



## INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT SHILLONG Umsawli, Shillong-793018

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**TENDER No.: V1-1601/1/2022-SPO**

**Date: 25.01.2024**

### DETAILED NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Online tenders, in two-bid system for **Appointment of a CA/CMA firm for conducting internal audit of IIM SHILLONG at Umsawli for a period of 2 years which may be extended up to 2 more years subject to satisfactory performance and half-yearly review of work** is being invited by Director IIM Shillong, from interested Chartered Accountant firms as per mentioned requirements and related terms and conditions

Name and Location of work	<b>Appointment of a CA/CMA Firm for conducting Internal Audit at IIM Shillong Umsawli</b>
Duration of Contract	Two Year from the date of issue of Lol/ Work Order/ Contract Agreement whichever is later. The contract may be extended up to two more years subject to satisfactory performance.
The Currency in which Payment shall be made	Indian Rupees (INR).
Earnest Money Deposit	<p>EMD of Rs/- 20,000 (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) has to be deposited as Online payment to the link below:</p> <p><a href="https://erp.iimshillong.ac.in/fee/PaymentPortal/GeneralPayment.aspx?p=unPpDMmNMgyLM9LLfrXUhXoSTjyLVw6DxTjCWVtMbdUcKbkE3r0UFOpuJqCrYWW%2fhA1zfamk1m9oS%2bXQujL5OLKar6QKiRRYqSU77xlwT3Nyn3dhcMLb%2b5ZO%2bVOIX0wPCRgDK0eqQC6wNTD5EGRNUBFwIH6VR6H1CNTqDo8xa6KVkkRibHn%2bV0MveKfslzDYR5yQAJfDQ1duvrv9Qb3pNsHx%2b3QCVCkUudv0mRctKBY%3d">https://erp.iimshillong.ac.in/fee/PaymentPortal/GeneralPayment.aspx?p=unPpDMmNMgyLM9LLfrXUhXoSTjyLVw6DxTjCWVtMbdUcKbkE3r0UFOpuJqCrYWW%2fhA1zfamk1m9oS%2bXQujL5OLKar6QKiRRYqSU77xlwT3Nyn3dhcMLb%2b5ZO%2bVOIX0wPCRgDK0eqQC6wNTD5EGRNUBFwIH6VR6H1CNTqDo8xa6KVkkRibHn%2bV0MveKfslzDYR5yQAJfDQ1duvrv9Qb3pNsHx%2b3QCVCkUudv0mRctKBY%3d</a></p> <p>transaction receipt number has to be mentioned in technical bid format. <u>No Cheque or DD will be accepted as EMD.</u></p>
Date of Issue/e-Publishing at CPPP website	25.01.2024 from 05:00PM
Document Download Start Date	25.01.2024 from 05:00PM

Document Download End Date and Time	12.02.2024 at 05:00PM
Date and venue for Pre-Bid Meeting	Not Applicable
Bid Queries should reach by	Latest by 06.02.2024 till 15:00 Hrs. Bid queries received later than the date and time as mentioned above shall not be entertained. Pre-bid queries should be emailed to <a href="mailto:spo@iimshillong.ac.in">spo@iimshillong.ac.in</a>
Last Date and Time for receipts of Bids	12.02.2024 at 05:00PM
Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bids	13.02.2024 at 05:00PM
Date and Time of Opening of Financial Bids	To be declared after successful evaluation of technical bid documents.
No. of Covers	02 (Two Packets) {Technical and Financial}
Bid Validity days	90 days (From the date of opening of financial bid)
Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG)	EMD shall be converted to PBG, however bidders who are exempt from submission of EMD shall be required to submit PBG equivalent to 10% value of the work in the event LOI is being
Address for Correspondence	Store and Purchase Office, IIM Shillong, Umsawli, East Khasi Hills, Shillong-793018, Meghalaya Office Contact No : 0364-2308012 Email: <a href="mailto:spo@iimshillong.ac.in">spo@iimshillong.ac.in</a>

