

## **In Cooperation with NTRA AND NTI: ITIDA Announces Opening of TOT Grant in Fiber-optic Networks**

**Date published 15 July 2018:** The Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA), in collaboration with the National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA) and the National Telecommunication Institute (NTI), announced the opening of admission and registration at the Training of Trainers (TOT) grant in the field of Fiber-optic networks that will be held at NTI headquarters at the Smart Village.

The grant comes in line with the targeted major national projects which vision of its smart infrastructure is based on optical fiber networks and their components. These projects require qualified Egyptian calibers capable of meeting the needs of the labor market in establishing, extending, installing, operating and maintaining optical fiber networks.

NTI has set the grant registration and inquiries online link ([www.nti.sci.eg/fibertot/overview.html](http://www.nti.sci.eg/fibertot/overview.html)). This is in addition to the e-mail: [fibertot@outlook.com](mailto:fibertot@outlook.com) and the hotline: 16248. Registration will start on Friday, July 13 for two weeks.

During the grant, participants will acquire the knowledge and practical experience in the field of fiber networks and will gain cutting-edge skills in the process of setting up and installing equipment; and extending, installing and operating optical fiber networks.

The number of 20 trainees will be selected from graduates of technical faculties and institutes specialized in communications and computers. Those with previous experience in the training field are preferred.

The TOT grant offers the training graduates an accredited international certificates following by a hiring contract to qualify and train 1500 Egyptian technicians during phase one of the program. The program aims at developing the technical and specialized capabilities in the field of building, operation and maintenance of fiber optic networks.

Back in 2016, a tripartite cooperation protocol was signed between NTRA, ITIDA and NTI on the implementation of a specialized training program to develop technical and professional capabilities in the construction, operation and maintenance of Fiber-optic Networks.

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**About ITIDA:**

The Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA) is a governmental entity affiliated to Egypt's Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. It is responsible for growing and developing Egypt's position as a leading global outsourcing location by attracting foreign direct investment to the industry and maximizing the exports of IT services and applications.

Located in the heart of the modern business environment at Smart Village, the six hundred acre business park on the outskirts of Cairo, ITIDA is a self-sustainable entity that drives the IT industry in Egypt and raises awareness among the Egyptian people of the benefits and use of ICT to advance socio-economic welfare of the whole community.

