

GUJARAT ECOLOGY COMMISSION
A GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT UNDERTAKING

TENDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS'/COST ACCOUNTANTS
FIRM FOR PRE CUM INTERNAL AUDITFOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23



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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Gujarat Ecology Commission (herein after referred to as "GEC"), a Government of Gujarat undertaking invites sealed offer from Chartered Accountants/CMA 'Firm in two bid system for appointment as Pre cum Internal auditor of the organization. The details of eligibility criteria, earnest money deposit, experience, scope etc. are available in the tender documents.

Name of Work	Appointment of Chartered Accountants'/CMA Firm for Pre cum Internal Audit
Estimated Cost	The CA/CMA Firm will be required to quote the lump sum professional fees excluding taxes.
Tender Form Fee(Non-Refundable)	Rs. 1,500/- (cash/DD/Cheque)
Earnest Money Deposit(EMD)	Rs.15,000/- (DD)
Last Date of submission of tender	30/05/2022 up to 06:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical bid	31/05/2022at 12:00PM
Date of Opening of Financial bids	Date will be communicated separately to Technically Qualified bidders only.

The interested firm may submit their offer in the prescribed pro-forma provided herein, which includes Notice Inviting Tender, Eligibility Criteria, Other Terms & Conditions, Scope of Work, Technical Bid (Experience and Eligibility Criteria) and the Financial Bid (professional fees).The tender documents are available from dt. 19/05/2022 to 29/05/2022. The tender documents can be downloaded from website gec.gujarat.gov.in

Place: Gandhinagar

For, Gujarat Ecology Commission

Date:18/05/2022

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A. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIAS:

1. The CA/CMA Firm must have paid non-refundable tender fees of 1,500/- "Rupees one thousand five hundred only" in the form of cash/DD/Cheque.
2. The CA/CMA Firm must have paid Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 15000/- (Demand draft of "Rupees fifteen thousand only" in favour of "Gujarat Ecology Commission " payable at Gandhinagar. EMD will be refunded after completion of the procedure for appointment of CA/CMA Firm.
3. The CA/CMA firm must be empanelled with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, New Delhi for the last three financial years. (i.e. FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21 & FY 2021-22).(Please submit Copy of Empanelment letter issued by C&AG office, mere acknowledgement for submission of empanelment request/application will not be considered and firm will be technically disqualified.)
4. The CA/CMA firm should have been registered for a period of 15 years as on 31.03.22 from the date of registration of the firm.(Copy of self-attested registration certificate with ICAI/ICMAI is required to be submitted.)
5. The CA/CMA Firm must have at least 5 partners out of which 4 should be FCA. The firm should have staff strength of 25 employees.(Please submit Copy of Partnership Deed along with self-certified copy of registration letter issued by ICAI/ICMAI showing particulars of Partners and Qualified/Paid Assistants in employment with the firm).
6. The firm must have valid Goods and Services Tax Registration. (Please submit Copy of Registration Certificate).
7. The CA/CMA firm must have the average income from Audit and Attestation assignment should be more than 30 lakh. (Please submit the copy of audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements along with Income Tax Return for three years FY 2019-20, 2020-21 & for the FY 2021-22 Audited & if not available then certified Unaudited).
8. The CA/CMA firm's registered office should be located in Gujarat. (Copy of self-attested registration certificate with ICAI/ICMAI is required to be submitted).
9. The firm shall have carried out at least **TEN** assignments of Pre cum Internal/internal Audit/statutory audit of Office of Government Companies/ Corporations / Boards/

Public Limited Companies during last three years.(Self-attested copies of appointment letters shall be submitted).**Refer Annexure-III-Point No.09.**