**1. Bidders are required to Quote per year amount in Financial bid.**

- Bidders /Tenderers would be required to register on the Central Public Procurement Portal at <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> using a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and valid email address to be able to participate in the bidding process. On registration with the Portal they will be provided with a user id and password by the system through which they can submit their bids online.
- Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) may be obtained from any authorized agencies registered with the Certifying Authority (CA), through National Informatics Center (NIC) in India.
- Bidders /Tenderers can download the bid document from Central Public Procurement Portal website at <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> Bidders /Tenderers are required to submit the bid online by scanning and uploading all the relevant documents through <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> .
- Tender information is also available in the Institute's website at <https://www.iimshillong.ac.in> . For further details regarding Amendment /Addendum /Extension/Corrigendum please visit website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and <https://www.iimshillong.ac.in>.
- In the event of the date being declared as a closed holiday, the due date for opening of bids online will be the following working day at the appointed times.
- The technical bids will be opened online by a committee duly constituted for the purpose at the time and date as specified in the tender document. All statements, documents, certificates, proof of EMD /Tender fee / etc. uploaded by the bidders will be verified and downloaded for technical evaluation and the result of technical bid

evaluation will be displayed on <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> in which can be seen by all bidders who participated in the tender.

8. The bidders should download the BoQ.xls from CPP Portal and filled in the blank spaces provided for mentioning the name of bidder and rates. Bidders need not modify any other text or background shown in the BOQ template or replace it with any other copy of same BoQ.xls format. IIM SHILLONG /Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> will accept the BOQ template only and hence the rate should not be quoted in any other place except BOQ template.
9. The Financial bid (price bid) i.e. Bill of Quantity (BOQ) of only technically qualified bidders will be opened online by a committee and the result will be displayed on the <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> which can be seen by all bidders who participated in the tender.
10. At any time prior to the date of submission of bid, Director, IIM Shillong may, for any reason, modify the bidding documents by an amendment. All prospective bidders/tenderer who have received the bidding document will be notified of the amendment in writing and the amendment shall be binding on them. In order to provide reasonable time to take the amendment into account in preparing the bid. Director, IIM Shillong may at his discretion, extend the date and time for submission of bids.
11. Bidders are required to sign on all the pages of the tender document and further **need to scan and upload the required documents like GST registration, PAN, valid document as per eligibility criteria, experience certificates of the firm along with Techno-commercial bid.**
12. The tendered rates and the validity of bids shall be for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
13. **14.The Institute shall have the right to reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.**
14. Bills should be submitted in quadruplicate along with a receipted copy of challan duly endorsed in the desk of the of the Receiving Section of the Institute.
15. Payment of the approved vendor for supply of items/services at IIM SHILLONG shall be made through PFMS.
16. IIM Shillong reserves all rights to make any changes in terms and conditions of the tender and also to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.
17. Settlement of disputes – Director, IIM Shillong or his authorized representative shall be the final authority in all disputes and decision will be binding on all concerned.
18. For any queries please contact Store and Purchase Officer on +91-364-2308012 or at email [spo@iimshillong.ac.in](mailto:spo@iimshillong.ac.in) on any working day from 09:30 AM till 05:00 PM.

Sd/-  
Chief Administrative Officer  
IIM Shillong

Copy to :

- Director for information
- Audit Officer
- IT Department to upload on the Institute's Website.

