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Expression of Interest (EoI) for Empanelling Industry Partners for Collaborative Engagement under C-DAC Mission Mode Programmes (MMPs) & Centre of Excellence (CoEs) (on Non-Financial Basis)

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NOTICE INVITING EoI

The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC (C)), Chennai, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, invites Expressions of Interest (EoI) from eligible industries. The initiative aims to onboard and collaborate with industries on R&D and co-development activities to enhance national capabilities and drive innovation across emerging technology domains.

Please note:

1. This is an Expression of Interest and not a Request for Proposal (RFP); hence, commercial proposals are not required at this stage.
2. C-DAC shall not be responsible for non-receipt / non-delivery or late receipt of the EoI documents due to any reason whatsoever.
3. The EoI document may be downloaded from the website: www.cdac.in
4. For any technical clarification, please approach:-

Purchase Division,
Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)
Tidel Park, 8th Floor, 'D' Block(North & South),
No.4 Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Taramani, Chennai
Email: purchase-chennai@cdac.in

Disclaimer

1. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, Chennai (hereinafter called C-DAC (C)) has prepared this Expression of Interest Document ("EoI Document") solely to invite prospective organizations for collaboration.
2. While C-DAC (C) has taken due care in the preparation of information contained herein and believes it to be accurate, neither C-DAC (C) or any of its authorities or Partner nor any of their respective officers, employees, agents or advisors give any warranty or make any representations, express or implied as to the completeness or accuracy of the information contained in this document or any information which may be provided in association with it.
3. This information is not intended to be exhaustive and interested parties are required to make their own inquiries in order to submit the EOI. The information is provided on the basis that it is non–binding on C-DAC (C), any of its authorities or partners or any of their respective officers, employees, agents or advisors.
4. C-DAC (C) reserves the right not to proceed with the EOI process at any stage without assigning any reasons thereof, or to alter the schedule reflected in this document or to change the process or procedure to be applied. It also reserves the right to decline to discuss the EOI further with any party submitting an EOI.
5. C-DAC (C) will not be liable to pay/reimburse any cost/losses/expenses/penalties/damages of whatsoever nature to any person (s)/entity (ties) submitting the EOI.
6. This EoI Document is neither an agreement nor an offer and is only an invitation by C-DAC (C) to the entities that are qualified to submit their Expression of Interest Proposal as stated in the Notice Inviting EoI.
7. The purpose of this Notice Inviting EoI Document is to provide interested applicants with information to assist the formulation of their Proposal. The issue of this EoI does not imply that C-DAC (C) is bound to select an agency.
8. C-DAC will partner with the firms based on their experience and interest in joint development of products/solutions. The firms will be a partner with C-DAC for various development and subsequent deployment of these products/solutions. The firms should be suitably equipped to co-create along with C-DAC and provide the requisite resource for the proposed development.
9. Please note that this EoI is for empowerment of startups towards Collaborative R&D and Co-Development activities. The objective of this Request for EoI is to identify and pre-

register eligible applicants who are Interested in joint development of products/solutions in the domains identified by C-DAC.

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Activity Schedule

S.No	Activity	Details
1	EoI No. & Date of Release	CDAC(C)/EoI-Industry/25-26/01 Dt 06.11.2026
2	Last Date of Sending Queries	10th November 2026 till 1700 hrs
3	e-mail for Sending queries	purchase-chennai@cdac.in
4	Date of Pre-submission Meeting	11th November 2026 at 1100 hrs Online Mode VC Link: https://meet.google.com/vmc-wqvj-ifw
5	EoI Submission commencement date.	13th November 2026 onwards
6	EoI submission End date	12th April 2027 upto 17:30 Hrs
7	EoI Submission and Evaluation Process	The EoI shall be operated as a running EoI for a period of six (06) months, commencing from 13.11.2026 and closing on 12.04.2027, and shall remain available on the C-DAC website throughout the said period. Applications shall be received, processed and evaluated on a rolling basis, as and when received, for empanelment, in accordance with the eligibility and evaluation criteria prescribed in the EoI document. Applications received up to the closing date shall be considered for evaluation and empanelment.

General Information & Instructions

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

Purchase Division,

Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) Tidel Park, 8th Floor, 'D' Block(North & South),

No.4 Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Taramani, Chennai Email: purchase-chennai@cdac.in

2. THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO

The Centre Head,

Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) Tidel Park, 8th Floor, 'D' Block(North & South),

No.4 Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Taramani, Chennai (India)

3. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING

The pre-proposal meeting will be held as per details given in the Activity Schedule.

4. VALIDITY

The proposal submitted shall remain valid for a period of at least 120 days from the date of submission.

5. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Last date for uploading/sending the e-proposals is as per details given in the Activity Schedule. The payment towards document processing fees must be done through online transfer (C-DAC Chennai shall not be responsible for any delays or any other reason for not submitting the fees in the specified time and resulting in disqualification/rejection of any proposal) so as to reach on or before the due date and time. Bank details as mentioned in the activity schedule.

6. EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT/BIS SECURITY (EMD)

The bidders shall sign a Bid Security Declaration (as per format given in EoI - Annexure 3) accepting that if they withdraw or modify their bids during the period of validity etc., they will be suspended for the time specified in the EoI document.

Note:- Bids received without Bid Security Declaration form shall be summarily rejected.