10. The firm should have carried out at least 10 assignments for TDS return filling and GST TDS /GSTR 7 of Office of Government Companies/ Corporations / Boards/ Public Limited Companies during last three years.(Self-attested copies of appointment letters shall be submitted).
11. The CA/CMA firm must not have been debarred/delisted or black listed by any State Government / Central Government / PSU / Reputed Organizations for any reason in the past at any time as on bid calling date. In such cases, the firm is not eligible for appointment .It has also to disclose that any disciplinary action has not been taken by the Institute of Chartered /COST Accountants of India or any adverse action has not been taken by any Government Authority against the firm/any Partner of the Firm. (Please submit Self Declaration duly signed on Letter Head of Firm as per **Annexure-II**).
12. The Firm/Organization shall have to depute 1 qualified and experienced Chartered/cost Accountant with at least three years of experience at the office of the GEC, Gandhinagar for a week per quarter regularly. Also for pre audit work audit team will visit the office twice a week. Work shall have to be carried out at GEC office.

(Please submit all above details with evidences and fill up Checklist given in Annexure-III of this Technical Bid)

***Firms/Companies complying who fulfill above eligibility criteria shall only apply.**

B. SCOPE OF SERVICE:

The Pre cum Internal audit of the organization will be carried out in accordance with Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered/COST Accountants of India (ICAI) /(ICMAI)and other guidelines, guidance notes relating to Internal Financial Controls and relevant pronouncements of the Institute of Chartered/COST Accountants of India. The major areas of audit which shall be covered are as under;

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Pre cum Internal Audit will be carried out in accordance with the general principles and standards of Consultancy laid down by the Institute of Chartered/cost Accountants of India and will include such tests and controls as the Chartered/cost Accountant considers necessary under the circumstances. In conducting the consultancy work, special attention should be given to the following:

- a. That, the grant received has been used in accordance with the conditions of the relevant financing agreements, with due attention to transparency, economy and efficiency and only for the purposes for which the financing was provided.
- b. That, works financed have been procured in accordance with relevant financing agreements and as per the State Government norms/ guidelines , General Financial rules 2017 for procurement of works, goods & consultancy.
- c. That, all expenditures incurred is as per the approved budget.
- d. That, all necessary supporting documents such as records, vouchers, bids, bidding documents, etc. and books of accounts have been kept in respect of all procurements & expenditures including beneficiary / community contributions and expenditures covered by monthly reports.
- e. In case where the advances given to University or other Organizations etc, auditor has to check that clear linkages exist between the books of accounts maintained by University/organizations and the reports & Utilization certificate submitted to the GEC.
- f. For works contracts, the Auditor shall verify from the records of the books of accounts that there is adequate linkage between measurement books and contractors' running bills (duly approved by the competent authorities). The contractors' ledger is updated and all Pre cum Internal deductions and mobilization advances recovered while making payments.
- g. Auditor has to file Income tax TDS returns of GEC, for PLA accounts & other projects run by GEC.
- h. GST TDS returns for each month for PLA account & all other projects. In case if any other projects comes then as per requirement of the project any additional work will be covered in scope automatically.
- i. Checking of Tax Deduction at Source(TDS)under various sections of Income Tax Act as per Amendments and Goods and Service Tax(GST)etc.
- j. Accounting Procedure, Classification, Guide lines etc.
- k. All registers viz Cheque book , cash book dead stock register , fixed asset register should be checked.
- i. Auditor has to prepare Utilization certificates on quarterly basis of PLA accounts and other Projects.