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

**TRANSACTION/ PROCESS AUDIT – On Quarterly Basis. (Report to be submitted within 20 days of end of each quarter).**

### **A. Consultancy Assignments**

- i. Consultancy service on all statutory matters including but not restricted to Income Tax, GST, ESIC/ PF, Service Tax (Old) etc. of to the Institute as and when needs arises.
- ii. Finalization and Certification of Institute's books of accounts on timely basis.
- iii. Issue the certificate in form no 15 CB relating to remittance in foreign currency as per Income Tax Act, 1961 or other certificates including Utilization Certificates for various Grant Based projects, as and when required, of the Institutes including its in house centres for research/ developments/ other activities.
- iv. Development of Internal checks/ controls measures and risk assessment of the institute,
- v. Ascertain the extent of compliance with procedures, policies, regulations, statutory obligations and other legislations;
- vi. Ascertain Compliance to IIM Act 2017, IIM Rules 2018, Regulations of IIM, Shillong, instruction of C&AG, Accounting Standards/ Practices and Guidelines of the Board.
- vii. Provide reassurance to management that their policies are being carried out with adequate control of the associated risks;

### **B. Internal audit/ Transaction audit of following area/ documents;**

- a) Scrutiny of Cash and Bank Books, Fees/ Revenue reconciliation of all courses, MDPs, consultancy, research and sponsored projects etc. conducted by Institute/ its centres
- b) Verification of Bank Reconciliation Statements
- c) Scrutiny of General Ledger and Subsidiary Ledger
- d) Verification of detailed schedule of interests received on FDRs/ other Investments etc and calculations of accrued interest invested in various funds
- e) Verification of GST, its ITC (input tax credit) transaction (where applicable) and Reconciliation & audit for return purpose including other assistants in filling and dealing with departments
- f) Verification & filing of Income tax/ TDS returns and transactions & its annual audit (if any) including all statutory/ Tax compliance / annual return etc.
- g) Scrutiny of advances to suppliers, contractors, employees, etc
- h) Checking of Bills of Contractors and Payment Vouchers, etc
- i) Checking of Fixed Asset Register, reconciliation with Physical Verification reports, submitting observations including suggestions (If any).
- j) Depreciation calculations as per rules.

- k) Scrutiny of monthly salary Bill and recovery of PF, NPS, Income Tax, P. Tax, GLIS etc. and payment to respective authority.
- l) Verification of correctness of the Trial Balance including the verification of opening ledger balances and suggesting reversal/ year end entries wherever necessary.
- m) Verification of Bill, Payment of Vouchers (Both Cash & Bank), Journal Vouchers and all Records maintained by Accounts Department.
- n) Checking of Payment vouchers with reference to PFMS/ Cheque Register (in case of payment by Cheque/Bank Draft etc.) and with reference to File/Register (in case of payment through RTGS/NEFT/Bank Transfer)
- o) Verification of payment of LTC Advance, LTC Claim Bill (after completion of LTC tour) according to the LTC Rules of G.O.I., payments to retired employees.
- p) Verification of invoices raised by various departments of Institutes and its research centres.
- q) Attending Income Tax/ GST/ other matters with the statutory authorities as and when required.

**The Institute uses Tally ERP 9.0 to record Finance transactions and prepare annual accounts.**

## **A. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

The interested Bidders shall have to comply with the following criteria to participate in the tendering process-

