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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

ONLINE BIDS (Technical and Financial) are invited by the Director, NERIWALM, Dolabari, Tezpur-784027 (Assam) from appropriate registered CA firms having experience and valid documents for similar nature of work as given below. The tender documents along with tendering procedure, terms and conditions, etc. may be viewed and downloaded from the institute's website <https://neriwalm@gov.in>.

The tenders (Technical Part) will be opened in the Administrative Building of NERIWALM in presence of the tenderer or their authorized representatives, if any. The (Financial Part) shall be opened on the same day "OR" afterwards to be notified subsequently through Gem PORTAL at the same place. In the event of the date of opening being declared holiday, the tender will be opened on next working day at the same place and time. Chronological details are as given below:

Sl. No	Name of work	Minimum Fees	Time of completion
1.	Audit of NERIWALM Project Account for the year 2022-23.	Rs. 30,000.00 (Rupees thirty thousand) only excluding GST.	45 (forty five) days from the date of signing the formal agreement.

Deputy Director (Admin)

Copy to:

1. PS to the Director for kind information of Director.
2. CVO, NERIWALM for kind information.
3. DDO, NERIWALM for information.
4. Accounts Officer, NERIWALM, Tezpur for information.
5. Purchase Cell, for publishing the Tender Document in Gem portal.
6. Notice Board, NERIWALM, Tezpur for wide circulation.
7. NERIWALM website : www.neriwalm.gov.in.





Request for Proposal (RFP)

**For Appointment of Auditor OF “NERIWALM
Project account”
For The Year 2022-23**

NERIWALM, Tezpur

Dolabari, P.O. Kaliabhomora
Tezpur-784027, Assam (India)



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Data Sheet

Request for proposal on behalf of the Director, NERIWALM, Tezpur, Assam are invited in two bid systems i.e., Technical Bid and Financial Bid for appointment of Auditor for the financial year 2022-23.

Schedule		
S. No.	Activity Description	Schedule
1.	Tender (RFP) No.	NRWM/Assam/CFA/79/2023/24
2.	Validity of the Bid	Bid shall be valid for 6 months from the date of submission of the proposal.
3.	Address for bid submission	Director, NERIWALM, Assam, Dolabari, P.O. Kaliabhomora, Tezpur-784027, Assam (India)
4.	Date of release of Tender Document	As per Gem
5.	Last date of receiving queries	Within 3 days of the release of the tender Document
6.	Email id for receiving Queries	director.neriwalm@gmail.com
7.	Issue of Addendum/Revised Tender Document (if required)	Within 4 days of the release of Tender Document (only if required). On the following website: https://neriwalm.gov.in
8.	Last date and time of Bid submission	As per Gem
9.	Date and time of Technical bid opening and evaluation	As per Gem
10.	Date and time of Financial bid evaluation	As per Gem
11.	Issue of Notice of Award (NOA)	Within 7 days of Financial Bid Opening
12.	Signing of the Contract	Within 10 days of issue of Notice of Award
13.	Contract Period	1 (one) year. However, the contract may be extended subsequently, on mutual consent and on the same terms and conditions for a period of 1 year on review of performance, depending upon the requirements.



Disclaimer

The information contained in this Tender Document or subsequently provided to the Bidders, whether verbally or in documentary or any other form, by or on behalf of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resource, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India hereinafter referred to as the acting through the North Eastern Regional Institute of Water and Land Management (NERIWALM), or any of its employees or advisors, is provided to the Bidders on the terms and conditions set out in this Tender Document and such other terms and conditions subject to which such information is provided.

The purpose of this Tender Document is to provide the Bidder(s) with information to assist the formulation of their bid. This Tender Document does not purport to contain all the information each Bidder may require. This Tender Document may not be appropriate for all persons and it is not possible for the Government of India or the NERIWALM or its representatives, to consider the objectives, financial situation and particular needs of each Bidder who reads or uses this Tender Document. Each Bidder should conduct its own investigations and analysis and should check the accuracy, reliability and completeness of the information in this Tender Document, and where necessary obtain independent advice from appropriate sources. Neither the Government of India nor the NERIWALM nor their employees or their consultants make any representation or warranty as to the accuracy, reliability or completeness of the information in this Tender Document. The NERIWALM (i.e. The Tender Inviting Authority) shall incur no liability under any law including the law of contract, tort, and the principles of restitution, or unjust enrichment, statute, rules or regulations as to the accuracy, reliability or completeness of the Tender document. The statements and explanations contained in this Tender document are intended to provide an understanding to the Bidders about the subject matter of this Tender and should not be construed or interpreted as limiting in any way or manner the scope of services and obligations of the Bidders.