- j. That, the assets sanctioned and created under the PLA account and Project (including goods, works and services contracts) have been:
1. Auditor shall verify that a sample of assets procured and created under the project is inspected and verified by the Project head, and there exists a clear linkage between such inspection and/or verification and the expenditures incurred.
 2. Verify that the advances given to the community groups are as per the relevant MoU between GEC and the community groups, and verify that adequate proper records are maintained at GEC for advances given to the Community groups.
 3. Based on the internal audit, the auditor shall prepare and submit the following :
 - i. An executive summary highlighting key issues, weakness and way forward.
 - ii. Specific comments, including specific discussion on each such expenditure as to why these are considered ineligible expenses. For the examination of the records, the Auditors will apply such test and controls, as considers necessary under the circumstances.
 - iii. Comments and observations on the accounting records, systems and controls that were examined during the course of the financial audit for the relevant financial year.
 - iv. Comments on the degree of compliance of each of the financial covenants
 - v. on the financing agreements and give comments if any, on internal and external matters affecting such compliance;
 - vi. Recommendations to address specific deficiencies and weakness that had been identified in systems and controls;
 - vii. Description of matters that have emerged during the Pre cum Internal Audit work which might have a significant impact on the implementation of the project; and
 - viii. Any other comments and/ or recommendations considered important by Auditors that would need the attention of the GEC.

A work plan will be prepared by the auditor in consultation with the GEC based on the concept of risk and materiality as discussed with GEC.

Quantum of the work at GEC

GEC has received following grants during last five years and current year approved grant.

Particulars	Grant (Rs.)
2018-19	10,38,00,000
2019-20	15,08,00,000
2020-21	21,72,00,000

2021-22	20,16,00,000
2022-23	24,58,00,000

C. GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. The pre audit assignment shall be carried out on the continuous / concurrent basis i.e. the audit will be done by the CA/CMA Firm be for the release of the payment i.e. pre-audit of the expense, to the various agencies for the period 01-04-2022 to 31-03-2023. A CA/CMA Firm has to deploy 1 qualified Chartered/cost Accountant with 1 assistant having three years' experience in the relevant field especially Government audit who will approve the bills/vouchers/payments etc. Before release of the payment.
2. The Audit Team will have to visit at least twice a week and in addition, in case of urgent payment, the firm will have to visit as and when required. All expenditures /payments exceeding 10,000/-shall be pre audited. However Pre cum Internal/committed payment like Municipal Tax, Telephone, Mobile, Electricity, Aviation fuel charges and any charges relating to emergency etc. will have to be post audited, If Pre Audit was not possible.
3. The Firm shall have to issue certificate in the prescribed form stating "approved or not approved" with Total approved amount separately consist of **Net Payment, TDS amount under which sections & GST amount** as per Income Tax & Goods and Service Tax Act and shall communicate any comments/objections to the Senior Manager Projects of the organization in writing with rubber stamp in a prescribed format or the observation if any to shall be communicated.
4. If any serious misappropriation and/ or fraud found during the Pre Audit, then the CA/CMA firm must report the same to Senior Manager Project immediately in writing to be followed by personal discussion.
5. The firm shall issue an Internal Audit Report on quarterly basis (apart from the routine/pre audit certificate) along with the quarterly statements of expenditure against approved budget to the management of the organization within 15 days of completion of each Quarter with suggestive measures to be taken. The firm shall assist the organization in audit of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.
6. Bid validation period is for 90 days.
7. The Firm shall submit Physical only Technical Bid papers. **"Technical Bid for Pre cum Internal Audit or "**subscribing as such and giving documentary evidence of the above referred eligibility criteria along with the check list given in the tender document signed by the Partner of the firm, at *"Gujarat Ecology Commission, Block no. 18/1, sector 11, Udyog Bhavan, Gandhinagar-382011* by **Registered Post, Speed**

Post / Courier/ personal hand delivery only so as to reach on or before 26/05/22 up to **06:00 PM hours.**