- 1.1 The firm must have either its registered office or branch office in Shillong for at least 5 years. (Self-Attested copy of Registration Certificate issued by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India// The Institute of Cost Accountants of India to be furnished.)
- 1.2 The firm must be registered with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India/ The Institute of Cost Accountants of India for not less than 5 years as on the last date of submission of this tender. (Self-Attested copy of Registration Certificate issued by Institute to be furnished.)
- 1.3 The firm must be empanelled with Comptroller & Auditor General of India. (Self-Attested copy of latest Comptroller & Auditor General of India Empanelment Letter to be furnished.)
- 1.4 The firm must be having minimum one Fellow partners/proprietor as on the last date of submission of this tender. (Self-Attested copy of latest Constitution Certificate from Institute to be furnished.)
- 1.5 The firm must be having a minimum three years of experience (as on 31st March, 2023) in conducting Internal Audit of Central or State Autonomous Bodies/PSUs (Self-Attested copies of Appointment Letters/ Agreements/Work Orders issued by such Autonomous Bodies/PSUs along with extract of Audited Financial Statements in support of income or expenditures to be furnished.) Preference will be given to the Firms having experience in conducting Internal Audit for Central or State Autonomous Educational Institutions.
- 1.6 The firm must have conducted Internal Audit of at least one Central or State Autonomous Bodies/PSU during last three Financial Years i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22 & 202-23. (Self-Attested copies of Appointment Letters/ Agreements/ Work Orders issued by such Central/ State Autonomous Bodies along with proof of claim to be furnished.
- 1.7 The firm must be registered under Goods &Service Tax Act. (Self- Attested GST Registration Certificate to be furnished.)
- 1.8 The firm must be having minimum Average Annual Income of Rs.20 Lakh during the last 3 Financial Years i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22 & 202-23.. (Self-Attested copies of Audited Profit & Loss Accounts and Balance Sheets to be attached. A self-declaration may be attached for FY 2022-23)
- 1.9 Under Section 25 (1) of the IIM, Act, 2017, The appointment of Internal Auditor are subject to change after four years.
- 1.10 The internal auditor appointed under sub-section (1) of Section 25 of the IIM Act, 2017 or any person employed by him shall not have any direct or indirect interest, whether pecuniary or otherwise, in any matter concerning or related to the administration or functions of the Institute.

## B. Standard Format for Evaluation of Technical Proposal

Sl. No	Criteria	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained	Remarks
01	No. of years of Registration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India/ / The Institute of Costs Accountants Of India: Between 5 to 7 years: 10 marks Above 8 years, up to 12 years: 15 marks Above 12 years: 20 marks	20		
02	No. of FCA Partners/Proprietor:  a) Between 1 to 2 nos.: 5marks b) Between 3 to 5 nos.: 7marks c) Above 5 nos.: 10marks	10		
03	Years of Experience in conducting Internal Audit of Central or State Autonomous Bodies or PSUs: a) Between 3 to 5 years: 15marks b) Above 5 years, up to 8 years: 25marks c) Above 8 years: 30marks	30		
04	Experience of Internal Audit in Central or State Autonomous bodies/Educational Bodies/PSU during last three F.Y.( 2020-21, 2021-22 & 202-23.): a) Between 1 to 2 nos.: 15marks b) Above 2 nos., up to 4 nos.: 20marks c) Above 4 nos.: 30marks	30		
05	Annual Income (last three Financial Years i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22 & 202-23.: a) Between Rs.20.00 Lakh to Rs.30 Lakh: 5marks b) Above Rs.30.00 Lakh, up to Rs. 40.00 Lakh: 7marks c) Above Rs.40.00 Lakh:10marks	10		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>		

(Note: Out of 100 marks, 50 marks to be obtained by the bidder for technical qualification)

## **C. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **1. AMENDMENT OF TENDER DOCUMENT**

Before the deadline for submission of tender, the Tender Document may be modified by IIM Shillong by issue of addendum /corrigendum.

Addendum/corrigendum, if any, will be Published in the Institutes Website and in [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in) and shall become a part of the tender document. All Tenderers are advised to see the Institute's Website for addendum/ corrigendum to the tender document

### **2. PERIOD OF CONTRACT**

The initial contract period will be for two (2) financial year i.e. FY 2024-25 & FY 2025-26 and extendable by another 2 (two) Financial Years on the same term and conditions at the discretion of the Institute and mutual agreement.

### **3. PAYMENT AND PRICE VALIDITY:**

- i) The Firm shall be paid on quarterly basis an amount equal to 1/4th of annual audit fees (or proportionate, if applicable) quoted by the Firm, as agreed by IIMS on submission of quarterly audit reports.
- ii) The price as quoted by the Firm (in price bid) shall remain unchanged during the contract period.
- iii) Goods & Service Tax, if any, shall be paid at the applicable rate.

### **4. Minimum Professional Fee:**

The minimum Profession fee shall be Rs 100,000/- (Rs One Lakhs Thousand Only) per annum for Transaction/ Process Audit, all inclusive & GST extra as applicable.

