

Notice Inviting Expression of Interest EOI Notice

 (An Undertaking of Surat Municipal Corporation)	SURAT SITILINK LIMITED(SSL) Office No.95-96,Surat Sitalink Ltd., Surat Municipal Corporation- Head Quarter, Muglisara, Main Road, Surat - 395003, Gujarat. Notice Inviting EOI for "Hiring Service of CA Firm as Internal Auditors for the Period of 01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027 for Surat Sitalink Limited." EOI Notification No. SSL/EOI/02/2025-26
	This EOI Document is being published by the Surat Sitalink Limited (SSL) for Hiring Service of CA Firm as Internal Auditors for the Period of 01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027. Bidders are advised to study this EOI Documents carefully before submitting their proposals in response to the EOI Notice. Submission of a proposal in response to this notice shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of this document with full understanding of its terms, conditions and implications. This EOI Document is not transferable.
EOI Fee (Non- refundable)	INR 1,180 (One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Rupees Only) (Including GST) by Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque in favour of M/s Surat Sitalink Limited
Last date(deadline) for EOI Submission	Complete EOI in sealed envelope with relevant details may be submitted strictly through Speed Post or RPAD only so as to reach by 07/03/2026 up to 17:00 hrs at following address: To, Chief Accountant Shri Surat Municipal Corporation, Gordhandas Chokhawala Marg, Muglisara, Surat-395003, Gujarat. Subject:- "Hiring Service of CA Firm as Internal Auditors for the Period of 01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027 for Surat Sitalink Limited." EOI Notification No. SSL/EOI/ 02/2025-26
Website to download EOI	https://www.suratmunicipal.gov.in/
	The right to accept/reject any or all bid(s) received is reserved without assigning any reason thereof. sd/- Managing Director Surat Sitalink Ltd.

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Note:-

- ❖ Each of the cover show on it the reference of EOI details and description as denoted.
- ❖ All Bid documents are signed affixing stamp by the authorized signatory.

COVER 1	EOI Fees
COVER 2	Technical Eligibility Documents and terms of reference for Internal Audit of Surat Sitilink Limited
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1. Introduction and Background

1.1. About Surat Municipal Corporation

The Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) has responded to the challenges of fastest population growth and high speed economic development by adopting the best urban management practices. The administration of SMC with the help of the people and elected members of the city has transformed Surat to one of the cleanest cities of India. SMC has taken all necessary steps to make the city a better place to live all amenities. SMC has taken up many path breaking initiatives and these efforts have been acknowledged at national and international level.

1.2 About Surat Sitilink Ltd.(SSL)

Surat Municipal Corporation has formed a separate Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) as Surat Sitilink Ltd.(SSL) for the implementation of projects for public transportation for the city of Surat and their citizens. This SPV shall carry end to end responsibility for bus operations.



INVITATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

COVER 2

2. Technical Eligibility

Criteria	Compliance (strike off which is not necessary)
1. The applications will be considered from Chartered Accountancy Partnership firms or LLPs ("the Firm") with more than 10 years of experience.	Yes / No
2. The experience should include experience in undertaking pre-audit/ internal audit/ statutory audit of Public Sector Company / Govt. Company/ local authority / externally Aided projects/ Social Sector Projects (Excluding the audit of Charitable Institutions and NGOs).	Yes / No (If yes, evidences supporting appointment in Cover 2)
3. The firm should not be banned or blacklisted or temporarily forbidden from applying for tenders for any type of audit by PSU/ local authority / Govt. Company.	Whether Firm or associate is banned or blacklisted or temporarily forbidden from applying for tenders for any type of audit by PSU/ local authority / Govt. Company? Yes / No (undertaking in this regard to be provided in Cover 2)
4. The average turnover of the Firm for last 5 years should be exceeding 50 Lakh in each financial year (F.Y. 2020-21 TO 2024-25).	Yes / No (If yes, please provide audit report and Tax-return filed of last 5 years in Cover 2)
5. The partners should include a minimum of 2 FCA exclusively associated with the firm as per firm's standing as on 1 st January 2025.	Yes / No (If yes, please provide evidence to support in Cover 2)
6. The Chartered Accountant firm has to ensure that qualified CA and Technical Staff are deputed for audit work.	Agreed / not agreed (undertaking in this regard to be provided in Cover 2)

Criteria	Compliance (strike off which is not necessary)
7. The Chartered Accountant firm Head office placed should be located in Surat and need to submit 2 government licence/ proofs for the same.	Yes / No (If yes, please provide evidence to support in Cover 2)

We state that the above information is true based on our records, as well as “Cover 2” that gives details of evidence to support.

For _____

Chartered Accountants

Partner

(Name)

Membership no. _____



3. Terms of References for Internal Audit of Surat Sitilink Ltd.

The proposed scope of Internal Audit to be carried out for the **01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027** while the reporting will be based on 3-month periods June, September, December and March. It is a comprehensive scope covering verification of all the projects carried out by the Surat Sitilink Ltd- Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of Surat Municipal Corporation. It aims to give broad contours within which the audit would be carried out; however, it may evolve in the other areas based on the necessity, mandate and compulsion. The Scope is divided into following broad segments:

3.1 System & Procedural Audit

3.1.1 Accounts and Finance

- a) Fund Management including Drawing Segregation route between “A&OE”, “Funds received from Surat Municipal Corporation” and other funds out of Fixed deposits.
- b) Grant received from government.
- c) System and process for JV’s and controls related thereto.
- d) Compliance with various Accounting Standards.
- e) MIS - To ensure that the Information System is seamlessly integrated and has minimal manual intervention and there are adequate controls on financial and operational reporting.