8. The Financial Bid of the firm not meeting above eligibility criteria shall not be opened. Similarly, if supporting evidences are not given then the technical bid will be liable to be rejected. GEC reserves right to ask for any other documents /evidence for the purpose of technical evaluation.
9. A CA/CMA firm which will be appointed for the assignment shall submit the Security Deposit of 5% (Five) of the total annual fees payable as per the financial bid within 7 (seven) working days from the issue of Letter of Intent (LOI). The Security Deposit will be returned after successful completion of the assignment and submission of the reports.
10. Sub-Contracting is strictly prohibited and will be liable for immediate termination of assignment.
11. The Member Secretary reserves all rights to appoint any one or more Chartered /COST Accountant or their firm for the related assignment or any other assignment as per the requirements of the organization.
12. Any project, scheme, program, activity or work under taken by the organization will be considered as a part of the organization's activities.
13. Decision of the Member Secretary will be final in respect of any interpretation of terminology or any contents of the tender document. Member Secretary of the organization reserves right to cancel the tender without giving any reasons thereof.
14. Tender shall be submitted in prescribed/ official tender document only. If tender is submitted in any other format, then the same will be rejected summarily.
15. The firm of Chartered/COST Accountant or its sister concern firm presently appointed in the last F.Y as Pre cum Internal auditor or Pre Auditor or Internal Auditor for GEC cannot apply for this engagement.
16. Please note that, GEC may extend the services for further period of two (2) years with mutual consent and satisfactory work subject to yearly review.
17. Each page of this Tender must be stamped and signed by Partner of CA/CMA Firm, failing which the firm will be technically disqualified and Financials Bid will not be opened.

D. RATES & PAYMENT TERMS:

As per the Guideline No. 1-CA (7)/03/2016, dated 7th April 2016 issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountant of India, The CA/CMA Firm will be required to quote the lump sum professional fees excluding taxes. Minimum fees to be quote is Rs. 390000/- p.a. The rates invited will be inclusive of Traveling Expenses, Stationery Expenses, Communication Expenses and all other out of pocket expenditure relating to the said assignment. However, the Goods and Services Tax only shall be paid separately at the applicable rate. Fees will be paid on Quarterly basis after submission of the Internal Audit Report within 30 days from the end of relevant Quarter.

E. TAXES AND DUTIES:

Goods and Services Tax will be paid by the Organization as per the rate applicable. Any other types of taxes and duties applicable will be paid by the CA/CMA Firm.

F. Selection Procedure:

After evaluation of above details the firms qualifying in the above mentioned criteria (Primary Technical Evaluation) GEC shall shortlist the firms and shall be invited for Secondary Technical Evaluation if needed. The Secondary Technical Evaluation will be through Presentation on their eligibility, understanding of the requirement and their approach & methodology to carry out the assignment. The eligible firm will have to make a presentation on the date and time intimated before the Committee for a secondary technical evaluation. The Secondary technical evaluation will be done on the basis of presentation/ interaction before the GEC committee for the purpose.

The marking system will be as follows.

Sr.	Particulars	Marks
01	The CA/CMA firm must be empanelled with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, New Delhi for the last three financial years. (i.e. FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21 & FY 2021-22).	05
02	The CA/CMA firm should have been registered for a period of 15 years as on 31.03.22 from the date of registration of the firm.	05
03	The CA/CMA Firm must have at least 5 partners out of which 4 should be FCA. The firm should have staff strength of 25 employees.	05
04	The CA/CMA firm must have the average income from Audit and Attestation assignment should be more than 30 lakh from last three financial years.	10
05	The CA/CMA firm's registered office should be located in Gujarat.	05
06	The firm shall have carried out at least TEN assignments of Pre cum Internal/internal Audit/statutory audit of Office of Government Companies/ Corporations / Boards/ Public Limited Companies during last three years.	20
07	The firm should have carried out at least TEN assignments for TDS return filling and GST TDS /GSTR 7 of Office of Government Companies/ Corporations / Boards/ Public Limited Companies during last three years.	20
08	Adequacy and quality of the proposed methodology, and work plan in responding to the Terms of Reference (ToRs)	30
	➤ Understanding of ToR	- 10 Marks

	➤ Acceptability and detailing of methodology - 12 Marks Work Plan and any other innovation - 8 Marks	
	Total	100

Eligible firm shall have to secure minimum 80 marks out of 100 (Technical Evaluation) for financial bid opening. Such firm shall be called “Technically Eligible Firm” and such technically eligible firm shall only be eligible for consultancy fee/ commercial offer/ financial bid opening.

G. EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- (I) The evaluation will be based on Quality Cost Based System (QCBS)
- (II) The Committee will select the firm by giving 80% weightage on the technical capacity and 20% weightage to the Commercial Offer.
- (III) Firm shall submit Commercial Offer in a separate sealed envelope having mentioned “Commercial Offer for Pre cum internal audit of GEC”. This final amount shall be considered for further evaluation in QCBS formulae.
- (IV) Comparison of Commercial Offer shall be done by the formula as under:

$$Sf = 100 \times Fm/F$$

Where: Sf is the standard financial score of the Commercial Proposal being evaluated

Fm is the lowest Commercial Offer

F is the Commercial Offer under consideration

Based on combined marks of Technical Detail and Commercial Offer, firm securing highest score/ranking will be selected and the Committee if required will further negotiate and finalize the commercial charges.

$$\text{Highest Score} = T \times 0.8 + Sf \times 0.2$$

H.CONFIDENTIALITY:

The CA/CMA Firm, their partners and personnel shall not disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the assignment or the Organization and its programs, schemes, projects etc. without prior written consent of the competent authority. All reports and other documents submitted by the CA/CMA Firm shall become and remain the property of the Organization(GEC) and the CA/CMA Firm shall on termination or expiration of the assignment, deliver all such documents and report to the competent authority of the Organization except retain their working papers.

I. PENALTIES:

1. In the event of gross negligence, irregularity, laxity or misconduct on the part of the CA/CMA firm's personnel, the assignment may be terminated and the CA/CMA firm may get black listed at the discretion of the competent authority of the Organization, which shall be communicated to all the Government Companies, Departments, Boards, Corporation and the Institute of Chartered/COST Accountants

of India for debarring such firm from any assignment of any Government work.

2. The violation of any of the terms will invoke penalty. It will be the responsibility of the CA/CMA firm to complete the assignment with full knowledge and experience of the work with proper care and time. Failure to do so leading to either undue delay or laxity or failure or incorrect report will make the CA/CMA Firm liable for being removed from the assignment by the competent authority of the Organization after issuance of the notice. In this respect, the decision of the competent authority of the Organization shall be final including deciding the amount of penalty.

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Date:18/05/2022

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8. Details of Staff:-

A. Details of the Total Staff:-

Sr. No.	Particulars	No.
1.	Chartered/COST Accountants	
2.	Audit Staff	
3.	Article Staff	
4.	Others	
	Total	

(B)Details of Chartered/COST Accountants in Employment (Other than Partners)

Sr. No.	Name	ACA/FCA	Membership No./Year of Reg. as C.A.	Working with the firm since	Post Qualification Experience
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					

9. Experience:

(A) Pre cum Internal Audit / pre audit/statutory audit of office of Government Corporation/Organization/Board/Public Limited Companies/ Semi. Government Organization during last three financial years:-

Sr. No.	Name of Org.	Address of Org.	Year of Audit
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			

(B) TDS/GST TDS return filling of office of Government Corporation/Organization/Board/Public Limited Companies/Semi. Government Organization during last three financial years:-

Sr. No.	Name of Org.	Address of Org.	Year of consultancy
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			

Annexure-11

Letter for Declaration of Debarment

This is to certify that I _____ undersigned fully authorized
by(Name of Firm) to submit this tender document "Engagement of
Chartered/Cost Accountant's firm for Pre cum Internal Audit of Gujarat Ecology Commission.

This is further certify that our firm is not debarred /delisted by any government Organization ,Department, Board, Corporation or any other organization /undertaking or there is no adverse action taken or proposed against firms or any of its partner /directors by any authority. In case of any adverse/ disciplinary action is initiated during the procedure for appointment of CA/CMA Firm for this assignment and also after appointment (If selected), the Organization (GEC) can terminate the appointment without assigning reasons thereof. We here by confirm that all the information given in tender document submitted here by is correct.

