

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR EMPANELMENT OF COST ACCOUNTANT FIRMS FOR CONDUCTING INTERNAL AUDIT OF HYDERABAD CHAPTER OF THE INSTITUTE OF COST ACCOUNTANTS OF INDIA FOR THE YEAR 2024-26.

**A. Minimum Eligibility Criteria**

1. The firm should be a partnership firm registered with the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI) on the date of application.
2. The firms should be in existence for at least three years and may possess previous experience in conducting Internal Audit.
3. The Firm must have PAN and GST Registration number.
4. A firm will not be eligible for empanelment if any of its partners or staff (as a related party defined in Company's Act 2013) is/was associated as an office bearer in any Managing Committee of Chapter/Regional Council/Central Council of the Institute for the last 8 years. A declaration confirming such non association should be given by the managing partner along with the application for empanelment.
5. Firm has to apply for local chapter according to address of the firm for Internal Audit. However, the selection criteria will be as per (B) below.

**B. Selection Criteria**

Sl. No	Particulars	Points Fixed	Maximum
1	Number of Partners		25
	(a) Equal to 2 partners	5	
	(b) More than 2 partners	10	
	Additional 2 points for every Fellow member Partner	10	
2	Number of Qualified Assistants (Cost Accountants only) employed with the Firm	2 points per person	20
3	Age of the Firm	2 points for every year	20
4	Experience in conducting Internal Audit:		25
	(i) Experience in Educational Institution /PSU / Autonomous & Statutory Bodies	15	
	(ii) Experience in other organizations	10	
5	No. of years of experience in Internal Audit		10
	3 – 5 years	3	
	> 5 years	7	
	Total Points		100

Note :

1. Documentary evidence of all the information as stated above is to be furnished along with the offer.
2. Where a Cost Accountant is a partner / owner of more than one firm, in such case, only one firm carrying the highest marks shall be allowed to take part in the EOI process.
3. Each selected firm will be allotted only one work and can be appointed for a maximum period of two years as mentioned in Clause D below. Thereafter there will be a cooling period of two years.
4. If there is a tie, a firm with a higher number of Fellow Member of the Institute of Cost Accountants will be considered.

### **C. Other Terms & Conditions**

The appointment of the firm is subject to the following:

- I. The firm should not subcontract the work.
- II. The team will work in strict confidence and will ensure that the information in respect of the operation of the area/unit is dealt in strict confidence and secrecy. A certificate towards maintaining confidentiality to be provided by the Auditor before commencement of audit.
- III. No relative / auditee / partner or any related party of the Management Committee of any chapter can be auditor / staff of the audit firm.
- IV. The firm will be debarred from getting Internal Audit in future in ICAI in the following cases:
  - V. If the firm obtains the appointment on the basis of false information / false statement.
  - VI. If the firm does not take up the job in terms of appointment letter.
  - VII. If the firm does not submit the report, complete in all respects in terms of appointment letter.
  - VIII. If the firm violates any of the stipulation from (i) to (iii).
  - IX. If the performance of job is found to be unsatisfactory.
  - X. All applications received after the due date and closing time of submission of applications shall be ignored.

Disclaimer: ICAI-Hyderabad Chapter reserves the right to accept or reject any or all responses and to request additional submission or clarifications from one or more Appointment(s) at any stage or to cancel the process entirely without assigning any reason.

### **D. Scope of Work & Period of Audit**

The scope of work regarding Internal Audit is given in Annexure-1. The scope of work may increase depending upon the requirement. The initial period of engagement for internal audit shall be for one year which may be extended for further one year depending on the performance and on the mutual consent of both parties on the same terms and conditions.

**E. Audit Team**

In case of internal audit, the team should be led by a senior partner of the firm and should comprise of one qualified/ semi qualified assistant.

**F. Time period for completion of Audit**

The Internal Audit shall be conducted on half yearly. The first half yearly report (April 1 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024) and second half report (October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 till 31st March 2025) subsequently needs to be submitted.

**G. Fees Structure**

The detailed fee structure is enclosed at Annexure -3.

**H. Application Procedure**

Eligible and interested firms are requested to submit their applications in sealed envelope super scribing "APPLICATION FOR EMPANELMENT AS INTERNAL AUDIT OF THE HYDERABAD CHAPTER OF THE INSTITUTE OF COST ACCOUNTANTS OF INDIA FOR THE YEAR 2024-26" to the Secretary along with all the relevant documents and certificates through Speed Post/Courier/ Sealed Cover only so as to reach us by 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. All the accompanying necessary documents should duly signed by the authorized partner of the firm.

Each application should state the Hyderabad Chapter the interested firm wishes to apply.

Sd/-

Chairperson

Hyderabad Chapter of Cost Accountants