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# **REQUEST FOR TENDER**

For Appointment of the Chartered Accountant Firms for Concurrent Audit of Investment Transactions

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**ECGC LIMITED** 

ECGC Bhawan,

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## Section 1

## 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 About ECGC

- 1.1.1 ECGC Ltd. is a Public Sector Enterprise wholly owned by Government of India, set up in 1957 with the objective of promoting exports from the country by providing credit risk insurance and related services for exports. It functions under the administrative control of Ministry of Commerce and Industry and is managed by a Board of Directors comprising representatives of the Government, Reserve Bank of India, Banking, insurance and exporting community. ECGC Ltd is registered with IRDAI under general insurance category bearing registration number 124. Over the years it has designed different export credit risk insurance products to suit the requirements of Indian exporters and commercial banks. ECGC is essentially an export promotion organization, seeking to improve the competitiveness of the Indian exports by providing them with credit insurance covers. The present paid up capital of the Company is Rs.4338 crore and the authorized capital is Rs.10000 crore.
- 1.1.2 For further information, visit our website www.ecgc.in

## 1.2 Invitation to Bidders

- 1.2.1 ECGC Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'ECGC'), by way of this Request for Tender (RFT) invites competitive Bids from the Chartered Accountant Firms from Mumbai ('the Bidder(s)) for 'Appointment of the Chartered Accountant Firms for "Concurrent Audit of Investment Transactions" as per the circulars issued by IRDAI from time to time and as per the procedure laid down in the "Technical Guidelines on Internal/Concurrent Audit of Investment Functions of Insurance Companies issued by ICAI (in consultation with IRDA) and additional scope / guidelines as amended from time to time by IRDAI / ICAI.
- 1.2.2 The "Technical and Commercial Bids" along with other documents would be received in physical form only.

- 1.2.3 The Bidder(s) are advised to study the Tender Document carefully. Submission of Bids shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the Tender Document with full understanding of its implications and consequences.
- 1.2.4 Please note that all the required information as sought in the Tender Document shall be provided by the bidders. Incomplete information may lead to rejection of the Bid. The Company reserves the right to change the dates mentioned in this RFT Document, which shall be displayed on ECGC's website. The information provided by the Bidder(s) in response to this RFT Document will become the property of ECGC and will not be returned. ECGC reserves the right to amend, rescind or reissue this RFT Document and all subsequent amendments, if any to this RFT Document. Amendments or changes shall be displayed at ECGC's website only.

## 1.3 Schedule of events

| RFT Document Availability               | The RFT Document will be published on |
|---|---------------------------------------|
|   | the website of ECGC.                  |
| Last Date to submit Pre-Bid Queries (if | 28.11.2024                            |
| any) by email                           |                                       |
| Clarification Publication Date. The     | 02.12.2024                            |
| response to the queries with supporting |                                       |
| materials will be published to the      |                                       |
| interested bidders only.                |                                       |
| Last date of submission of Bids         | 12.12.2024 5:30 PM                    |
| (Physical Copy only)                    |                                       |
| Opening of Technical Bids               | 13.12.2024 11:30 AM                   |
| Opening of Financial Bids of            | 17.12.2024 02:30 PM                   |
| Technically Qualified Bidders           |                                       |

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| Address     | for    | Communication        | and    | Chief Investment Officer                  |
|-------------|--------|----------------------|--------|---|
| submissio   | n of B | id.                  |        | ECGC Bhawan,                              |
|             |        |                      |        | CTS No. 393, 393/1-45, Village Gundavali, |
|             |        |                      |        | M.V. Road, Andheri (East),                |
|             |        |                      |        | Mumbai – 400069                           |
| All corresp | ponde  | nce / queries relati | ing to | investment@ecgc.in                        |
| this RFT    | Docur  | ment should be se    | ent to |   |
| the followi | ing en | nail ID only         |        |   |