7. AMENDMENTS TO EOI DOCUMENT

At any time prior to the deadline for submission of proposals, C-DAC Chennai may, for any reason, whether on its own initiative or in response to the clarification request by a prospective agency, modify the EoI document. The amendments to the EoI documents, if any, will be notified by release of corrigendum notice on https://eprocure.gov.in website. The amendments/ modifications will be binding on the prospective agencies. C-DAC Chennai at its discretion may extend the deadline for the submission of proposals if it thinks necessary to do so or if the proposal document undergoes changes during the submission period, in order to give prospective agencies time to take into consideration the amendments while preparing their proposals.

8. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

Prospective agencies should avoid, as far as possible, corrections, overwriting, erasures or postscripts in the proposal documents. In case however, any corrections, overwriting, erasures or postscripts have to be made in the proposals, they should be supported by present date signatures of the same authorized person signing the proposal documents.

Prospective agencies shall not be entitled to amend add/delete/correct the clauses mentioned in the entire tender document.

1. Background

The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) is the premier R&D organization of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, driving national technological self-reliance, innovation, and strategic capabilities across cutting-edge domains.

To strengthen national self-reliance under AtmaNirbhar Bharat, accelerate Digital Sovereignty, and foster robust domestic technology ecosystems, C-DAC is executing flagship Mission Mode Programmes (MMPs). These programmes address critical national priorities by creating indigenous, resilient, and scalable digital technology platforms across five foundational pillars:

1. Exascale Computing
2. Quantum Computing
3. Internet of Things (IoT)
4. Artificial Intelligence
5. NextGen Cyber Security

Complementing these technological pillars, C-DAC operates dedicated Centres of Excellence (CoEs) focused on high-impact application domains to solve real-world industrial and national challenges:

1. Healthcare Technologies
2. Power Electronics & Energy
3. Agricultural Technology
4. Next – Generation Mobility Solutions
5. Maritime Technologies
6. Strategic Technologies

These CoEs serve as state-of-the-art hubs for advanced research, prototyping, field validation, and domain-specific solution engineering. By bridging core technological innovation from the MMPs with application-driven solutions from the CoEs, C-DAC seeks to empanel leading industry partners to accelerate technology validation, system integration, pilot deployments, and commercialization scaling across India's industrial landscape.

To bridge advanced scientific R&D with industrial adoption, commercial scale, robust supply chains, and real-world deployment, C-DAC seeks to empanel leading industry partners. This non-

financial empanelment framework aims to harness industry expertise, infrastructure, manufacturing capability, and market reach to drive ecosystem building, technology validation, and joint technology commercialization for C-DAC's MMPs & CoEs.

2. Objective of the EoI

The primary objective of this Expression of Interest (EoI) is to empanel eligible industry partners (MSMEs, Large Enterprises, System Integrators, and OEMs) to collaborate with C-DAC under a Non-Financial Engagement Model.

The empanelment creates a structured framework for industry-R&D co-creation, joint technology roadmapping, ecosystem expansion, field validation, and commercialization strategies across C-DAC's MMPs and CoEs.

The key objectives include:

1. **Technology Validation & Co-Development:** Collaborating on system integration, field trials, and stress-testing of C-DAC's indigenous hardware, software, and domain-specific solutions in operational environments.
2. **Standards, Interoperability & Compliance:** Contributing towards industrial frameworks, hardware abstraction, driver support, domain benchmarking, and cross-platform compliance.
3. **Technology Transfer & Commercialization Readiness:** Evaluating C-DAC's MMPs and CoEs technologies for Transfer of Technology (ToT), solution packaging, and commercial deployment across commercial markets.
4. **Joint Ecosystem Building & IP Identification:** Collaborating to study technology landscapes, identify market use-cases, and explore avenues for generating indigenous Intellectual Property (IP).
5. **Strategic Inputs & Roadmapping:** Providing structured industry feedback regarding market requirements, supply chain readiness, field deployment timelines, and industrial integration frameworks.

3. Domain Tracks: Mission Mode Programmes & Centres Of Excellence

Empanelled industry partners may align with one or more of the following core technical and application tracks:

3.1 Mission Mode Programmes (MMPs)

Track ID	Mission Mode Programme Domain	Key Focus Areas for Industry Engagement
MMP-01	Exascale Computing	High-density compute systems, liquid/hybrid cooling solutions, exascale interconnects, parallel software stacks, system management toolkits, and supercomputing hardware integration.
MMP-02	Quantum Computing	Quantum simulators, post-quantum cryptography (PQC) integration, quantum key distribution (QKD) systems, hybrid quantum-classical algorithms, and quantum software development toolkits (SDKs).
MMP-03	Internet of Things (IoT)	Industrial IoT (IIoT), smart city frameworks, edge computing nodes, sensor integration, low-power wireless communication protocols, and indigenous embedded hardware/firmware.
MMP-04	Artificial Intelligence	Sovereign AI models, generative AI platforms, computer vision, natural language processing & multilingual AI systems, edge AI execution, and domain-specific AI solution integration.
MMP-05	NextGen Cyber Security	Threat intelligence platforms, SCADA/ICS security, zero-trust architecture, endpoint detection and response (EDR), hardware security modules, and national critical infrastructure protection.

