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Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) is one of the country's premier institutions in the Housing and Urban Development Sector. HUDCO was set up in 1970 as a fully owned Government of India Enterprise. The Principal objective of HUDCO is to finance housing and related infrastructure development activities all over India. Human Settlement Management Institute (HSMI) was established in 1985 as a research and training wing of HUDCO In order to provide capacity building for professionals working in housing and urban development sector and to provide a forum of interaction for administrators, professionals, researchers and other associated with issues of human settlement development. Over the past 25 years of existence, HSMI has grown into a premier Research and Training Institution catering to the requirements of the Housing and Urban Development Sector of the country.

In order to give a strong push to Research and Development in Housing and Infrastructure sector in the country, the scheme of Rajiv Gandhi HUDCO Fellowships (RGHF) in the Habitat Sector which is in operation, HUDCO has created a non- lapsable research and development fund. The draft MoU to become eligible for the programme and up-to-date guidelines covering aspects of objectives, broad areas of research, operational modalities, selection procedure and release of grants is enclosed for ready reference.

Being institution of repute in the country in the field of research and development in Habitat Sector, we shall be grateful if proposals of suitable number of researchers (3 to 4) be forwarded for consideration of extending Rajiv Gandhi HUDCO Fellowship Grant to brilliant researchers. We shall appreciate if wide publicity in the institution be also organised to attract and motivate the talent of the institution. The research proposal from any of the area related to Habitat Sector shall be considered. The indicative list of areas may include following:

a. Affordable Housing and Public Private Partnership

b. Study & Evaluation of Non Performing Assets (NPA) of HUDCO

c. Shelter for Urban Poor with focus on homeless

d. Public Transport and Land Use Integration

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- e. Eco-cities Concept Development and Implementation
- f. Climate change Impact, Adaptation, Mitigation strategies for cities
- g. Sustainable Urban Environmental Infrastructure
- h. Urban Governance/Municipal Finance/Urban Management
- i. State Development Report with Focus on Housing and Urban Infrastructure
- j. Technologies and Innovation in Housing and Infrastructure

The research proposal will be evaluated in terms of objective, statement of problem/ research question, methodology, contribution/ benefits to society and HUDCO's mission to promote habitat development to enhance the quality of life.

HSMI is also considering to organize a discussions with all Vice-Chancellors, Directors, Dean Academic Affairs of institutions of repute in the country to discuss the mechanism for wider publicity among eligible institutions and for qualitative research proposals under RGHFP. The date and venue for the discussion shall be intimated separately.

We would like to request you to identify a suitable department/faculty also working in these research domains for formal submission of proposals. In case of any clarification and suggestion please feel free to contact the undersigned or Shri Alok Kumar Joshi, Sr. Fellow, HSMI, Email: cah.hsmi@gmail.com, (Mobile No.9312002772).

An early action will be highly appreciated.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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Encl: i) RGHF Guidelines

ii) Format for MoU