**NOTE:** Timelines are subject to change at the sole discretion of ECGC Ltd.

# Section 2

#### 2 Disclaimer

- 2.1 The information contained in this RFT Document or information provided subsequently to the Bidder(s), whether verbally or in documentary form by or on behalf of ECGC, is provided to the Bidder(s) on the terms and conditions set out in this RFT Document and all other terms and conditions subject to which such information is provided.
- 2.2 This RFT Document is neither an agreement nor an offer and is only an invitation by ECGC to the interested parties for submission of Bids. This document should be read in its entirety. The purpose of this RFT Document is to provide the Bidder(s) with information to assist the formulation of their Bids. No contractual obligation whatsoever shall arise from the RFT process until a formal contract/service agreement is signed and executed by duly authorized representatives of ECGC with the selected Bidder.
- 2.3 This RFT Document does not claim to contain all the information each Bidder may require. Each Bidder should conduct its own investigations and analysis and should check the accuracy, reliability and completeness of the information of this RFT Document and where necessary obtain independent advice. ECGC shall incur no liability under any law, statute, rules or regulations as to accuracy, reliability or completeness of this document.
- 2.4 ECGC may in its absolute discretion, but without being under any obligation to do so, update, amend or supplement the information in this RFT Document. ECGC reserves the right to reject any or all the bid received in response to this document at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever. The decision of ECGC in this regard shall be final, conclusive and binding on all the parties.

## Section - 3

# 3 Instruction for Bidder(s)

## 3.1 **General Instructions**

- 3.1.1 Before bidding, the Bidder(s) are requested to visit the ECGC website https://www.ecgc.in and also carefully examine the RFT document and all the Terms and Conditions contained hereto, and if there appears to be any ambiguity, they should immediately refer the matter to ECGC for clarifications.
- 3.1.2 While this document has been prepared in good faith, neither ECGC nor any of its Employees makes representation or warranty or shall have any liability to any person, including any applicant or Bidder under any law, statutes, rules or regulations for any loss, damages, cost or expense which may arise from or be incurred or suffered on account of anything contained in this RFT Document or otherwise, including the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, completeness or reliability of RFT Document and any assessment, assumption, statement or information contained therein or deemed to form part of this RFT Document or arising in any way for participation in this bid process.
- 3.1.3 Interested practicing Chartered Accountants' firms fulfilling the norms as outlined in Annexure – 10 may send their Technical and Financial bids as mentioned hereinafter.
- 3.1.4 The Bidder, for the purpose of making the Bid, shall complete in all respects, the bid form(s) forming a part of the RFT Document, quote the prices and furnish the information/ documents, called for therein, and shall sign and put date on each of the forms/documents in the space provided therein for the purpose.
- 3.1.5 The Bid shall be signed by a person or persons duly authorized by the Bidder with signature duly attested along with the seal of the Firm.

- 3.1.6 The Bid shall contain the address, Tel. No./Mobile No. and e-mail id of the Bidder, for the purposes of serving notices required to be given to the Bidder in connection with the Bid.
- 3.1.7 The Bid form and the documents attached to it shall not be detached from one another and no alteration or mutilation (other than filling in all the blank spaces) shall be made in any of the forms or documents attached thereto. Any alterations or changes to the entries in the attached documents shall only be made by a separate covering letter otherwise it shall not be entertained and the bid shall be rejected.
- 3.1.8 The Bidder, irrespective of its participation in the bid process, shall treat the details of the documents as privileged, secret and confidential.
- 3.1.9 ECGC does not bind itself to accept the lowest of any Bid or any other Bid received and shall have the right to reject any Bid without assigning any reason whatsoever. ECGC also reserves the right to re-issue the RFT Document or cancel the entire RFT process altogether.
- 3.1.10 The Bidder should ensure that there are no cuttings, over-writings, and illegible or undecipherable figures to indicate their bid. All such Bid may be disqualified on this ground alone. The decision of ECGC shall be final, conclusive and binding on the Bidder.
- 3.1.11 Each Bidder shall submit only one Bid.
- 3.1.12 Partial or Incomplete Bid will not be accepted and shall stand rejected.
- 3.1.13 The Bidder should commit to provide the resources desired by ECGC for the entire duration of the engagement, at the agreed cost and terms and conditions.
- 3.1.14 All amounts required to be mentioned in the Bid should be written both in figures and in words and if there is any discrepancy between the two, the lower of the two shall be taken into account.
- 3.1.15 No questions or items in the bid shall be left blank or unanswered. Where you have no details or answers to be provided a 'No' or 'Nil' or 'Not