3.2 Centres of Excellence (CoEs)

Track ID	Centre of Excellence Domain	Key Focus Areas for Industry Engagement
COE-01	Healthcare Technologies	Telemedicine platforms, medical electronics, diagnostic imaging AI, wearable health monitors, hospital management systems, and bio-medical sensor integration.
COE-02	Power Electronics & Energy	Microgrid controllers, EV chargers, power quality analyzers, renewable energy integration, smart energy meters, and high-efficiency converters.
COE-03	Agricultural Technology	Precision farming toolkits, drone-based crop analytics, soil testing sensors, post-harvest automation, automated irrigation, and farm-to-market tech platforms.
COE-04	Next-Gen Mobility Solutions	Autonomous navigation systems, vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communication, EV powertrains, battery management systems (BMS), and intelligent transportation systems (ITS).
COE-05	Maritime Technologies	Vessel traffic management systems (VTMS), underwater acoustics, sonar processing, marine navigation software, port automation, and coastal surveillance systems.
COE-06	Strategic Technologies	Ruggedized electronics, radar signal processing, tactical communications, secure embedded systems, electronic warfare modules, and strategic defense electronics.

4. Scope Of Empanelment And Engagement Framework

4.1 Purpose and Nature of Empanelment

This Expression of Interest (EoI) is solely intended to empanel suitable, capable, and eligible industry partners in their respective technical domains aligned with C-DAC's Mission Mode Programmes (MMPs) and Centres of Excellence (CoEs).

Empanelment under this EoI serves as a foundational ecosystem-building mechanism. It establishes a pool of qualified industry entities—ranging from MSMEs to System Integrators and OEMs—capable of collaborating with C-DAC on domain-specific initiatives, technology validation, co-development, and deployment scaling.

4.2 Execution of Case-by-Case Definitive Agreements

4.2.1 Non-Binding Nature of Empanelment: Empanelment under this EoI does not automatically create any binding legal or commercial obligations, nor does it guarantee the award of work, projects, or financial transactions to any empanelled entity.

4.2.2 Project-Specific Definitive Agreements: As and when specific collaborative opportunities, technology transfer opportunities, joint R&D initiatives, field trials, or deployment projects materialize under any of the MMP domains, separate specific agreements (such as Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA), Transfer of Technology (ToT) Agreements, or Joint Development Agreements) shall be negotiated and executed on a case-by-case basis.

4.2.3 Terms & Conditions: The terms, conditions, exact scope of work, technical deliverables, intellectual property rights (IPR) sharing, and commercial or operational modalities governing any specific project or engagement shall be explicitly defined within such case-by-case agreements.

4.3 Frameworks of Engagement

4.3.1 Technical Advisory & Working Groups: Participation in joint technical panels to align C-DAC's MMPs & CoEs technologies with industrial requirements and standards.

4.3.2 Co-Development & System Integration: Integrating C-DAC stack components into partner hardware, enterprise software, or industrial solution packages under domain-specific terms.

4.3.3 Pilot Demonstrations & Field Testing: Provisioning industry testbeds, hardware validation environments, and live pilots without financial exchange between the parties.

4.3.4 Market Scalability & IP Creation: Joint identification of commercial use-cases, industrial standards compliance, and strategic patent/IP generation under clear, agreed-upon IPR frameworks.

5. Eligibility Criteria

5.1 The prospective bidders must meet the minimum eligibility criteria given below. Prospective bidder claiming exemption as per Govt. norms are required to submit relevant exemption certificates / references.

5.2 Submission of minimum supporting documents is mandatory for eligibility evaluation.

5.3 Documents may be self-authored, institutional, or organizational in nature.

5.4 Evidence is required only for assessment of domain maturity and does not imply transfer of IP.

5.5 Consortium Bid participation is not allowed under this subject EoI.

S.No	Description	Supporting Documents Required
1	**Registered Company in India** The Bidder(s) interested in participating in the Selection Process must be a duly registered legal entity in India, under any one of the following categories with minimum Five (05) years of existence as on the bid publishing date. ● A Limited Liability Partnership ("LLP") registered in India under the LLP Act, 2008. ● An Indian Company ("Company") registered under the Companies Act, 1956/ 2013 or any previous Companies' Act. ● Any other legally recognised form of business entity permitted under the applicable laws of India.	Registration documents of the Bidder as a company/firm or any legal entity along with: ● Incorporation Certificate of the firm ● PAN Copy ● GST Copy
2	Operational Presence in Information Technology domain - Active operations in India for 5 years Minimum 5 years as on bid publishing date.	1. Certificate of Incorporation; PAN/GST; Udyam certificate (if applicable); audited financials (3 years) 2. MOA of the Company / LLP Agreement for the LLP 3. A signed and stamped declaration from the

S.No	Description	Supporting Documents Required
		Company/LLP confirming that it has been engaged in the Information Technology domain for the past five years along with a detailed description of the products and services offered by it.
3	Blacklisting Status - The bidder must not be blacklisted / terminated / debarred by any state or central government or their agencies and should not have been found guilty of any criminal offence by any court of law, in the last three (3) years	An undertaking (self-certificate) should be provided on the agency's letter head that is duly signed by authorized signatory.
4	Litigation Status - No major pending litigation affecting operational capability	Self-declaration affidavit; board resolution;

6. Evaluation Of EOI Responses

Evaluation Methodology & Empanelment Process

6.1 Overview of Evaluation Process

The evaluation of responses submitted against this Expression of Interest (EoI) will be conducted by a Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) constituted by C-DAC.

To demonstrate technical competence, domain leadership, and alignment with C-DAC's initiatives, prospective applicants must submit a Detailed Technical Presentation along with their EoI submission. The presentation must highlight:

6.1.1 Work Done: Completed industrial projects, deployed products, commercialized technologies in the applied domain(s).

6.1.2 Work Going On: Active engineering initiatives, ongoing product development, field trials, or operational deployments.