### **5. WORK NOT TO BE LET OUT**

Sub-contracting in part or full of the assignment awarded to the successful Bidder is not permitted.

### **6. CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE**

**Any and all information in written, electronic media or oral form and disclosed to the Auditor shall at all times remain the legal and absolute property of IIM Shillong and the Auditor shall have no rights to use the information for any purpose other than that expressly authorized by IIM Shillong.**

### **7. INDEMNITY**

The contractor shall indemnify and keep indemnified the institute against all losses and claims for injuries and or damages to any person or property. The contractor shall abide by and observe all statutory laws and regulations shall keep the institute indemnified against all penalties and liabilities of kind of breach of any such statute ordinance or law / regulations or Bylaws.

### **8. TERMINATION OF SERVICE**

The engagement of Auditor can be terminated by IIM Shillong for any breach in contract giving one month's notice at any time during the contract period.



## **9. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the contract, all disputes concerning questions of fact arising under the contract shall be decided by IIM Shillong subject to a written appeal by the Auditor Firm to IIM Shillong whose decision shall be final to the parties hereto. Any disputes or differences including those considered as such by only one of the parties arising out of or in connection with the contract shall be to the extent possible settled amicably between the parties. If amicable settlement cannot be reached, then all disputed issues shall be settled by arbitration.

10. Canvassing in any form by the bidder or by any other agency on their behalf may lead to disqualification of their bid.
11. In case any bidder is found to be involved in cartel formation, his bid will not be considered for evaluation / placement of order. Such Bidder will be debarred from bidding in future.
12. The soft copies of the data/information pertaining to conducting Audit as well as the printouts of the data/information provided during the contract period, shall be the property of IIM Shillong and the Auditors shall not have any right to claim possession on use of data/information for any purpose other than for and on behalf of IIM Shillong at any stage.
13. IIM Shillong shall be authorized to make statutory deductions as applicable from the amount payable to the Auditor.
14. The successful bidder shall intimate the names of the persons employed by him or going to employ, who are relatives (wife, husband and dependent parents, grand-parents, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, uncle, aunts, cousins and their corresponding in laws) of IIM Shillong employees.

## E. Bid Proposal Proforma

### BID COVERING LETTER

To:  
The Director,  
IIM Shillong,  
Umsawli  
Shillong 793018

Dear Sir,

Sub: Internal Audit Services at IIM Shillong.

#### **1 Terms & Conditions**

1.1 I/ We, the undersigned Bidder(s), having read and examined in detail the specifications and all bidding documents in respect of this Tender do hereby propose to provide the services as specified in the bidding document.

1.2 I/ We, the undersigned Bidder(s) having submitted the qualifying data as required in your Tender, do hereby bind ourselves to the conditions of your Tender. In case any further information/ documentary proof in this regard before evaluation of our bid is required, I/We agree to furnish the same on demand to your satisfaction.

#### **2 Rates & Validity**

2.1 All the rates mentioned in our proposal are in accordance with the terms as specified in bidding documents. All the rates and other terms and conditions of this proposal are valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of the bid.

2.2 I/ We have studied the Clauses relating to Indian Income Tax Act and hereby declare that if any Income Tax, surcharge on Income Tax and any other Corporate Tax is altered under the law, I/ we shall pay the same.

#### **3 Deviations**

I/ We declare that all the goods and services shall be performed strictly in accordance with the Technical specification/ Scope of Work, Time Schedule and other terms of the Tender Document.

#### **4 Bid Pricing**

I/ We further declare that the rates stated in our proposal are in accordance with your terms and conditions in the bidding document.

#### **5 Earnest Money**

I/We have enclosed the earnest money as required. In case of default it is liable to be forfeited in accordance with the provisions enumerated therein.