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3.1.2 Statutory compliances

- a) Verification of Investments & Investment Register.
- b) Contingent Liabilities
- c) Verification of Secretarial Compliances - To check all statutory records registers including Minute Books and to see that accounting effects of all the decisions taken at Board / Committee Meeting / General Meeting / Audit Committee in the Books of Accounts.
- d) Review on the Company’s dealing where related parties are interested.
- e) Fixed Assets Verification with Fixed Assets Register.

3.2 Pre-audit of transactions

3.2.1 Transaction & Compliance Audit

- a) Pre-audit of transactions before they are vouched for in the accounts.
- b) Contractual Arrangements verification with individuals and other entities.
- c) Stamp & Signature on each of the transactions as a token of pre-audit for processing the documents.
- d) Verification of Cash and Bank payments, FDR's, Security Deposits and receipt system.
- e) Review of all ledgers, Balance sheet and Profit & loss Account on quarterly basis.
- f) Visit as frequently as necessary so that no transaction remains unprocessed as a result of pre-audit for more than 24 working hrs.
- g) Opinion related to Direct Tax and Indirect Tax.
- h) Penalty maybe levied on the Internal Auditor for the delay, non-compliance, or any work related dissatisfaction at office of SSL. The amount of penalty will be determined by the management. Additionally, SSL reserves the right to deduct from the final fee payment at the discretion of management, if the work is not perform as per the work order.
- i) During the execution of the contract, if any change is made in the rate of GST (Goods and Services Tax) by the government, it will be refunded/collected separately by Surat Sitilink Ltd. For which the successful contractor will have to inform the competent authority along with the original receipt/proof of GST paid to the government within 30 days from the date of payment of the bill along with the certificate of their Chartered Accountant.

3.2.2 Payroll and HR Related Documents

- a) Verification of salaries and statutory deductions related documents e.g. Provident Fund, ESI, Professional Tax etc.

3.2.3 Budget:

- a) Base of the budget to be verified to ensure that sanctity of the budget is as per the Surat Sitalink Ltd.
- b) All the transactions entered into form part of the approved projects and are funded from allocations or grants received for the purpose

3.2.4 Other Areas / Responsibilities:

- a) Providing consultancy on various matters related to Compliances.
- b) Reporting to Audit Committee major observations and strengthening whistle blowing mechanism.
- c) Liaising with statutory auditors.
- d) Internal Auditor has to Compulsorily present 3 days in week and also as and when required by SSL remains present.
- e) Submit detail Quarterly Audit Report at the end of the Quarters.
- f) Regular reviews of the price escalations, Diesel hike rate differences certificate, Rate Revision certificate, Annual assured kilometers calculations certificate and related other certificate if any to be paid or recovered form the contractors as per the tender terms.

3.2.5 Security Deposit & Agreement

- a) The successful bidder will be required to place Security Deposit Rs.25,000/- of the consideration of the Contract by Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque Payable at Surat in favor of Surat Sitalink Ltd. of any scheduled/nationalized bank within 15 days from the date of notice of award of contact, failing which a penalty @ 0.065% of the amount of security deposit will be imposed for delay of each day.

- b) The Awardees i.e. the selected bidder will have to enter into an agreement with Surat Sitilink Ltd. on a stamp paper of appropriate value of Government of Gujarat at the bidder's own cost within 15 (Fifteen) days period from the date of Notice of Award.

3.2.6 Any other Areas suggested by the Audit Committee

- a) SSL reserve the right to cancel the engagement of internal auditor for captioned post without assigning any reason.

3.2.7 Contract Period

- a) Offer is invited for the period of **01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027**.
- b) Surat Sitilink Limited issue work order for one year on first instant and then extend for the two year after satisfactoral completion of one year.
- c) The yearly service charges shall be escalated upto 10% from previous work order (LOA).

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We agree to the above scope of work and comprehensive financial bid in form of proposed Fees stated in Cover 3

For _____

Chartered Accountants

Partner

(Name)

Membership no. _____

4. FINANCIAL BID

Note:- The minimum fees for this EOI is Rs. 2.00 Lakh + GST

Scope of Work	Total Amount (in INR)												
<u>System & Procedural Audit</u> • <u>Accounts and Finance</u> • <u>Statutory Compliance</u> <u>Pre-audit of transactions</u> • <u>Transaction & Compliance Audit</u> • <u>Payroll and HR Related Documents</u> • <u>Budget</u> • <u>Other Areas /Responsibilities</u> • <u>Any other Areas suggested by the Audit Committee</u>	(Comprehensive quote for Scope of work agreed upon shall be stated, which shall be inclusive of all transportation exp./other charges/out of pocket / incidental expenses. GST should be mentioned separately.) <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Professional Fees for agreed scope of work</td> <td>Amt in INR</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Rupees in Words</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Applicable GST</td> <td>Amt in INR</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Rupees in Words</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>Amt in INR</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Rupees in Words</td> </tr> </table>	Professional Fees for agreed scope of work	Amt in INR		Rupees in Words	Applicable GST	Amt in INR		Rupees in Words	Total	Amt in INR		Rupees in Words
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