Date:

Place:

**NAME OF THE FIRM WITH
STAMP & SIGNATURE OF THE PARTNER**

Annexure-111

Checklist of Documents/Evidence Submitted with Technical Offer

Sr. No.	Eligibility Criteria	Documents Required	Yes/No	Page No.
1.	The CA/CMA Firm must have paid tender fees of 1,500/-	Rs. 1,500/- (cash, cheque, DD)		
2.	The CA/CMA Firm must have paid EMD of Rs. 15,000/-	Demand Draft of Rs. 15,000/- in favour of "Gujarat Ecology Commission" payable at Gandhinagar		
3.	CA/CMA firm must be empanelled with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, New Delhi for the last three financial years	Self-Certified copy of Empanelment Letter issued by C&AG, New Delhi for the last three financial years. (i.e. F.Y.2019-20, FY 2020-21 & FY2021-22). Duly stamped and signed (Copy of Empanelment letter), mere acknowledgement for submission of empanelment request/application will not be considered.		
4.	CA/CMA firm should have Registered for 15 years as on 31/03/2022 from the date of registration of the firm with ICAI.	Copy of self-attested registration Certificate with ICAI/ICMAI is required to be submitted		
5.	The CA/CMA Firm must be at least 5 partners out of which 4 should be FCA. The firm should have staff strength of 25 employees.	Copy of Partnership Deed along with self-certified copy of registration letter issued by ICAI/ICMAI showing particulars of Partners and Qualified/paid Assistants in employment with the firm shall be required showing status as on 31.03.22.		

6.	The firm must have valid Goods and Services Tax Registration.	Copy of Registration Certificate.		
7.	The CA/CMA firm must have the average income from Audit and Attestation assignment should be more than 30 lakh as Professional Income.	Copy of audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements along with Income Tax Returns for the F.Y.2019-20,F.Y.2020-21 & F.Y, 2021-22 audited/unaudited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements along with Income Tax Returns		
8.	The CA/CMA firm's registered office Should be located in Gujarat.	Copy of self-attested registration certificate with ICAI/ICMAI is required to be submitted.		
9.	The firm shall have carried out at least Ten assignments of Internal/Pre cum Internal Audit/statutory audit of Office of Government Companies/Corporations /Boards/Public Limited Companies during last three year ending March 2022.	Copies of self-attested appointment letters shall be submitted.		
10.	The firm should have carried out at least 10 assignments for TDS return filling and GST TDS /GSTR 7 of Office of Government Companies /Corporations / Boards/ Public Limited Companies during last three year ending March 2022.(Self-attested copies of appointment letters shall be submitted).	Copies of self-attested appointment letters shall be submitted.		

11.	<p>CA/CMA firm must not have been debarred/ delisted or blacklisted in past any time by any Government Department, Company, Board, Society or Corporation or by other institution. It has also to disclose that any disciplinary action has been taken by ICAI/ICMAI against the firm/any Partner. In such cases the firm is not eligible for appointment.</p>	<p>Declaration on the Stamp Paper Of Rs. 300 as per Annexure-II.</p>		
12.	<p>The Firm/Company shall Have to depute 1 qualified And experienced Chartered/cost Accountant having at least three years of experience along with two assistants at the office of the GEC office, Gandhinagar a week per quarter regularly. Work Shall have to be carried out at GEC office at Gandhinagar.</p>	<p>Self Declaration on letter Head of The Firm/Company.</p>		

Annexure-IV

FINANCIAL OFFER FORM

Sr. No.	Particulars	Fees(Excluding Tax)
01.	For providing services of Pre cum Internal Audit for the F.Y.2022-23 as per terms of the tender & appointment and Scope.	

1. Goods and service tax will be paid extra at applicable rates,
2. TA/DA & conveyance & out of pocket for GEC's work are included in the above fees.

Note: This Financial offer should be submitted in separate envelop.