



Request for Proposal (RFP)

**From Chartered Accountants/Audit Firms for Engagement of Statutory Auditors for
Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs for the financial years 2024-25,2025-26 and
2026-27**

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)
P-6, 7 & 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar,
District Gurgaon - 122050 (Haryana), India

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs

Ministry of Corporate Affairs

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Request for Proposal (RFP) for Engagement of Statutory Auditors for Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs for the financial years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27.

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) invites sealed Proposals for conducting Statutory Audit of Accounts of the Institute for the financial years 2024-25, 2025-2026 and 2026-27.

The intended Firms/bidders may submit their sealed Proposals up to 26-09-2024 upto 12 P.M. at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Manesar (Haryana).

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Background

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) was registered as a society on September 12, 2008 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. An autonomous institute, IICA works under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to deliver opportunities for research, education and advocacy. It is also a think tank that curates a repository of data and knowledge for policy makers, regulators as well as other stakeholders working in the domain of corporate affairs.

Request For Proposal for Statutory Audit of the Institute for the years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27.

Date of Issue of RFP	:	08-09-2024.
Pre Bid Meeting	:	20-09-2024 at 11:00 AM
Last date of Submission of RFP	:	26-09-2024 by 12:00 PM
Date of Opening of Proposal		
Technical Bids	:	26-09-2024 at 3:00 PM
Financial Bids	:	04-10-2024 at 3:00 PM

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SCOPE OF WORK AND GENERAL INSTRUCTION FOR TENDERERS

1. The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), located at Plot No. P-6,7,8, Sector-5, IMT Manesar (Gurugram) requires the services of reputed, well established and financially sound Chartered Accountant's/Audit Firms for conducting Statutory Audit of Accounts of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) (Head Office – Plot No. P-6,7,8, Sector-5, IMT Manesar (Gurugram) for the year 2024-25,2025-2026 and 2026-27.
2. The Institute has requirement for the Audit work as per Scope of work (Scope of work for Statutory Audit is enclosed).
3. Duration of work: Three years i.e., Financial Year 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27.
4. A list of Chartered Accountant's/Audit Firms with five or more partners which are based in Delhi/NCR, as forwarded will be shortlisted.
5. The interested Chartered Accountant's /Audit firms may put the RFP document completed in all respects along with Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) and other requisite documents on or before 26-09-2024 at 12.00 PM. The RFP Document shall not be entertained after this date under any circumstances.
6. The date relating to submission of bids for conducting Statutory Audit of Accounts of "Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)" for the year 2024-25, 2025-26 ,2026-27 are as under:
 - a. Pre bid meeting on 20-09-2024 at 11:00 AM
 - b. Date and time for submission of RFP (Technical & Financial): 26-09-2024 up to 12:00 PM.
 - c. Date and time for opening of Technical Bids on 26-09-2024 at 3:00 PM
 - d. Date and time for opening of Financial Bids on 04-10-2024 at 3:00 PM
7. Request for Proposal Process:
 - a) The Chartered Accountants/Audit Firms/Consultants/ Bidders are required to submit two separate Bids i.e. Technical and Financial, as per prescribed proforma.
 - b) The two bids should be submitted in two separately sealed envelopes superscribed "Technical Bid for Conducting Statutory Audit of Accounts of

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs for the FY 2024-25, 2025-26 & 2026-27” and “Financial Bid for Conducting Statutory Audit of Accounts of Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs for the FY 2024-25, 2025-26 & 2026- 27”.

- c) The Chartered Accountants/Audit Firms/Consultants/ Bidders are required to Put these two sealed Envelopes in a Bigger Envelope and submit the same to ”The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), located at Plot No. P-6,7,8, Sector-5, IMT Manesar (Gurugram)” and on or before 17-09-2024 up to 12 PM
 - d) The Bigger Envelope superscribed “ Bid for Conducting Internal Audit of Accounts of Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs for the FY 2024-25, 2025-26& 2026-27” and the Technical Bids shall be opened on 26-09-2024 at 3:00 PM.
 - e) The Financial bids of only those Chartered Accountants/Audit Firms/Consultants/ Bidders who qualify in technical bid evaluation by the concerned committee shall be opened. The financial bids of all those Bidders who have failed to qualify in the technical bid will not be opened under any circumstances.
 - f) Late Bids. Late Bids i.e Bids Received after the specified date and Time of receipt shall not be considered.
8. The interested Chartered Accountants/Audit Firms/Consultants/ Bidders are requested to enclose photocopies of the following documents (Self-attested) along with the Technical Bid, failing which their bids shall be summarily / outrightly rejected and will not be considered any further:
- a. Membership certificate of practice;
 - b. PAN Card;
 - c. Latest IT return filed by firm;
 - d. Latest IT return of Partners;
 - e. GST registration certificate;
 - f. Document in support of financial turnover of the Firm
 - g. Statement of Bank A/c in the name of Firm (last six month);
 - h. Undertaking to be furnished by the service provider that the service provider is having no legal suit / criminal case pending against Firms and its partners or having not been earlier convicted on grounds or moral turpitude or for violation of laws in force.
9. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)

refundable (without interest), should necessarily be accompanied with the Technical Bid of the firm in the form of Demand Draft / Pay Order drawn in favour of “Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)” payable at Manesar (Haryana) failing which the tender/RFP shall be rejected summarily.