The issue of this Tender Document does not imply that Tender Inviting Authority is bound to appoint Auditor as Successful Bidder. The Tender Inviting Authority reserves the rights to amend or withdraw any of the terms and conditions contained in the Tender Document or to reject any or all tenders without giving any notice or assigning any reasons thereof. The decision of the Director, NERIWALM, Tezpur in this regards shall be final and binding on all.

The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, specifications, terms and conditions in the Bid Documents. Failure to furnish all information and documents required as per the Bid Documents or submission of bids not substantially responsive to the Bid Documents in every respect will be at the Bidder's risk and shall result in rejection of the bid.

Each Bidder shall bear all its costs associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of its Bid including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses affiliated with any demonstration or presentation which may be required by the Tender Inviting Authority or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to its Bid. All such costs and expenses will be borne by the Bidders and the Tender Inviting Authority and its employees and advisors shall not be liable, in any manner whatsoever, for the same or for any other costs or other expenses incurred by any Bidder in preparation or submission of its Bid, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Bidding Process.



Purpose and Scope of this Tender Document

2.1 NERIWALM needs a systematic examination of the financial transactions done at the office of the Director on a regular basis to ensure the accuracy, authenticity, and compliance with procedures and guidelines of the Institute a full-fledged professional Auditor covering functions of Departmental Internal Audit.

2.2 The emphasis of the Audit is not a test checking mechanism but to be a substantial checking of transactions, to ensure whether the financial management arrangement and physical performance are effectively working identification of areas to be improved to enhance the efficiency etc. In this background the NERIWALM decided to appoint independent Chartered Accountant firm to undertake periodical audit and report on vital parameters which would depict the true picture of the Financial and Accounting of the program.

2.3 Objectives of Audit:

1. To ensure voucher/evidence-based payments to improve transparency.
2. To ensure accuracy and timeliness in maintenance of Books of Accounts.
3. To ensure timeliness and accuracy of periodical Financial Statements.
4. To ensure compliance with laid down systems, procedures and policy.
5. To regularly track, follow-up and settle advances on priority basis.
6. To assess and improve overall internal control systems.

2.4 The scope of work of Auditor as follows:

1. The scope of Audit covers all activities being implemented by the NERIWALM.
2. Preparation of Financial Statement.
3. Audit, verification and certification of statement of expenditure.
4. Preparation of Utilization Certificates.
5. Review of Action Taken Report on Previous Auditor's comments, observations thereon.
6. Any other evaluation work as desired by the Authority NERIWALM.
7. Firms shall submit monthly Executive summary effecting major deficiencies, weakness noticed in the internal controls, suggestions to improve the internal control, the extent of non-compliance of the Government of India) guidelines and various tax laws (Income Tax, GST etc.).

2.5 Methodology for conducting audit/reporting:

1. The audit team shall be led by the Chartered Accountant – Proprietorship/Partner of the audit firm with experienced assistants as the work may warrant.
2. The audit personnel for the audit period should not be changed so that the continuity and consistency is maintained. The audit firm shall conduct appropriate due diligence before employing any personnel who will be entrusted with the work of conducting the audit of the Institute. The audit firm is also responsible for any commission and omission of its employees which may cause and or likely to cause any loss/damages to the Institute.



3. If there are any changes in the constitution of the firm during the period of the appointment, it shall be informed to the Institute immediately.
4. Before commencing the audit, the members of the Audit team should be properly introduced to the Institute by proper introduction letter duly attested by the Chartered Accountant Proprietor/Partner of the firm.
5. Auditor to be guided by the Circular. Manual of Instructions and other Guidelines available in the Institute for conducting audit.
6. The auditors should keep watch on withdrawals/purchases and any other deviations to the codal formalities shall have to be reported to the authority immediately.
7. The audit team should adopt the following procedure in the matter of reporting their findings:
 - a. As on the last day of the audit period, the audit firm shall prepare an Executive Summary/Quarterly report (as applicable) signed by both the auditor and the controlling officer.
 - b. The Executive Summary should cover the critical areas mentioned in the checklist/guidelines and the irregularities/shortcomings observed during the course of the audit. Auditors are however free to report any other deficiencies which they may come across during the course of audit.
 - c. Any transactions of serious nature which is unusual/not normal to the usual course of business or any other unhealthy practices indulged by the Institute, persistent irregularities, observed during the physical verification, transaction of fraudulent nature, other serious irregularities like disbursement without proper sanction/incomplete documentation/irregularities as per guidelines, as a whole on a monthly basis may however be reported immediately by way of separate letter along with Executive Summary.
 - d. The serious irregularities, if any, noticed shall be covered exhaustively in the executive summary submitted to the Institute.
 - e. The executive summary along with the annexure should be submitted by the auditor so as to reach the Institute by **10th of the succeeding month.**