- Applicable' statement shall be made as appropriate. Bid Forms with blank columns or unsigned forms will be summarily rejected.
- 3.1.16 Bid not conforming to the requirement of the RFT Document may not be considered by ECGC. However, ECGC reserves the right at any time to waive any of the requirements of the RFT Document.
- 3.1.17 Bid must be received by ECGC at the address specified above in "Schedule of Events", no later than the date & time specified in the "Schedule of Events"
- 3.1.18 ECGC is not responsible for non-receipt of bid within the specified date due to any reason including postal delays or holidays.
- 3.1.19 Any Bid received after the deadline for submission of Bid prescribed, will be rejected and subsequently destroyed. No Bid shall be returned.
- 3.1.20 ECGC may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for submission of Bid by amending the appropriate terms and conditions in the RFT Document, in which case, all rights and obligations of ECGC and Bidders previously subject to the deadline will thereafter be subject to the extended deadline, which would also be advised to all the interested Bidders on ECGC's website.
- 3.1.21 ECGC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid or to cancel the bidding process and reject all Bid at any time prior to contract award, without incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidder(s). All decisions taken by ECGC are binding and final.
- 3.1.22 ECGC reserves the right to verify the veracity of bid information and reject any bid, where the contents are found incorrect whether partially or fully, at the time during the process of RFT or even after the award of the contract.
- 3.1.23 The bid is liable to be rejected in the following cases:
  - Bid not submitted in accordance with the RFT Document and in prescribed format;
  - ii. Bid received in incomplete format;

- iii. Bid is not accompanied by all requisite documents;
- iv. Bid is received after the due date;
- 3.1.24 The bid once submitted cannot be modified or altered except as provided under this RFT Document.
- 3.1.25 The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Bid, and ECGC will in no case be responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

# 3.2 Eligibility Criteria

Interested practicing Chartered Accountants' firms fulfilling the eligibility criteria as outlined in Annexure – 10 may submit their bid as per the procedure prescribed under this RFT.

# 3.3 Scope of Work & Deliverables Timeline

The detailed Scope of Work is defined in Annexure – 1 of this RFT Document.

# 3.4 Minimum Fee Payable

Minimum prescribed amount for the above-mentioned work shall be as per the guidelines issued by ICAI and amended from time to time.

# 3.5 Rights of ECGC

ECGC does not bind itself to accept the highest bid scorer and reserves the right to reject any or all the quotations received, without assigning any reason thereof.

While processing the Bids, ECGC further reserves the right to delete or reduce any item or section contained in the Tender Document or in the Scope of Work without assigning any reason thereof.

## 3.6 Professional Staff

The bidder shall provide to ECGC a list of Professional Staff who shall work on the project along with their qualification and relevant experience in the format as provided under Annexure – 2 along with the bid.

#### 3.7 Queries

The Bidder(s) having any doubt/ queries/ concerns with any clause of this RFT Document, shall raise their concern before the date as mentioned in the "Schedule of Events" for "Last date to submit the pre-bid queries" in the format annexed at Annexure – 3 only to the email id provided investment@ecgc.in. The Bidders are expected to use the opportunity to have all their queries answered. ECGC will not be liable to accept or provide any explanation towards any doubt/ concerns later on whatever the same may be.

ECGC would issue clarifications/ amendments in writing via e-mail/website and the same will become part of this RFT Document. It shall be responsibility of the Bidder to check the website before final submission of their Bids.

# 3.8 Bidding process

## 3.8.1 Language of Bid

The Bid prepared by the Bidder, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Bid exchanged by the Bidder and ECGC and supporting documents and printed literature shall be submitted in English.