6.1.3 Research Going On: Active R&D projects, advanced prototyping, patent filings, or technical studies.

6.2 Mandatory Submission Format for Technical Presentation

Applicants must structure their presentation submission using the following prescribed format:

Slide / Section	Component	Mandatory Content & Documentary Evidence Required
Section A	Executive Summary & Entity Profile	Brief company overview, core business areas, statutory credentials, and chosen MMP/CoE domain tracks applied for.
Section B	Work Done (Past Achievements)	Summary of completed domain projects, commercialized products, systems integrated, and client deployments.
Section C	Work Going On (Current Operations)	Ongoing development activities, current manufacturing/assembly pipelines, active pilot runs, and field deployments.

Section D	Research Going On (R&D Initiatives)	Active research projects, ongoing technical explorations, prototype development, and academic/R&D collaborations.
Section E	Proposed Synergy with C-DAC	Specific plan for non-financial collaboration with C-DAC CoEs/MMPs (e.g., field validation, driver/stack integration, solution co-packaging, ToT readiness).

6.3 Stage 1: Preliminary Eligibility Check (Pass/Fail)

Prior to technical evaluation, submissions will be screened for completeness and mandatory compliance.

6.4 Stage 2: Technical Evaluation

Applications passing Stage 1 will be evaluated by the TEC based on the proposal, presentation, and supporting evidences across the following parameters:

Criteria ID	Evaluation Parameter	Basis of Assessment
TEC-01	Work Done (Past Accomplishments) **OR**	Proven track record, deployed solutions, and commercialized products aligned with selected MMP/CoE tracks.
TEC-02	Work Going On (Current Capabilities) **OR**	Ongoing engineering operations, active project pipelines, field trials, live testbeds, and production/assembly capabilities.
TEC-03	Research Going On (R&D & Innovation)	Active R&D initiatives, proprietary technologies, granted/filed patents, technical publications, and cutting-edge prototyping.

7. Letter Of Empanelment

7.1 EoI Submission and Evaluation Process.

The EoI shall be operated as a running EoI for a period of six (06) months, commencing from 13.11.2026 and closing on 12.04.2027, and shall remain available on the C-DAC website throughout the said period. Applications shall be received, processed and evaluated on a rolling basis, as and when received, for empanelment, in accordance with the eligibility and evaluation criteria prescribed in the EoI document. Applications received up to the closing date shall be considered for evaluation and empanelment.

7.2 Letter of Empanelment.

1. Based on the evaluation of EoI responses, C-DAC shall empanel eligible industry partners for each MMP and CoE, as defined in this document. One or more industry partners may be empanelled for each MMP and CoE, subject to fulfilment of the prescribed qualifying criteria.
2. The successful applicants shall be issued a Letter of Empanelment (LoE) by C-DAC.
3. The empanelment shall be non-exclusive, and C-DAC reserves the right to empanel additional eligible industry partners during the EoI period, based on the applications received and evaluated.
4. The selected industry partners shall be required to formally accept the terms and conditions, including the applicable fixed cost, within the stipulated time, failing which C-DAC reserves the right to withdraw the offer and consider another eligible applicant.
5. C-DAC reserves the right to cancel, modify or withdraw the empanelment, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the EoI and applicable contractual obligations.
6. As specific collaborative opportunities, technology validation runs or ToT initiatives emerge under any MMP or CoE domain, C-DAC may engage empanelled partners through project-specific Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs), Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) or Transfer of Technology (ToT) agreements, on a case-to-case basis.

7.3 Empanelment Validity.

1. The empanelment of each selected applicant shall remain valid for a period of one (01) year from the date of issuance of the Letter of Empanelment (LoE), extendable by a further period of one (01) year, subject to mutual agreement and approval of the Competent Authority, on the same terms and conditions, unless terminated earlier.
2. Any extension of empanelment, if required, shall be subject to mutual agreement and approval of the Competent Authority.
3. Additional applicants may be empanelled during the EoI submission period, subject to receipt of applications and fulfilment of the prescribed eligibility and evaluation criteria. The validity of such empanelment shall be governed by Clause 7.3(1), irrespective of the date of issuance of the LoE within the EoI submission period.

8. EOI Submission Process

8.1 Proposal Submission by Applicant

8.1.1 Single Cover Submission (Email Only)

Applicants are required to submit their Expression of Interest (EoI) response through email, clearly mentioning subject as:

"Expression of Interest (EoI) for Empanelling Industry Partners for Collaborative Engagement under C-DAC Mission Mode Programmes (MMPs) & Centre of Excellence (CoEs) (on Non-Financial Basis)"

The application shall be accompanied by all supporting documents required to establish compliance with the prescribed eligibility and evaluation criteria, along with duly completed and signed copies of the following documents/annexures. All documents shall be properly paginated, indexed and arranged in the prescribed sequence to facilitate scrutiny and evaluation:

Mandatory Annexures

1. Annexure–1: Covering Letter (EoI Submission Form)
2. Annexure–2: EoI Acceptance & Undertaking for Non-Blacklisting
3. Annexure–3: Bid Security Declaration
4. Annexure–4: Land Border Sharing Declaration
5. Annexure–5: Authorization Letter (Authorized Signatory)
6. Annexure–6: Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)
7. Annexure–7: Organizational Details

Supporting Documents as per eligibility criteria and technical credentials.

8.1.2 Submission Details

The proposal must be emailed to **purchase-chennai@cdac.in** on or before the specified deadline.

9. Terms & Conditions

9.1. C-DAC'S RIGHT TO AMEND/CANCEL

- C-DAC Chennai reserves the right to amend the eligibility criteria, scope of supply, technical specifications etc.
- C-DAC Chennai reserves the right to cancel the entire EoI without assigning any reasons thereof.