10. The Conditional bids shall not be considered and will be out rightly rejected in very first instance.
11. The bids shall be valid for 90 days from the date of opening.
12. All entries in the RFP/tender form should be legible and filled clearly. If the space for furnishing information is insufficient a separate sheet duly signed by the authorized signatory may be attached. No overwriting or cutting is permitted in the Financial Bid Form. However, the cutting, if any, in the Technical Bid Application must be initialed by the person authorized to sign the bids.
13. The Technical bids shall be opened on the scheduled date and time (At 3:00 P.M on 26- 09-2024), Indian Institute of corporate Affairs (IICA), Manesar (Gurugram), in the presence of the representatives of the Firms if any, who wish to be present.
14. All the technical bids will be scrutinized, relevant documents checked for their authenticity and the Bidders whose technical Bids/tenders are accepted will participate in the financial bids on date & time as stipulated in point no. 15 of this RFP document.
15. The Financial bids of those Bidders who qualify in the technical bid, shall be opened on the scheduled date and time (At 3:00 P.M on 04-10-2024), Indian Institute of corporate Affairs (IICA), Manesar (Gurugram), in the presence of the representatives of the Firms if any, who wish to be present.
16. Those who are disqualified in Technical bidding, their EMD shall be returned within 30 days of opening of technical bidding and those who disqualified in financial bidding, their EMD shall be returned within 30 days of opening of financial bidding.
17. No Bidder will be allowed to withdraw after submission of the RFP within the bid validity period otherwise the EMD submitted by the Firm/Bidder would stand forfeited.

18. In case the successful Bidder declines the offer of contract, for whatsoever reason(s), his EMD will be forfeited. This is without prejudice to any other right available to **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs**.
19. The competent authority of Indian Institute of corporate Affairs (IICA), Manesar (Haryana) reserves the right to annul any or all bids without assigning any reason.
20. The competent authority of Indian Institute of corporate Affairs (IICA), Manesar (Haryana) reserves it's right to reject all or any RFP in whole, or in part or cancel the entire RFP process, without assigning any reason thereof.
21. The Successful Proposers/Bidders/Tenderers are required to Execute an agreement with IICA for Due fulfillment of their Obligations.
22. Deficiency in service on the part of the Successful Proposers/Bidders/Tenderers will lead to Levy of Penalties in addition to the cancellation of Contract. This is without prejudice to any other right available to the IICA. The decision of the Competent Authority of the IICA is Final.
23. Dispute, if any, arising out of this contract will be resolved through Arbitration and as per the arbitration Act 2019 and the amendment thereafter.

APPLICATION – TECHNICAL BID

Detail of Chartered Accountant /Audit firms for the Statutory audit assignment of Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) for the financial years: 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27

1. Name of the Firm (In Capital letters) _____
2. Address of the Head Office _____
(Please also give telephone no. and _____ E-mail address)

3. PAN No. of the Firm _____
4. Personal Detail:
 - a) ICAI Registration No. _____ Region Name _____ Region
Code No. _____
 - b) Date of constitution of the firm: _____
 - c) Date since when the firms has a full time FCA _____
5. Number of Full-Time Partners in a firm as on 01-04-2024 _____
6. Number of part time Partners if any, as on 01-04-2024 _____
7. Number of Full Time Chartered Accountant Employees as on 01-04-2024

8. Number of Branches _____
9. Whether the firm is engaged in any Statutory/Internal/Concurrent Audit and other accounting work of any Govt. Companies / Autonomous body, and Academic Institutions etc. Yes/No

If yes, details may be given .
10. Turnover of the Firm

APPLICATION – FINANCIAL BID (STATUTORY AUDIT)

For conducting Statutory audit of Accounts of Indian Institute of corporate Affairs (IICA), Manesar for the financial years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27.

1. Name of tendering Chartered Accountant's/Audit Firms:
2. Details of Earnest Money Deposit Rs. (Rupees Only)

D.D./P.O.No. & Date: - _____

Drawn on Bank: - _____

Sl. No.	Component of Rate	Amount
1.	Charges for conduction of Statutory Audit of Accounts of Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) for the year 2024-25, 2025-26 & 2026-27 on quarterly basis.	
2.	GST Liability @-----% of -----	
3.	Any other liability (Pl. Indicate)	
Grand Total		

Signature of authorized person

Date:

Name:

Place:

Seal:

Notes:

1. The rates quoted by the tendering firm should be inclusive of all statutory /taxation liabilities in force at the time of entering into the contract
2. The payment shall be made on conclusion of Every quarter only for which services have been performed.