# 3.8.2 **Preparation of Bid**

- 3.8.2.1 The eligible and interested Bidders should submit their bid in two sealed non-window envelopes superscripted with 'Investment Concurrent Audit Technical Bids' containing the technical bid and 'Investment Concurrent Audit Financial Bids' containing the Financial bid before the last date of submission of bids. Out of two envelopes, one envelope should contain technical bid and one should contain the financial bid. Please note that if both technical and financial bids are placed in same envelope then the bids will not be considered for evaluation.
- 3.8.2.2 Both the envelopes shall be placed in a single sealed NON-WINDOW envelope superscripted with "Quotation for Concurrent Audit of Investment Transactions" and shall be submitted before the last date of submission of bids. The envelope shall be addressed to ECGC at the said address given in Section 1.3 in the following order:

# 1. Envelope 1 containing the Technical Bid

- i. Annexure 4 Technical Bid Format
- ii. Annexure 6 Acknowledgment
- iii. Annexure 7 Format for application duly filled in and applicable supporting documents as documentary evidence of eligibility
- iv. Annexure 11 Code of Integrity
- v. Documentary evidence to support fulfilment of eligibility criteria mentioned at Annexure 10.
- vi. Annexure 2 Details of Professional Staff

# 2. Envelope 2 containing the Financial Bid

- i. Annexure 5: Financial Bid;
- ii. Annexure 9: Bank Details
- 3.8.2.3 The envelope should indicate the name and address of the Bidder on the cover.
- 3.8.2.4 If the envelope is not sealed and marked, ECGC will assume no responsibility for any misplacement or its premature opening.
- 3.8.2.5 Prices are to be quoted in Indian Rupees only in the format at Annexure 5.
- 3.8.2.6 Prices quoted should be exclusive of all Central / State Government levies, taxes.
- 3.8.2.7 Prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed during the Bidder's performance of the Contract and shall not be subject to variation on any account, including exchange rate fluctuations, during the validity period of the contract. Taxes / Duties / Levies / Cess etc. levied by Central or State Governments, or Statutory, Quasi-Government Bodies, or Regulators may be charged as per actuals, and are allowed to be varied. A Bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation, other than exceptions specified herein, will be treated as non-responsive and shall be rejected.
- 3.8.3 Any Bid not conforming to the above list of documents will be rejected.

# 3.9 Period of Validity of Bids

- 3.9.1 The Bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 (Ninety) days from the date of opening of Bids. The fees quoted shall remain fixed during the currency of the Contract unless otherwise agreed by ECGC. Bidder shall not be entitled during this period to revoke or vary the content of the Bid or any term thereof. In such case of making any variation subsequent to submission of Bid, the offer shall be treated as "REJECTED". ECGC may debar such Bidders from any future RFT Documents /RFTs/ RFPs/ Contracts who revoke or vary the content of Bid or any term after the last date for submission of their Bid.
- 3.9.2 In exceptional circumstances, ECGC may solicit the Bidder's consent to an extension of the period of validity of the Bid on the same terms and conditions. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing. At this point, a Bidder may refuse the request without risk of exclusion from any future RFTs or any debarment.
- 3.9.3 The Company reserves the right to call for fresh Bids or any other documents any time during the validity period of the Bid, if considered necessary.

## 3.10 Modification and Withdrawal of Bid

- 3.10.1 The Bidder, if after evincing interest in participating in the bidding process and submitted their bids, wishes to withdraw from the bidding process or modify their bid, the Bidder may do so without any penal action including debarment or exclusion from future RFTs/ RFPs / contracts / business, provided the Bidder submits its decision to the Company in writing, along with its reasons for the same prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of Bid. Withdrawn bid will be returned unopened to the Bidders.
- 3.10.2 The Bidder may modify or withdraw its Bid once it is submitted, provided that such modification, including substitution or withdrawal of the bid, is received by ECGC, prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of Bids,

the Bidder may do so without any penal action including debarment or exclusion from any future RFT Documents/ RFPs / contracts / business, provided the Bidder submits its decision to the Company in writing, along with its reasons for the same.