9.2. CORRUPT OR FRAUDULENT PRACTICES

- It is expected that the prospective agency who wishes to enrol as an agency should have the highest standards of ethics.
- C-DAC Chennai will reject the proposal if it encounters that the prospective agency recommended for award of contract has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices while competing for this contract.
- C-DAC Chennai may declare a prospective agency ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated duration, to be awarded a contract if it at any time encounters that the prospective agency has engaged in corrupt and fraudulent practices during the award/execution of contract.

9.3. PENALTY FOR USE OF UNDUE INFLUENCE

- The prospective agency undertakes that he has not given, offered or promised to give, directly or indirectly, any gift, consideration, reward, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any person employed in C-DAC Chennai or otherwise in procuring the contract/agreement or forbearing to do or for having done or forborne to do any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the contract/agreement or any other contract/agreement with the Government of India for showing or forbearing to show favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the contract/agreement or any other contract/agreement with the Government of India. Any breach of the aforesaid undertaking by the prospective agency or anyone employed by him or acting on his behalf (whether with or without the Knowledge of the prospective agency) or the commission of any offence by the prospective agency Partner or anyone employed by him or acting on his behalf, as defined in Chapter 9 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 or the Prevention of Corruption Act 1986 or any other Act enacted for the prevention of corruption shall entitle C-DAC Chennai to cancel the contract/agreement and all or other contract/agreements with the prospective agency and recover from the prospective agency the amount of any loss arising from such cancellation. The decision of C-DAC Chennai to the effect that a breach of the undertaking had been committed shall be final and binding on

the prospective agency, giving or offering of any gift, bribe or inducement or any attempt at any such act behalf of the prospective agency toward any officer/employee of C-DAC Chennai or to any other person in a position to influence any officer/employee of C-DAC Chennai for showing any favour in relation to this or any other contract/agreement, shall render the prospective agency to such liability/penalty as C-DAC Chennai may deem proper, including but not limited to, termination of the contract/agreement, imposition of penal damages, and refund of the amount paid by C-DAC Chennai.

9.4. CONFIDENTIALITY

- The agency and/or their personnel shall not, either during the term or after expiration of engagement period disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the services, contract or C-DAC's business or operations without the prior written consent of C-DAC Chennai. The agency and/or their personnel shall not, either during the term or after expiration of this contract, undertake any public communication, press/media releases relating to the services, contract, or C-DAC's business or operations without the written consent of C-DAC Chennai. Information available on public domain is excluded from confidentiality clauses.

9.5. FORCE MAJEURE

- C-DAC Chennai may consider relaxing the penalty and delivery requirements, as specified in this document, if and to the extent that, the delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the contract is the result of a Force Majeure. Force Majeure is defined as an event of effect that cannot reasonably be anticipated such as acts of God (like earthquakes, floods, storms etc.), acts of states/state agencies, the direct and indirect consequences of wars (declared or undeclared), hostilities, national emergencies, civil commotion and strikes at agency's premises or any other act beyond control of the agency.

9.6. ARBITRATION

- In case any dispute arises between the C-DAC Chennai and successful agencies with respect to this EoI, including its interpretation, implementation or alleged material breach of any of its provisions both the Parties hereto shall endeavour to settle such dispute amicably. If the Parties fail to bring about an amicable settlement within a period of 30 (thirty) days, dispute shall be referred to the sole arbitrator mutually_appointed by both parties. If the sole arbitrator is not appointed mutually by both the parties then the District Court Chennai shall have exclusive jurisdiction for appointment of sole arbitrator through court.

Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and Rules made there under, or any legislative amendment or modification made thereto. The venue of the arbitration shall be Chennai. The award given by the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the Parties. The language of arbitration shall be English. The common cost of the arbitration proceedings shall initially be borne equally by the Parties and finally by the Party against whom the award is passed. Any other costs or expenses incurred by a Party in relation to the arbitration proceedings shall ultimately be borne by the Party as the arbitrator may decide. Courts in Chennai only shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to try, entertain and decide the matters which are not covered under the Arbitration and conciliation Act.

9.7. INDEMNITY

- Selected agencies may please note that, C-DAC Chennai shall neither be the Employer of nor shall it be deemed to be the principal employer of any persons to be deployed by the agencies towards the service rendered and shall not in any manner be responsible for any act, omission or commissions by the agencies, the manpower deployed for this project or by his employees, in respect of any non-compliance of all or any labour and other laws statutory notifications, relevant rules and regulations applicable to the provision of Provident Fund and ESIC of the persons engaged by the supplier and no claim in the respect shall lie against C-DAC Chennai.
- The agencies shall keep indemnified C-DAC Chennai for any such claim raised by employees of the agencies. It may be expressly understood that the relationship between the parties hereto is as Principal to Principal and the agencies shall not be an agent of C-DAC Chennai for any purpose whatsoever, and shall not represent or hold himself out as such to any person/s.

9.8. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- The maximum aggregate liability of selected agencies in respect of following cases shall not exceed the total amount of the Contract/ Works Order:
- Any claims, losses, costs or damages arising out of or in connection with the Contract/ Works Order or SoW.
- Damage(s) occasioned by agencies for breach of Confidentiality Obligations.
- Regulatory or statutory fines imposed by a Government or Regulatory agencies for non-compliance of statutory or regulatory guidelines, Rules, Regulations etc., were brought to the notice of agencies.
- The liabilities- if any with respect to the following shall be at actuals:
- Claims that are the subject of indemnification pursuant to infringement by the agencies of third party Intellectual Property Right

- Damage(s) occasioned by the Gross Negligence or Willful Misconduct of the agencies.
- Under no circumstances shall either Party be liable for any indirect, consequential or incidental losses, damages or claims including loss of profit, loss of business or revenue.