Evaluation Method

The detailed evaluation methods for Technical and Financial proposal are specified below:

1. Evaluation of Technical Proposal

Technical proposals of all bidders which meet the basic requirements (i.e. timely submission, bid security, sealing of application etc.) would be taken up for evaluation as per the technical bid evaluation criteria. All applicants scoring 60 or above marks would be technically qualified and would only move into the next stage of financial evaluation. The technical evaluation shall be carried out on the following criteria:

Pass/ Fail Criteria:

- The Chartered Accountant/Audit Firm should be registered with The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and have Income Tax Permanent Account Number (PAN Number) and GST Registration Number;
- The Firm should have been in operation for at least 10 years after its registration;
- The Firm should have at least 5 qualified CA in full time appointment of the Firm.
- The Firm should be empaneled with Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) of India and with RBI
- Minimum Annual Turnover of the applicant firm for previous year must be equal to or more than Rs. 2.5 crore;
- The Firm should have an experience of Audit of minimum 10 entities per year for the last three years in Statutory/ Internal Audit including Minimum of 3 Audits of Balance Sheet size of Rs 10 crores.

Detailed evaluation of the proposals shall be undertaken for those Applicants, which qualify the above minimum requirement.

Detailed Evaluation:

S.No.	Parameter	Max. Marks
1.	Firm's existence in years after its registration: <i>(Copy of Registration Certificate)</i> More than 10 years but less than 15 years : 60% More than 15 Years but less than 20 Years : 75% More than 20 Years : 100%	20
2.	Total Number of Full time Partners in the Firm: Minimum 5 : 60% 5-10: 75% More than 10 : 100%	10

3.	Agency's Average Turnover in last 3 Financial Years:	30
	2.5 crore -5 crores: 60% >5 crores – 10 crores: 80% >10 crores : 100%	
4.	No. of Audit Assignments of Internal/ Statutory Audit of Corporate/ PSUs /PSBs(except Bank Branch Audit)having for the years for which the audit has been done in the last 5 years: Auditing in each year of 10 Entities with Minimum Balance Sheet Size of 10 Crores of 3 Auditee firm : 60% Each Additional Balance Sheet size of Each Auditee firm of 2 Crores : 1 mark	30
5.	Number of Qualified CAs/CMAs as Employees Minimum 5 Qualified CAs /CMAs as Employee: 6 Marks 2 marks for each additional qualified employee .	10
	Total Score	100

Evaluation would be done on the basis of self-certified supporting documents submitted along with the technical proposal.

A Minimum of 60% Marks in Each Parameter is required for qualifying in Technical Evaluation.

Final Evaluation:

Final selection of the Firm shall be as per Least Cost method.

SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE STATUTORY AUDITOR OF IICA

SCOPE OF WORK FOR APPOINTMENT OF A STATUTORY AUDITOR FOR THE AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF INDIAN INSTITUTE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2024-25 ,2025-26 & 2026-27.

BACKGROUND

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs is a registered society under Societies Act, 1860. IICA has been established by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for capacity building and training in various subjects and matters relevant to Corporate Regulation and Governance such as Corporate and Competition Law, Accounting and Auditing issues, Compliance Management, Corporate Governance, Business Sustainability through Environmental Sensitivity and Social Responsibility, E-Governance and Enforcement etc.

OBJECTIVES OF STATUTORY AUDIT:

The objectives of the statutory audit for the financial years 2024-25, 2025-26 & 2026-27 is to seek a professional opinion on the financial statement of Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs for the financial years 2024-25, 2025-26 & 2026-27 and to ensure that funds received and expenditure incurred under Project and Other activities are in accordance with the laid down financial regulations, prescribed Procurement procedures, and other orders issued from time to time as well as to ensure proper maintenance of books of accounts and other relevant documents at all levels.

The primary objective of the audit should be focussed on systemic risks and constructive suggestions to improve the internal financial control systems. The focus should be on material issues that may cause systemic risks instead of micro-level operational issues.