#### **6. Declaration**

I/ We hereby declare that my/ our proposal is made in good faith, without collusion or fraud and the information contained in the proposal is true and correct to the best of my/ our knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therefrom.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Signatures)

Date:

Place:

Name:

Designation:

Seal:

## F .PROFORMA TECHNICAL BID

1	Name of the Firm / LLP				
2	Complete Postal Address:				
3	Pin code / Zip code				
4	<b><u>Contact Information</u></b> Office Phone Number: Residence Phone Number: Mobile Number: Fax: E-Mail: Name & Designation of Contact Persons				
5	Year of Establishment: (enclose the copy of the registration certificate)				
6	Nature of Business				
7	Details of Partners with professional qualifications:				
8	<b><u>Registration Details(attach proof)</u></b> Firm/LLP Registration Number & Date:  Income Tax PAN & TAN:  GST Registration No.: TDS-GST Registration No.: - Others, if any:				
9	<b>Turnover of Chartered Accountant Firm (Year wise)</b>	<b>S.No.</b>	<b>F.Y.2020-21</b>	<b>F.Y. 2021-22</b>	<b>F.Y. 2022-23</b>
10	<b>Debarred/black listed by C&amp;AG/ CBI/ CVC/ any other Government agencies: -</b>	<b>Yes/No.</b>			

11	<b>Details of award letters issued by central Autonomous/PSU/Govt. bodies</b>	<b>S.No.</b>	<b>F.Y.2020-21</b>	<b>F.Y. 2021-22</b>	<b>F.Y. 2022-23</b>
12	<b>Details of EMD:-</b>				
		<b>Receipt no.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name and address of payer Bank</b>	<b>Amount (INR)</b>
13	<b>Bank Account Particulars:</b> Name of the A/c holder Complete Bank Account No. Account type (SB/ CA) Name of the Bank Branch & Address Branch contact phone Nos. 11 digit IFS code				

(Signatures and Seal)

Date:

Place:

Name:

Designation:

Seal:

## G. Financial Bid

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3. If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and total price THE UNIT PRICE shall prevail.
4. If any column is not applicable, keep the sheet as it is or quote '0'. The BOQ is in excel sheet, as such only number will be taken calculable.
5. A sample BOQ is placed herewith in excel sheet format.

Format of Financial Packet (To be uploaded in excel format only)

Inviting Authority: <b>Director, IIM Shillong</b>							
Name of Work: Internal Audit of IIM Shillong at Umsawli campus for a period of up to 2 years							
Tender No. . – V1-1601/1/2022-SPO							
Name of the Bidder/ Bidding Firm / Company/Agency :							
<p align="center"><b>PRICE SCHEDULE</b>  <b>( RATES ARE TO GIVEN IN RUPEES (INR) ONLY)</b>  <b>(This BOQ template must not be modified/replaced by the bidder and the same should be uploaded after filling the relevant columns, else the bidder is liable to be rejected. Bidders/Agencies are allowed to enter the Bidder Name and Values only )</b></p>							
NUMBER #	TEXT #	NUMBER #	TEXT #	TEXT #	NUMBER #	NUMBER #	TEXT #
Sl. No.	Item Description	Quantity	Units	Quoted Currency in INR	BASIC RATE PER Year (Excluding GST) In <b>Figures</b> To be entered by the Bidder in <b>Rs.</b>	TOTAL AMOUNT (Excluding GST) col (7) = (3) x (6) in <b>Rs.</b>	TOTAL AMOUNT in Words
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.01	Internal Audit of IIM Shillong for a period of upto 2 years	2	Years	INR		0.00	

Payment Terms – Payment will be made on Quarterly basis i.e. Yearly quote / 4.

Terms & Conditions:

1. Technical and Financial part should be submitted on company letter head and should be submitted duly signed by the authorized person.
2. No advance payment will be made
3. **GST shall be paid as per applicable rate over and above the quoted rates. (Rates are to be quoted exclusive of GST)**

**The quoted price shall be valid for at least 2 Years from the date of Award of Work (LOI).** Institute will not entertain any request in respect of escalation of price due to any reason whatsoever