2.6 Standards: The audit should have to be carried out in accordance with Engagement and Quality Control Standards (Audit and Assurance), SIAs issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. The auditor should accordingly consider materiality when planning and performing (except where certain minimum coverage of implementing unit is specified) the auditor reduce the risk to an acceptable level that consistent with the objective of the audit. In addition, the auditor should specifically consider the risk of material statements in Financial Statements resulting from fraud.



General Terms and Conditions:

2.7 **Parties:** The parties to the Contract are the Auditor (the tender to whom the work is awarded) and the Director, NERIWALM, Tezpur.

2.8 **Addresses:** For all purposes of the contract including arbitration there under, the address of the Auditor mentioned in the tender shall be final unless the Auditor notifies a change of address by a separate letter sent by registered post to the Director, NERIWALM, Dolabari, P.O.- Kaliabhumura, Tezpur-784027. The auditor shall be solely responsible for the consequences of any omission or error to notify change of address in the aforesaid manner.

2.9 **Period of validity of the Bid:** Bid shall be valid for 6 months from the date of submission of the proposal.

2.10 **Period of Contract/duration:** The contract will be initially for a period of 1 (one) year. However, the contract may be extended subsequently, on mutual consent and on the same terms and conditions for a period of 1 year on review of performance, depending upon the requirements.

2.11 **Payment of Fees:** The Audit fees after statutory deductions will be released after fulfillment of the following conditions:

1. Submission of Financial Statement.
2. Submission of Audit Report within the stipulated time.
3. Submission of Executive Summary Report within the stipulated time
4. Review of Action Taken Report of previous Audit Report.

2.12 **Minimum Fees:** Rupees thirty thousand (Rs. 30,000/-) excluding taxes.

2.13 **Agreement:** The successful bidder will have to enter an agreement initially for a period of one year, further extendable subject to clause 2.14 of "General Terms and Conditions".



Specific Terms and Conditions:

2.14 Eligibility Criteria:

Sl. No.	Eligibility Criteria	Supporting Documents to be submitted	Page No.
(a)	Firms should have Empanelment with C&AG of India for 2023-24. Proof of empanelment with C&AG to be attached.	<u>For (a) and (b)</u> Attested copy of the Registration Certificate issued by the ICAI contains Head Office and Branch office.	
(b)	The firm must have its Principal Office within the State of Assam for which the proposal is given preference. (Such Head office should have existed within the State for not less than Five years as per the ICAI Certificate).		
(c)	The firms should have an average annual turnover of Rs. 30 lakhs Per Annum for the last three years	<u>For (c)</u> The firm must submit a copy of Audited Balance Sheet and P&L Account for the last three years otherwise a Certificate issued by any C.A firm may also be provided in this regard providing the breakup of fees (Auditing Fees, Taxation, others)	
(d)	The firm should have a minimum 5 years of experience of internal/ audit of Government funded Institute/Public Sector undertakings	<u>For (d) and (e)</u> The firm must submit an attested copy of Certificate of ICAI as on 01.01.2023.	
(e)	Number of full time FCA associated with the firms for not less than 5 years (as per certificate of ICAI as on 01.01.2023) should be 4		
(f)	The firm should have sufficient staff strength and able to put minimum of 3 member team at a time	<u>For (f) and (g)</u> List of Partners/Audit staff of the firm	
(g)	Audit team must consist of 1 CA Partner/Qualified Assistant 2 Paid Assistant		
(h)	No. of assignment of /Statutory Audit (having a turnover of not less than Rs. 10 crore in the last 5 years) should be – 5	<u>For (h)</u> The firm must submit a copy of the appointment letters from the auditee organizations. Branch audit of any Bank shall not be considered while taking into account the total no. of assignment.	