STANDARDS:

The audit will be carried out in accordance with Auditing, Review and Other Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India in this regard. The auditor should accordingly consider materiality when planning and performing (except where a certain minimum coverage of implementing units is specified) the audit to reduce the risk to an acceptable level that is consistent with the objective of the audit. In addition, the auditor should specifically consider the risk of material misstatements in the financial statements resulting from fraud.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE OF AUDIT:

The Statutory Audit will be carried out in accordance with the International standards of Auditing and will include tests and controls, as the auditors feel necessary under the circumstances. The major areas to be covered are as under: -

1. Statutory Audit to cover the areas ensuring that,
 - a. Transactions are recorded as per principles of commercial accounting and are booked to proper accounting heads.
 - b. Utilization of external funds is in accordance with financing agreements.
 - c. Counterpart funds are utilized for purposes for which they are provided.
 - d. Goods and services have been procured in compliance with the financing agreement.
 - e. Transactions are duly supported by proper supporting documents and there is clear linkage between books of accounts and reports presented to Bank/FA.
 - f. Where special accounts have been used, they have been maintained in accordance with the provisions of the relevant financing agreements.
 - g. Propriety of the transactions.
 - h. Checking the maintenance of books of accounts and records.
 - i. Checking the bank reconciliation statements.
 - j. Checking of component wise, category-wise and account head wise expenditures.
 - k. Checking of investments, short term deposit etc. made from time to time.
 - l. Checking of compliance of various taxes and statutory compliance.
 - m. Verification of fixed deposit register and checking of interest received.
 - n. Review of accounts on quarterly basis.
 - o. System of Physical Verification of Inventory and Fixed Assets is in place.
 - p. To check all statutory records registers including Minute Books and to see that accounting affects all the decisions taken at Board/Committee Meeting/General meeting/Audit Committee meeting is given in the Books of account.
 - q. To give executive summary incorporating all points' matters; which are of very important nature.

2. FINANCIAL BOOKS:

- a. Verification of Bank Book Journal, vouching of Imprest Cash.
- b. Scrutiny of General Ledger, staff advance registers commenting on loan outstanding entries.
- c. Verification of cheque inward register with receipt issued as well as pay-in-slips as also advices of Bank regarding the realization of cheques.
- d. Verification of cash, cheques on hand etc. on quarterly basis and as on 31st of March every year.
- e. Verification of all computer vouchers and sheets ensure correct coding and accounting head.
- f. Scrutiny of general ledger and verification of Income and Expenditure statement, profit & loss account and balance sheet and other schedules.
- g. Verification of salary, Fees, consultancy payments, P.F, I.T., Professional Tax, TDS, etc. and verification of submission of various return to the competent authority in time.
- h. Verification all financial information completely, promptly and after the necessary authorization was recorded.
- i. For verification and auditing of Records being maintained in IICA, a Minimum one-day visit in Every calendar month from the Chartered Accountant/Audit firm so appointed.

3. COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT:

The areas covered by comprehensive audit are those of investment decisions, project formulation and management, organization, delegation of powers and management of information systems, organizational effectiveness, capacity utilization, management of equipment, plant and machinery etc. Comprehensive Audit to cover the areas ensuring that:

- a. The overall capital cost of project compares with approved capital cost.
- b. Compare utilization of capacity with budgeted capacity.
- c. Compare the result shown in the current period financial statements with prior periods and if available, with budgets and forecasts.

4. ACCOUNTING POLICY & STANDARD:

- a. To review and help the management in implementing proper accounting procedures, internal check control and computerized systems.
- b. Review of accounts on quarterly basis.
- c. Check all recorded entries comply with accounting standard.

5. SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT:

The selected Auditor(s) will report any lacuna noticed in the existing procedures and suggest improvement. Any duplication of work noticed or work or unnecessary data noticed will highlighted and reported.

6. The Chartered Accountant/Audit firm so appointed will be required to give: -

a. Audit Certificates, utilization certificates and issue any other certificate as may be required by the society from time to time without any additional fee to be paid by the society.

b. Statements in annual report that describes the work of Indian institute of Corporate Affairs. The responsibilities of the audit also include reporting on the adequacy of statements.

7. LIASONING:

The selected Auditor(s) will liaise with the top management for the periodical meetings to review the progress of the work and to ensure requirement be fully met.

8. To check all statutory records registers including minute books and to see that accounting affects all the decisions taken at Board/Committee meeting/General meeting/Audit Committee meeting are given in the books of account.

9. To suggest the measures for cost control and increase the revenue of the Institute.

10. To give executive summary incorporating all points' matters; which are of very important nature.

11. The Chartered Accountant /Audit firm so appointed would be required to look into the compliance of previous audit objections raised (if any) and have to verify or comment on the supporting documents/vouchers submitted on latter stage, to settle the audit qualifications in the Statutory Audit report of this assignment.

8. GENERAL:

Auditor would be given access to all books of accounts, procurement documents, legal documents, sanction letters of IICA, MCA (Govt. of India) and all other documents and information which they think necessary for the purpose of audit. The auditors may make specific observations with respect to the efficiency of financial procedure, the accounting system and in general, the administration and management of the organization. IICA follows the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, mutatis mutandis, as a practice of good governance. Hence, the scope of work of Statutory Auditor and other such matters would be guided by the principles laid down in the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made there under.