9.9. TERMINATION

- Validity of order/contract will remain till fulfilment of all obligations pertaining to development and successful deployment of software including (but not limited to) the terms and conditions stipulated in the order, for the period stipulated in the Order. C- DAC Chennai reserves the right to terminate the contract/cancel order with or without cause/reason by giving 60 days' notice to the selected agencies. The selected agencies may terminate the Service Agreement /Order by at least 30 days written notice, in the event of non-payment of undisputed invoices for 60 days from the due date. All amounts which are due and payable to the Vendor shall immediately be paid by C- DAC Chennai in the event of termination of the agreement for any reason whatsoever.

9.10. RESTRICTIONS ON ASSIGNMENT, DELEGATION, AND SUBCONTRACTING

- Selected agencies shall not assign, delegate or otherwise deal with any of its rights or obligations under this contract without prior written permission of C-DAC Chennai.
- The prime responsibility towards the successful execution of agreement/contract lies with prospective agencies associating with C-DAC Chennai. The selected agency shall not fully or partially sub-let to any other entity without prior approval and written consent of C-DAC Chennai.

9.11. SEVERABILITY

- If any provision of this contract is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it will be deemed to be modified to the minimum extent necessary to be valid and enforceable. If it cannot be so modified, it will be deleted and the deletion will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision.

9.12. INTERPRETATION OF THE CLAUSES IN THE EOI DOCUMENT

- In case of any ambiguity/dispute in the interpretation of any of the clauses in the EoI document, the interpretation of the clauses by Director General, C-DAC shall be final and binding on all parties.

9.13. JURISDICTION

- The courts at Chennai, Tamil Nadu alone will have the jurisdiction to try any matter, dispute or reference between parties arising out of this EoI/Empanelment Agreement. It is specifically agreed that no court outside and other than Chennai, Tamil Nadu Court shall have jurisdiction in the matter.

9.14. AGREEMENT WITH OTHER ORGANIZATION

- The Bidder shall neither associate the name of C-DAC with any third party nor permit the utilization of any services of C-DAC by any such party. Any breach of this condition shall constitute a material violation of this EoI Agreement, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, this EoI Agreement shall stand terminated ipso facto upon such breach.

9.15. NON-DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

- The bidder shall not communicate or use in advertising, publicity, sales releases or in any other medium any information/materials like description of the site, dimensions, photographs or any other information concerning the work under this EoI which may come to its possession, without the prior written permission of the C-DAC.

9.16. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR)

- All intellectual property rights (IPR) arising out of any work carried out by the bidder in connection with this EoI shall be the sole and exclusive property of C-DAC, unless otherwise agreed in writing by C-DAC.
- The bidder shall not use or disclose any intellectual property, proprietary information, data, reports, or materials belonging to C-DAC for any purpose other than as expressly permitted under the terms of this EoI.
- Any pre-existing intellectual property of the bidder that is used in the course of providing deliverables under this EoI shall remain the property of the bidder; however, the bidder shall grant to C-DAC a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free, and worldwide license to use, reproduce, and modify such pre-existing IPR solely for the purposes of the project.
- The bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless C-DAC from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including legal fees) arising from or in connection with any infringement or alleged infringement of any third-party IPR by the bidder during the execution of the project.

9.17. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Definition of Conflict of Interest. A Conflict of Interest arises

when an entity or individual has competing interests or loyalties that could potentially influence or appear to influence the impartiality or objectivity of their involvement in the EoI process, evaluation, or execution of collaborative activities.

- Obligations of Applicants.
    - Applicants shall disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest at the time of submission of their EoI response.
    - A conflict of interest may include, but is not limited to:
        - A relationship (personal, professional, or financial) with C-DAC personnel or evaluation committee members;
        - Involvement in activities or business interests that may affect or appear to affect the fairness of the selection process;
        - Participation in preparation or formulation of the EoI or related documentation;
        - Ownership or beneficial interest in competing entities submitting responses to this EoI.
- Declaration Requirement. Each applicant must submit a signed declaration stating that no conflict of interest exists or disclosing any actual or potential conflict of interest.
- Right to Disqualify or Terminate. C-DAC reserves the right to disqualify any applicant found to have a conflict of interest that, in its opinion, compromises the integrity of the EoI process. If a conflict of interest is discovered after empanelment, C-DAC may terminate the engagement or take appropriate remedial action.
- Ongoing Obligation. The obligation to disclose conflicts of interest is ongoing. If a conflict arises during the course of the engagement, the empanelled entity must promptly notify C-DAC in writing.

9.18. ARBITRATION

- In the event of a dispute or a difference of any nature whatsoever between the parties during the course of performance of respective obligations arising out of this EoI Agreement, the parties agree to refer the matter to their respective Heads of the organization to resolve the disputes keeping in view the best interest of the Parties and with the spirit of performance of this Agreement. If the matter still remains unresolved, dispute shall be referred to the sole arbitrator appointed by the C-DAC. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and Rules made there under, or any legislative amendment or modification made thereto. The venue of arbitration shall be Chennai.

