or for training of additional trainees, on same cost and ToRs by mutual agreement of both parties. Training Providers perceived to have demonstrated poor performance would not be considered for extension of Contract for subsequent round of training. |
| **PSDF** | • PSDF will check the availability of training facilities through third party evaluation firm as per Standards for Disability.  
  • PSDF may relax one or more conditions of the RFP under notice to all shortlisted Training Providers requirements of the relevant curriculum. |
**TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)**

Punjab Skills Development Fund (PSDF) is funding skills trainings for special persons under “Skills for Persons with Special Needs” scheme. The objective of this scheme is to Impart vocational training to persons with special needs to include them in the mainstream economic activity and to equipped them with vocational skills. It aims to provide equal income generation opportunities to the persons with special needs. The selected Vocational Training Service Providers will be expected to enter into a Contract specifying the responsibilities and deliverables of the assignment.

**Responsibilities of Training Providers are to:**

1. Mobilise special persons, conduct marketing campaigns, build interest in skills training and invite applicants for the skills training according to the eligibility criteria defined by PSDF.
2. 
3. Select only eligible trainees who have CNIC with permanent or temporary residential address of any district of the Punjab.
4. Select only those candidates who have not previously been trained through PSDF funding and are not already registered in PSDF.
5. Arrange Safe and secure transport for the mobility of the Special Persons to and from the training center. (If Required)
6. Arrange properly equipped training facilities as per curriculum requirements and/or equipment list mentioned in the curriculum. It includes machinery, equipment, tools, class room & lab / workshop furniture and other basic facilities (e.g. washrooms, backup power, drinking water etc.). In case of deficiency, arrange additional training facilities as per requirement. Training Facility must accessible to the persons with special needs.
7. Engage competent and qualified instructors, principle and support staff as per provided CVs (qualification and experience) mentioned in the curriculum.
8. Get the facilities and arrangements inspected by PSDF before start of training.
9. Ensure provision of vocational skills training in approved skills /trades using the curriculum approved by relevant certification authority and following the agreed parameters.
10. Provide all learning aids, teaching materials, consumables, and additional facilities, as per demand of curricula, free of cost to the trainees (all costs on account of these items will be included in training fee which will be paid by PSDF).
11. Development/printing of training manual(s), if already not available.
12. Manage provision of standardised uniforms and bags as mentioned under Trainee Support.

13. Manage a transparent system of payment of stipend to trainees in a timely manner according to the notified rates as per Contract (all records to be maintained). PSDF may engage a third-party organisation for disbursement of stipend directly to trainees.

14. Establish a system for providing reports to PSDF within stipulated time through email or on a web-based data management system.

15. Establish and maintain a proper Placement Cell at the institute. The Placement Cell will be required to establish linkages of trained persons with the employers / recruitment agencies and ensure placements of the trainees upon completion of training.

16. Track and report employment status of trainees for the first six months post-completion of training.

17. Maintain separate bank account and financial records relating to the PSDF assignment(s).

18. Assist any PSDF partner in carrying out a tracer study / evaluation of the trained persons.

19. Arrange testing and certification from the relevant accredited certification body.

20. Arrange printing of provisional certificates as per the format approved by PSDF.

21. Arrange a simple graduation ceremony and distribute certificates to successful graduates on course completion and inform PSDF at least one week before the event.

22. Assist PSDF in the arrangements of graduation ceremony; if graduation ceremony is arranged by PSDF at large scale (cost of such ceremony arranged by PSDF will be borne by PSDF).

23. Assist and arrange trainees job placement after completion of training and maintain an updated 6 months’ post training job record.

24. Display prominently banners / sign boards relating to the training, after approval by PSDF.

25. Any other obligation agreed in the Contract.

26. Provide safe and secure environment to trainees.

27. Provide proper access to trainees with physical disabilities.

28. The Training Provider will be responsible for certain deliverables, including progress reporting, as per requirement of the project.

Note:
In case of non-compliance of the above-mentioned responsibilities, financial penalties will be applicable as per the Monitoring business rules of PSDF. Vocational Training Service Providers will not charge
anything to the trainees at any stage of the training process, in the form of admission forms, enrolment, training delivery or certification.

**Responsibilities of Punjab Skills Development Fund are to:**

1. Provide funds to meet training expenses as pertaining fee, number of trainees, attendance of trainees and payment schedule agreed in the Contract.
2. Provide funds for meeting costs on account of Trainee Support which includes stipend, uniforms & bag cost, and testing fees, as determined by PSDF management.
3. Monitor / supervise the delivery of training, either directly or through a third party.
4. Take measures for quality control directly or indirectly.
5. Guide training partners for smooth implementation of training.
6. Arrange and finance a large-scale graduation ceremony, if any arranged by PSDF.
7. Bear costs on account of publicity as considered appropriate by PSDF management.
8. Inspect training facilities and arrangements and accord permission to start training (i.e. issue a Notice to Proceed).

**Joint Responsibilities of Punjab Skills Development Fund and Training Providers:**

1. To showcase the training programmes funded by PSDF of different forums, if require.