

**Notice Inviting Expression of Interest for engagement of Chartered Accountant Firms for Internal Audit of various units of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)**

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ICAI invites applications from eligible Chartered Accountant firms for engagement as Internal Auditor for its various units i.e. Branches and Decentralized Offices (Details whereof are given at **Annexure – “A” hereto**) for the financial year 2020-21.

**A. Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Basic Criteria:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Categories</b>	<b>Basic Criteria</b>
1.	<b>Regional Councils, Decentralized Offices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Firm with a minimum of 5 partners of which at least 2 partners should be FCAs.</li> <li>➤ Firm’s standing should be of at least 10 years.</li> <li>➤ The firm should have minimum Statutory Audit experience of 5 years in public sector undertakings / banks branches.</li> <li>➤ At least two partners should have a continued association of 5 years or more with the firm.</li> <li>➤ Head Office of firm should be located at the concerned district/city.</li> </ul>
2	<b>Branches having membership strength more than 1000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Firm with a minimum of 3 partners of which at least 1 partner should be FCA.</li> <li>➤ Firm’s standing should be of at least 7 years.</li> <li>➤ The firm should have minimum Statutory Audit experience of 5 years in public sector undertakings / banks branches.</li> <li>➤ Head Office of firm should be located at the concerned district/city.</li> </ul>

2. **Disqualifications:** The Chartered Accountants Firm shall not be eligible to apply if:

- The Chartered Accountants Firm or any of its partners has been declared guilty of any professional and/or other misconduct under the provisions of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 during the current year and immediate past five years.
- The firm or any of its partners has any pecuniary or other interest in the ICAI such as faculty, examiner, observer etc.

- Any of the partners of the firm or their relative is / was a member of Central Council/ Regional Council, Branch Managing Committee of ICAI during the current year and immediate past four years i.e. from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016 to till date.
- The audit firm is having association with foreign audit firms.

**Declaration:**

The Chartered Accountants Firm while expressing their interest shall be required to submit a declaration that they do not suffer from any of the above disqualifications and the details furnished in this regard are true and correct. Any incorrect information furnished will lead to rejection of the application.

***B. Scope of Work:***

The auditor shall review the existence and effectiveness of control system(s) and report on the adequacy of those controls, as well as, deficiencies, if any. The primary focus shall be on propriety aspect in addition to authorization, internal control, reconciliation, recording, safeguarding and valuation aspects.

The key objectives of the internal audit shall be to ensure the following at ICAI:

- orderly and efficient conduct of Institute's working,
- the transactions and decisions taken by the authorized persons reflect the highest sense of propriety and governance,
- adherence to Institute's policies,
- the safeguarding of its assets,
- the prevention and detection of frauds and errors,
- the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records and statutory compliances,
- the timely preparation of reliable financial information.

Detailed scope of audit shall be shared at the time of engagement.

The audit report shall be submitted on half yearly basis within one month from the close of the respective period.

- C. Audit Fee:*** The payment for the said assignment shall be as specified in ***Annexure – “A”*** hereto. The fees shall be inclusive of out of pocket expenses. No TA/ DA or out of pocket expenses shall be paid. However, the fees shall be exclusive of GST and shall be paid on submission of final audit report.

***D. Other Terms & Conditions:***

1. Interested firms of Chartered Accountants which meet the pre-qualification criteria may furnish their Expression of Interest at the following link:  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DOHFOzhjoU6NJ-O1tggEOuQMqr4zkONFlzL3tp118OhUMU8xU0pLNlhRSjdaVUIxWUIVTFBDNFNZS y4u>
2. There shall be no fee for the application.
3. The application for the said assignment shall be accepted only through the above link and should be submitted latest by 15/04/2020 up to 1600 hours.
4. Queries, if any, in this regard may be sent to [internal.audit@icai.in](mailto:internal.audit@icai.in). Any communication other than email will not be entertained. The last date for receipt of queries regarding submission of expression of interest is 12/04/2020 up to 1600 hours.
5. Any amendment / corrigendum / clarification to the EOI will be posted on the website of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, i.e. [www.icai.org](http://www.icai.org).
6. The ICAI shall not be liable for non receipt/late receipt of any of the applications.
7. The ICAI reserves the right to reject any of the applications or whole process without assigning any reason at any time and may call for any other details or additional information from any of the applicants/members at its own discretion. Non submission of details sought for will render the firm ineligible for the assignment. In this regard, the decision of ICAI shall be final and binding on all the applicants.
8. The decision of the Audit Committee of ICAI shall be final as regard to the criteria to finalize the firm out of the applications so received and selection of auditors.
9. Incomplete applications shall be summarily rejected.
10. Audit shall be conducted by appointed firm only and shall not be allowed to sublet the audit assignment.
11. The auditor shall maintain confidentiality of information obtained during the course of audit.
12. The engagement of the auditor shall terminate on acceptance of the Internal Audit Report for the half year ended 31.03.2021, by ICAI. However, ICAI may terminate the engagement of the auditor, at any time, without assigning any reason. In such cases, the firm shall not be eligible for any remuneration.
13. In case of any dispute or difference arising out of or in connection with any of the terms and conditions of this Notice / Engagement Letter issued to the selected Auditor,

in the first instance, the parties shall try to resolve the same by mutual consultation, failing which the same shall be referred to the sole arbitrator to be appointed mutually by the parties. The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof, shall apply to these arbitration proceedings. Arbitration proceedings shall be held at Delhi and the language of the arbitration proceeding shall be in English. The arbitral award shall be final and binding upon both the parties. All arbitral awards shall be in writing and shall state the reasons therefor. The cost of arbitration shall be borne by both the parties equally.

14. Subject to the arbitration clause as mentioned above, the Courts at Delhi/New Delhi shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to try any suit in the matter.
15. Detailed profile of the firm giving details of experience be mailed at [internal.audit@icai.in](mailto:internal.audit@icai.in).
16. Declaration with respect to para 2 of ***Eligibility Criteria*** to be mailed at [internal.audit@icai.in](mailto:internal.audit@icai.in).

*Name of the units for which applications are sought***A) Regional Councils and Decentralized Offices**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Name of the unit</b>	<b>Audit Fees</b>
1	Eastern	EIRC & ERO	80000
2	Western	WIRC	60000
3	Western	WRO	60000
4	Southern	SIRC	50000
5	Southern	SRO	50000

**B) Branches having membership strength more than 1000**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Name of the unit</b>	<b>Audit Fees</b>
1	Central	Agra	40000
2	Central	Bhopal	40000
3	Central	Noida	40000
4	Central	Raipur	40000
5	Eastern	Bhubaneswar	40000
6	Northern	Chandigarh	75000
7	Southern	Coimbatore	75000
8	Western	Nasik	40000
9	Western	Navi Mumbai	40000
10	Western	Thane	75000
11	Western	Vasai	40000