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## NASSCOM STATEMENT ON MAHARASHTRA MODEL RFP

*"NASSCOM welcomes the Maharashtra government's decision to implement the Maharashtra Model RFP, keeping in view the priorities, vision and technology landscape of the future. With advancements in technology and new age trends in terms of AI, IoT, Cloud Computing, becoming the order of the day, a progressive IT procurement policy provides a distinct and clear advantage to the state of Maharashtra that will now witness timely, effective and efficient delivery of e-governance programmes at all levels in the state. NASSCOM has been at the forefront along with the Department of IT Government of Maharashtra to enrich and update the Model RFP which will streamline the State's IT services procurement process and make available a standardized RFP template for any IT System Integration project with the government. By implementing the Model RFP, Maharashtra also becomes the first state to mandate all the IT departments to ensure procurement vide the Maharashtra Model RFP.*

*Leading the discussion on ensuring ease of doing business and engage the IT industry to participate whole heartedly for public procurement processes, NASSCOM in collaboration with MeitY and under the leadership of Hon'ble Minister Mr Ravi Shankar Prasad had developed a country wide Model RFP last year. Through the Model RFP, MeitY aimed to make available a standardized RFP templates, covering the various types of procurements for e-Governance projects including NeGP, along with toolkit and guidance notes, to act as both reference and guidance documents to the Line Departments and State Governments in procurements relating to e-Governance Projects. This will also bring uniformity in approach in respect of common issues and minimize contractual disputes. Model RFP is a Central Government Advisory document issued by MeitY that has been aligned with the General Financial Rule (GFR) 2017, CVC Guidelines and other relevant Government notifications and is in adherence to latest e-Governance Standards. The pedagogy of standardisation will ensure, promoting a common approach to key and common issues in e-Governance RFPs including risk allocation and consistency across e-Governance Projects; enshrining both domestic and international best practice in the development of RFPs; and reduce the time and costs of developing such contracts in new and ongoing e-Governance projects."*