	<p>(i) The firm or any other partners should not be blacklisted by any organization in respect of any assignment (i.e.,) Government/Public Sector any other organization</p>	<p>For (i) The firm or any partners of the firm should not be black listed by any PSUs or Govt. organization or any other organization in respect of any assignment or behavior. – An up-to date Affidavit of Non-Blacklisting on Non Judicial Stamp Paper in any Govt./Semi Gov./PSU deptt. from public notary/competent legal authority.</p>	
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2.15 The Technical Proposal evaluation shall be based on the following parameter:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Minimum Criteria	Maximum Marks	Evaluation Criterion	Marks
1.	Turnover of the Firm (Average annual in last three financial years)	30 lakhs	20	30-45 lakhs 46-60 lakhs 61-90 lakhs 91 lakhs +	5 10 15 20
2.	Audit Experience of the firm Number of Assignments in Commercial/Statutory Audit	5	20	5-10 nos. 11-15 nos. 16-20 nos. More than 20 nos.	5 10 15 20
3.	Number of full time FCA associated with the firms for not less than 5 years (as per certificate of ICAI as on 01.01.2022)	4	20	4-6 nos. 7-10 nos. More than 10 nos.	5 10 20
4.	Staff Strength	3	20	3-5 nos. 6-8 nos. More than 8 nos.	5 10 20
5.	Audit Team 1 CA Partner/Qualified Assistant 2 Paid Assistant	1 CA 2 Paid Assistant	10 10	1 nos. More than 2 nos. 2 nos. More than 2 nos.	5 10 5 10



2.16 **Selection Methodology:** A two-stage procedure shall be adopted in evaluating the proposals.

First Stage:

- (i) Only Technical Proposals shall be opened first for all the firms
- (ii) Thereafter, a technical evaluation shall be carried out as per the evaluation parameters provided in the Clause *Specific Terms and Conditions*.
- (iii) The Technical Proposal scoring at least 25% of the marks shall be considered as Qualified on Technical Parameters. A proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to important aspects of the RFP or it fails to achieve the minimum technical score (i.e at least 25%).

Second Stage: Financial proposal shall be opened only for those firms who have qualified on Technical Parameters (i.e at least 25%). Financial Proposal of the firms which have not qualified on technical parameters shall be returned unopened after completion of the selection process.

Guidelines for Submitting the Proposals

Bidders are required to submit the proposal as per the guidelines and formats detailed out in the following paragraphs:

1. The original and all copies of the Technical Proposal shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked **“TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR NERIWALM Project account, TEZPUR FROM INCEPTION (2021-22) TO 2022-23”**. Similarly, the original Financial Proposal shall be placed in a separate sealed envelope clearly marked **“FINANCIAL PROPOSAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR NERIWALM Project account, TEZPUR FROM INCEPTION (2021-22) TO 2022-23”** followed with a warning note **“DO NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL”**.
2. The envelopes containing the Technical and Financial Proposals shall be placed into an outer envelope and sealed. The outer envelope shall bear the submission address, tender number and title of the assignment and be clearly marked **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR NERIWALM Project account, TEZPUR FROM INCEPTION (2021-22) TO 2022-23**.
3. The Institute shall not responsible for misplacement, loss or premature opening if the outer envelope is not sealed and/or marked as stipulated. This circumstance may provide a case for Proposal's/ bid's rejection. If the Financial Proposal is not submitted in a separate sealed envelope duly marked as indicated above, this shall constitute grounds for declaring the Proposal non-responsive/invalid.
4. All bidders must comply with the tender document clauses.
5. Technical / Financial proposals submitted by the firm should be valid for 6 months from the date of submission of the proposal by the firm.
6. Each page, Form, Annexure and Appendices of the Technical and Financial Proposal must be signed by the Authorised signatory of the firm.
7. All blank spaces in the financial proposal must be filled in completely where indicated, either typed or written ink.



8. The Technical bid must be submitted along with the **Index/Contents**.
9. The Technical Proposal shall be marked "ORIGINAL" or "COPY" as appropriate. All required copies of the Technical Proposals are to be made from the original. If there are discrepancies between the original and the copies of the Technical Proposal, the original governs.
10. In case same audit fee is quoted by two or more CA firms, the selection of auditor shall be done considering the marks obtained in the following factors

Sl. No.	Particulars	Evaluation Criterion	Marks
1.	<u>Experience – A</u> Number of Assignments in Commercial/Statutory Audit	0-5 nos. 6-10 nos. 11-15 nos. More than 15 nos.	5 10 15 20
2.	<u>Experience – B</u> Number of Assignments of Externally Aided Projects/Social Sector Project (excluding audit of Charitable Organization)	0-5 nos. 6-10 nos. 11-15 nos. More than 15 nos.	5 10 15 20
3.	<u>Experience – C</u> Experience in the other relevant assignment	0-5 nos. 6-10 nos. 11-15 nos. More than 15 nos.	5 10 15 20
4.	<u>Turnover</u> Average annual Turnover of the firm for the last three years	30-45 lakhs 46-60 lakhs 61-90 lakhs More than 91 lakhs	5 10 15 20
5.	<u>Number of full-time FCA</u> Number of full time FCA associated with the firms for not less than 5 years (as per certificate of ICAI as on 01.01.2023)	4-6 nos. 7-10 nos. More than 10 nos.	5 10 20

Note: If the Auditors obtain the same marks then the appointment shall be made upon extensive comparative analysis between the successful bidders on the following factors:

- Experience
- Turnover
- Number of full time FCA
- Strength of the Audit Team



11. NERIWALM reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without giving any explanation and can change the evaluation criteria as per its requirements in the interest of the organization.

