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## VMC scouts for consultancy to handle commercial projects

Last date extended to May 30

The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, which is looking for opportunities to generate revenue by exploring its unused properties, is going to rope in a project management consultancy which takes care of converting its open sites into the state-of-the-art commercial complexes.

The civic body has a couple of weeks ago invited proposals (Request for Proposal) from competent consultants. The consultant is expected to represent the civic body and prepare designs, conceptualise plans and provide consulting service at each and every phase of the project until construction is finished.

Also, the consultant must have experience of working for a Rs. 100-crore project or multiple projects worth the same budget. The consultant should deploy a dedicated team including a well-experienced architect, urban designer and planner, engineers and surveyors.

However, no party came forward until May 23, the day designated to open technical proposals as per the schedule of the selection process. The civic body has extended the last date for submission of the proposals till May 30.

“The consultant would conduct a thorough survey, design the projects for commercial complexes and execute them on behalf of the VMC. There are about 15 sites with a potential for commercial complexes, multi-storeyed parking lots and others to sustain,” Superintending Engineer (Projects) J. Rama Krishna told *The Hindu* .