Annexure–1: Covering Letter (EoI Submission Form)

(To be submitted in original on letterhead)

Date:

To
Centre Head
Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C- DAC),
Tidel Park, 8th Floor, 'D' Block(North & South), No.4 Rajiv Gandhi Salai,Taramani, Chennai- 600113, Tamil Nadu (India)
Subject: Submission of EoI for Shortlisting of Collaboration Partner

Dear Sir,

We hereby submit our proposal in response to the invitation in engaging with C-DAC, Chennai for Expression of Interest (EoI) No.__ published on_ for the Collaboration Partner in the technological domains identified by C-DAC and appropriate mode of engagement mentioned below (Pls tick the applicable check-boxes)

Track ID	Mission Mode Programme Domain	Yes / No
MMP-01	Exascale Computing	
MMP-02	Quantum Computing	
MMP-03	Internet of Things (IoT)	
MMP-04	Artificial Intelligence	
MMP-05	NextGen Cyber Security	

Track ID	Centre of Excellence Domain	Yes / No
COE-01	Healthcare Technologies	
COE-02	Power Electronics & Energy	
COE-03	Agricultural Technology	
COE-04	Next-Gen Mobility Solutions	

Track ID	Centre of Excellence Domain	Yes / No
COE-05	Maritime Technologies	
COE-06	Strategic Technologies	

Please find enclosed herewith the below listed documents, as required.

1. Annexure–2: EoI Acceptance & Undertaking for Non-Blacklisting
2. Annexure–3: Bid Security Declaration
3. Annexure–4: Land Border Sharing Declaration
4. Annexure–5: Authorization Letter (Authorized Signatory)
5. Annexure–6: Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)
6. Annexure–7: Organizational Details

We hereby declare that all the information and statements made in this proposal are true and we accept that any misinterpretation contained in it, may lead to our disqualification.

We agree to abide by all the terms and conditions of the EoI document. We would hold the terms of our proposal valid for 120 days as stipulated in the EoI document.

We also undertake that we are not blacklisted or debarred from the bidding process, by any Educational/R&D /Govt. Organization, as on date of submission of the bids and that there have been no regulatory actions initiated /pending against us as on the date of release of EoI.

We understand you are not bound to accept any bid you receive.

Sincerely Yours,

Signature of the Competent Authority (with date)
(full name)
(designation)/Stamp

Annexure–2: EoI Acceptance & Undertaking for Non-Blacklisting

Place:
Date:

To,
Centre Head
Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C- DAC),
Tidel Park, 8th Floor, 'D' Block(North & South), No.4 Rajiv Gandhi Salai,Taramani, Chennai- 600113, Tamil Nadu (India)

Reference: EoI document no._____, dated _____

Subject: Self Declaration of not been blacklisted in response to the _____

Dear Sir,
We confirm that our {company or firm or entity}, _____, has not been banned/debarred/blacklisted in any manner by any of the State/Union Territory/ Central Government of India or any other government organization on any ground including but not limited to indulgence in corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice.

We also confirm that there is no enquiry going on by CBI/ED/any other Government agency against us.

(Signature of the Bidder)

Name:

Designation:
Seal

Business Address:
Phone:

Annexure–3: Bid Security Declaration

To
Centre Head
Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C- DAC),
Tidel Park, 8th Floor, 'D' Block(North & South), No.4 Rajiv Gandhi Salai,Taramani, Chennai- 600113, Tamil Nadu (India)

Subject: Undertaking as per GFR – 2017, Rule 170 (iii)

Dear Sir,
We, the undersigned, offer to provide the Products/Items/ components/ Services etc., in response to your EoI No_____, dated_____.
We are hereby submitting our proposal for same, through www.eprocure.gov.in. As a part of eligibility requirement stipulated in said EoI document, we hereby submit a declaration in lieu of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), as given below:

- Our proposal shall remain valid for 120 days from the date of submission.
- In case, we are declared as successful bidder and an order is placed on us, we will submit the acceptance in writing within 7 days of placement of order on us.
- In case, after empanelment in this EOI if we are declared as successful bidder for any future project specific work and an order is placed on us, we undertake to submit a Performance Bank Guarantee of 3 - 10 % of the order value, as per terms stipulated in that specific project work tender.
- In case of failure on our part to comply with any of the above said requirements, we are aware that we shall be declared as un-eligible for said EoI and /or debarred from any future bidding process of C-DAC & Other Govt. Institutes for a period of minimum one year.
- The undersigned is authorized to sign this undertaking.

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signatory:
Name and Title of
Signatory: e-mail:
Mobile No:

Annexure–4: Make in India & Land Border Sharing Declaration

(ON COMPANY'S LETTER HEAD)

To
Centre Head
Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C- DAC),
Tidel Park, 8th Floor, 'D' Block(North & South), No.4 Rajiv Gandhi Salai,Taramani, Chennai- 600113, Tamil Nadu (India)

We hereby certify that the Services being offered by us vide our proposal, comply with the provisions of order No. Order No P-45021/2/2017-PP (BE-II), dated 16th Sept 2020 in line with Class-I/Class-II Local supplier issued by Public Procurement Division, Department of Investment and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce, GoI.

We have read the clause mentioned in Order (Public Procurement No. 4) No.F.No.7/10/2021-PPD(1) of Public Procurement Division, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance dated 23rd Feb 2023 and further Order/OMs regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India.

In view of this, we also certify that,
We are not from a country sharing land border with India and any registration as mentioned in said OM is not applicable to us.

