DRAFT CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT / UNION TERRITORIES FOR SETTING UP OF NEW IIITS

i. The situs of each new IIIT should be an urban area, preferably the State Capital, with a cluster of industries either IT or non-IT.

ii. The identified location should have good air connectivity, road and rail connectivity.

iii. The location should have good schooling and educational infrastructure.

iv. The location should have a good law and order situation, and a good quality of life. This is essential as getting Faculty will be the major challenge than funding, and since the IIIT's will be research based there will be a need for Faculty from overseas / within India to visit and participate in research and teaching.

v. In certain states, where it is possible that there may not be clusters of Industries to provide the necessary support, and other conditions being available, an existing IIIT/IIT/IISc or any established Central University having the technical capability should be persuaded to take up the mentorship role and the State Government should be ready and willing to take the responsibility of arranging for industry partners from the same state or other States. Industry participation is essential for the success of the IIIT.

vi. Nevertheless each State Government / Union Territory should take the lead to bring in the industry partners from the industry clusters in the area of the situs of the IIIT or from other States.

vii. In case the contribution from the industry partner is not available, the State should be willing to give the additional contributions as industry contribution with no additional conditions.

viii. In order to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, the State Government should demonstrate the commitment to create an incubation center where IIIT is created in collaboration with STPI so that entrepreneurship is fostered.

ix. It is recommended that the State Government enter into a MOU with Industry Associations (e.g. NASSCOM in case of IT Industry) so that there is broad support for the new IIIT

x. It is recommended that all the existing IIITs also should be notified as "Institute of National importance".

xi. In case there is an existing IIIT and the State Government wants to set up one more, it should be agreeable so long as the established IIIT agrees to mentor the new institution and the earlier one has not been set up under this scheme of GOI/State Govt/private sector to ensure that capacity is created in India.

xii. In the event of a State already having an established IIIT and having industrial/IT clusters in other locations and meeting all the other necessary conditions, the GOI may consider another location in the same State for an IIIT (provided the earlier IIIT was not sent up in the same model with funding from the GOI/State/Private partner) with the condition that the existing IIIT will mentor the new institution. The State will also have to commit to ensuring that the Private Partner contribution is

brought in. India's need for quality graduates is so large over the next 10 years that demand will always outstrip supply of good graduates and PHD's.