- 3.10.3 No Bid shall be modified after the deadline for submission of Bid.
- 3.10.4 No Bid may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of Bid and the expiration of the period of Bid validity. Withdrawal of Bid during this interval may result in action including debarment or exclusion from any future RFT Documents / RFPs / contracts / business.

# 3.11 Opening and evaluation of bid

- 3.11.1 ECGC reserves the right to open the Bid soon after the last date of submission of bid specified in the RFT Document.
- 3.11.2 ECGC will examine the Bid to determine whether they are complete, whether the required formats have been furnished, the documents have been properly signed, and that the Bid are generally in order.
- 3.11.3 Prior to the detailed evaluation, ECGC will determine the responsiveness of each Bid to the RFT Document. For purposes of these clauses, a responsive Bid is one, which conforms to all the terms and conditions of the RFT Document without any deviations and changes.
- 3.11.4 Only those Bid which have been found to be in conformity of the terms and conditions of RFT Document during the preliminary evaluation would be taken up by ECGC for further detailed evaluation.
- 3.11.5 No Bidder shall contact ECGC on any matter relating to its Bid, from the time of opening of Bid to the time the empanelment process is concluded.
- 3.11.6 Any effort by a Bidder to influence ECGC in its decisions on Bid evaluation may result in the rejection of their Bid and barring from any future RFT Documents / contracts / business with ECGC.

# 3.12 Technical Evaluation Matrix and Scoring Criteria

3.12.1.1 Bids fulfilling the Eligibility Criteria as per Annexure-10, shall further be evaluated against the parameters as detailed below and scored based on requirement and metrics. The Bidders who score minimum of 50% in this Part shall be deemed to be qualified for further evaluation.

| Sr No | Criteria   | Range   | Max<br>Marks | Evaluation Criteria<br>(Points/Marks)  |
|-------|--|---|--------------|--|
|       |  | Less than 5 years   |              | 5  |
|       |  | 5 to less than 10 years   |              | 10   |
| 1     | Age of the Audit Firm  | 10 to less than 15 years  | 25           | 15   |
|       |  | 15 to less than 20 years  |              | 20   |
|       |  | 20 years and above  |              | 25   |
|       |  | 20 lakhs to 25 lakhs  |              | 5  |
| 2     | Turnover of the Firm during the last Financial year -2023-   | above 25 lakhs up to 30<br>lakhs                                    | 15           | 9  |
|       | 24   | above 30 lakhs up to 35<br>lakhs                                    | 13           | 12   |
|       |  | above 35 lakhs  |              | 15   |
| 3     | Number of Concurrent audits<br>of Investment Functions of<br>the Company<br>(Insurance/MFs/banks/Others) | Five mark for each year of Concurrent audit of Investment Functions | 35           | Five mark for each year of Concurrent audit of Investment Functions with maximum marks of 35 |
| 4     | Concurrent audits of<br>Investment Functions of<br>Insurance Companies                                   |   | 5            | Any number of concurrent audit of investment functions of an Insurance Company               |
|       |  | 4 to 10 Partners  |              | 5  |
| 5     | No of Partners of the firm   | 11 to 15 Partners   | 20           | 10   |
| 3     | No of Farthers of the lifth  | 16 to 20 Partners   | 20           | 15   |
|       |  | more than 20 Partners   |              | 20   |
|       | Total Marks Available in<br>Technical Evaluation   |   | 100          |  |
|       | Qualifying Marks Criterion for<br>Next Stage (Financial<br>Evaluation)                                   |   | 50           |  |

Only those bidders whose Technical Proposals get a score of 50 (fifty) marks or more out of 100 (one hundred) shall qualify for further consideration and shall be ranked from highest to the lowest on the basis of their technical score (Tn).