For (Name of Bidder)

Authorised Signatory
(Name & Signature)
(Company's Seal)

Annexure–5: Authorization Letter (Authorized Signatory)

(To be submitted in original on letterhead)

Date:

To
Centre Head
Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C- DAC),
Tidel Park, 8th Floor, 'D' Block(North & South), No.4 Rajiv Gandhi Salai,Taramani, Chennai- 600113, Tamil Nadu (India)

Subject: Authority Letter
Reference: EoI document no._____, dated _____

Dear Sir,
We, M/s_____ (Name of the prospective agencies) having registered office at _____(address of the prospective agencies) herewith submit our proposal against the said EoI document.

Mr./Ms._____ (Name and designation of the signatory), whose signature is appended below, is authorized to sign and submit the proposal documents on our behalf against said EoI.

Specimen Signature:

The undersigned is authorised to issue such authorisation on behalf of us. For M/s _____(Name of the prospective agencies)

Signature and company seal
Name
Designation
Email
Mobile No.

Annexure–6: Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)

This Non Disclosure Agreement ("Agreement") is made effective from this day of [month year] between[agency name] having office at [address of agency] and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, Chennai, a constituent unit of C-DAC, a Scientific Society under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950, having its registered office at Savitribai Phule Pune University Campus, Ganesh Khind, Pune-411007 and place of business at Tidel Park, 8th Floor, 'D' Block(North & South), No.4 Rajiv Gandhi Salai,Taramani, Chennai- 600113, Tamil Nadu (India) (hereinafter referred to as "Client")

(Client and [agency name] shall be individually referred to hereinafter as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties")

WHEREAS, the Client has appointed [agency name] for rendering < consultancy> services during the period commencing from <ddmmyy> to <ddmmyy>

WHEREAS, the parties hereto are willing to execute this Agreement in order to protect certain information to be disclosed to each other for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals set forth above and the covenants set forth herein, the Parties agree that:

1. It is hereby agreed that the discretion applied at the time of disclosure would provide the best protection of Confidential Information of either Party. Accordingly, a Disclosing Party shall ensure that only those Confidential Information which serve the engagement objectives shall be disclosed as per an agreed procedure to the identified individuals at the recipient's end.
2. Recipient agrees to protect Confidential Information received from the Disclosing Party with at least the same degree of care as it normally exercises to protect its own proprietary information of a similar nature. Recipient agrees to promptly inform the Disclosing Party of any unauthorised disclosure of the Disclosing Party‟s Confidential Information.
3. In the case of Confidential Information that is disclosed only orally, Disclosing Party shall, within seven days after such disclosure, deliver to the Receiving Party a brief written description of such Confidential Information; identifying the place and date of such oral disclosure and the names of the representatives of the Receiving Party to whom such disclosure was made. It is expected that such information will bear a legend or label of "Confidential" or other similar designation manifesting intent that the information is confidential ("Confidential Information").
4. The restrictions set forth in this Agreement on of Confidential Information shall not apply to any information which:
   4.1. is independently developed by the Recipient ; or

4.2. is rightfully received free of restriction from another source having the right to so furnish such information; or

4.3. has become generally available to the public; or

4.4. at the time of disclosure to the Recipient was rightfully known to such party or its affiliated companies free of restriction as evidenced by documentation in its possessions; or

4.5. the non-Disclosing Party agrees in writing to be free of such restrictions; or

4.6. is required to be furnished to any authority, department, office or body by a decree, order or authorization of law.

5. Each Party shall use Confidential Information of the other Party which is disclosed to it only for the purpose of this Agreement and shall not disclose such Confidential Information to any third party, without the other Party's prior written consent, other than to [agency name] subcontractors and to each other's employees on a need-to- know basis.
6. All information shall remain the property of the Disclosing Party and shall be returned upon written request or upon the Recipient's determination that it no longer has a need for such information except that both parties may retain copies of the Confidential Information, to the extent required to comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.
7. The Parties agree that during the existence of the term of this Agreement, neither Party shall solicit directly or indirectly the employees of the other Party.
8. The term of this Agreement shall be xxxx from the date of its execution by both Parties. Both the parties shall jointly review this Agreement after end of xxxx and shall extend it for xxxxx at a time if mutually agreed upon by both the parties
9. The authorised representatives from [agency name] side shall be –

   9.1. <XXXXX>
10. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, shall be settled by in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. Any claim for losses under this Agreement shall be restricted to direct losses only.
11. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties hereto as to the information and merges all prior discussions between them relating thereto. No amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be valid or binding on the Parties unless made in writing and signed on behalf of each of the Parties by their respective authorised officers or representatives.
12. The Parties agree that the laws of India, other than its conflict of laws provisions, shall apply in any dispute arising out of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date set forth above.

For and on behalf of
Sig.:
Name:
Title:
Place:
Witness:
Signature:
Name:
Title

For and on behalf of
Sig.:
Name:
Title:
Place

Annexure–7 : Organizational Details

Sr. No.	Information heading	Details
1	Name of the prospective agency	
2	Name, designation, e-mail and mobile number of contact person	
3	Address of Head Office/Registered Office	
4	Details of Branch offices, Regional Offices, if any	
6	Nature of Business – like Software development ,Training, Sales & Services etc.	
7	Details of products, technologies or services you are presently dealing with	
8	List of Prospective technology Associates/ Partnerships	
9	Organizational Chart (please attach separate document)	
10	Organizational Certifications and Accreditations	
11	Any other information	

For M/s _____(Name of the prospective agencies)
Signature and company seal
Name
Designation
Email Mobile No.

—----------(END OF DOCUMENT)----------