2.17 **Technical and Financial proposals formats:**

1. Letter of Transmittal (Form T-1)
2. Technical Proposal format (Form T-2)
3. Detail of Qualified Staff (Form T-3)
4. Relevant Experience (Form T-4)
5. Financial Bid format (Form T-5)
6. Draft Agreement (Form T-6)



Form T-1
(Letter of Transmittal)

To
The Director,
NERIWALM
Tezpur – 784027
Assam

Sir/Madam,

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the audit services for NERIWALM, Tezpur in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [Insert Date]. We hereby submitting our proposal, having details about the firm and proposed audit fees.

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

The Fees quoted by us is valid till six months from the date of submission of the proposal. We confirm that this proposal will remain binding upon us and may be accepted by you at any time before the expiry date.

Prices have been arrived independently without consultation, communication, agreement or understanding (for the purpose of restricting competition) with any competitor.

We agree to bear all costs incurred by us in connection with the preparation and submission of the proposal and to bear any further pre-contract costs.

We understand that NERIWALM, Tezpur is not bound to accept the lowest or any proposal or to give any reason for award, or for the rejection of any proposal.

I confirm that I have authority of [Insert Name of the C.A. Firm] to submit the proposal and to negotiate on its behalf.

Yours faithfully

(Seal and Signature)



5.	Firm's Registration no. with ICAI (Attach a copy of certificate downloaded from ICAI websites showing the name and address of H.O., B.O and partner etc.	
6.	Empanelment no. (Attach proof of empanelment with C&AG for the year 2023-24 confirming that the firm is eligible for PSU audit	
7.	No. of years of firm existence and date of establishment of firm (Attach copy of Partnership Deed)	
8.	Turnover of the firm in the last three years Attach copy of Audited Balance Sheet and P&L Account for the last three years otherwise a Certificate issued by any C.A firm may also be provided in this regard providing the breakup of fees (Auditing Fees, Taxation, others)	
9.	Audit Experience of the firm (Copy of the offer letter and the fee charged for each assignment. Relevant evidences to be given of the turnover and fee): (i) Number of Assignments in Commercial/Statutory Audit (ii) Number of Assignments of Externally Aided Projects/Social Sector Project (excluding audit of Charitable Organisation) (iii) Experience in the other relevant assignment	
10.	Details of Partners (Attested copy of the certificates of ICAI not before 01.01.2023): Provide the following details (i) Number of Full Time Fellow Partners associated with the firm (ii) Name of each partner (iii) Date of becoming ACA	



<p>(iv) Date of becoming FCA</p> <p>(v) Date of joining the firm</p> <p>(vi) Membership No.</p> <p>(vii) Qualification</p> <p>(viii) Experience</p> <p>(ix) Whether the partners is engaged full time or part time with the firm</p> <p>(x) Their Contact Mobile No. Email and Full Address</p>	
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Form T-3

1) Details of Qualified Staff (Chartered Accountants) – Please provide a self-attested copy of certificate of ICAI as on 01.01.2022 for each qualified staff

Sl. No.	Name of Staff	Length of Association with the firm (in years)	Educational Qualification	Areas of Key Expertise	Membership No.	Relevant Experience

N.B. May add extra sheets if required with seal and signed

2. Details of Semi qualified Staff (including Article Clerks etc.)



Form T-5

Format for Financial Bid

(To be submitted in a separate sealed envelope clearly marked
“FINANCIAL PROPOSAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR
NERIWALM Project account PROGRAMME, TEZPUR FROM 2022-23” followed
with a warning note “DO NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL”)

Particulars	Total Amount (in rupees)
AUDIT FEE (a) Audit Fees (per year including TA/DA etc.)	(Both in Numeric and in words) Rs. _____/- Rupees _____
(b) GST	Rs. _____/- Rupees _____
(c) Total Fees	Rs. _____/- Rupees _____

Note: Percentage of funds involved shall not be a basis of quoting the Audit Fee.



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