# 3.12.2 Normalisation of Technical Score of bidder(s)

- 3.12.2.1 The Bidder with highest qualifying Technical bid (H1) will be awarded 100% score.
- 3.12.2.2 Technical Score will be normalised for other than H1 Bidder using the following formula:

Normalised Technical Score of a Bidder (Tn) = {(Technical Score of that bidder/Technical score of the H1 Bidder) X 100} (adjusted to 2 decimal points)

# 3.12.3 Financial Bid Evaluation Methodology

- 3.12.3.1 The Financial Bid will be opened and evaluated only for those bidders who have scored 50 (fifty) marks or more out of 100 (one hundred) in the Technical Evaluation. The Financial Bids of technically qualified Bidders will be opened on the prescribed date in the presence of not more than 2 (two) Bidder representatives.
- 3.12.3.2 The Bidder with lowest qualifying financial bid (L1) will be awarded 100% score (amongst the Bidders which did not get disqualified on the basis of point 3.12.1.1 above)
- 3.12.3.3 Financial Scores for other than L1 Bidders will be evaluated using the following formula:

Financial Score of a Bidder (Fn) = {(Financial Bid of L1/Financial Bid of the Bidder) X 100} % (adjusted to 2 decimal points)

## 3.12.4 Final Composite Score of Qualified Firms

- 3.12.4.1 The technical and financial scores secured by each Bidder will be added using weightage of 80% and 20% respectively to compute a Composite Bid Score.
- 3.12.4.2 The Bidder securing the highest Composite Bid Score will be adjudicated as the successful Bidder for award of the Project.

3.12.4.3 The Final Composite score will be calculated as follows:-

Bn=0.80\*Tn + 0.20\*Fn

Where.

Bn = Overall Score of Bidder

Tn = Normalized Technical score of the Bidder

Fn=Normalized financial score of the Bidder

## 4 Award Criteria

- 4.1 The Bidder securing the highest Composite Bid Score as at 3.12.4.3 will be adjudicated as the successful Bidder for award of the Project.
- 4.2 In the event the bid composite bid scores are 'tied', the Bidder securing the highest technical score will be adjudicated as the successful Bidder for award of the Project.
- 4.3 In case if there is still a tie between two or more firms after applying the criteria mentioned at Point No. 4.2 above, then the weightage may be assigned in the following order for the selection of firm:
  - a) Number of Concurrent audits of Investment Functions;
  - b) Actual Age of the Firm;
  - c) Actual Number of partners in the Firm.
- 4.4 ECGC Ltd. will notify the successful Bidder in writing, by letter or by e-mail, that its Bid has been accepted. The notification of award will constitute the formation of the offer to contract. The selected Bidder should convey acceptance of the award of contract by returning duly signed and stamped duplicate copy of the award letter within seven working days of receipt of the communication. In case the selected Bidder fails to accept the award, then the Bidder securing the next highest combined score among the Bidder(s) (other than the Bidder who has failed to accept the award) will be considered for the award and so on. The successful Bidder will have to execute a Service agreement within 15 (fifteen) working days of the award of Contract, which will be valid for a period 1 (One) Financial Year. The draft of the service

agreement is annexed herein below as Annexure – 8. ECGC reserves the right to alter / vary / amend / modify all or any of the terms set out in the said draft Agreement before the same is signed.

# 5 Confidentiality Provision

5.1 The terms of this RFT, the information provided by the Company herein and all other information provided to the Bidder in connection with the services offered to be provided by the Bidder pursuant to this RFT, are to be treated by Bidder as strictly confidential and proprietary. Such materials are to be used solely for the purpose of responding to this request. Access shall not be granted to third parties except upon prior consent of Company and upon the written agreement of the intended recipient to treat the same as confidential. Company may request at any time that any of Company's material be returned or destroyed.

# 6 Acceptance of Terms

All the terms and conditions as set out in this RFT shall be deemed to be accepted by the Bidder and incorporated in its proposal unless specifically notified otherwise.

# 7 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (TCC)

The terms and conditions governing the contract are stated in draft Service Agreement at Annexure 8.

# Annexure - 1: Scope of Work & Deliverables Timeline

# Scope of project:

IRDAI Master Circular Ref: IRDAI/ACTL/CIR/MISC/80/05/2024 dated 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, Section 2.2 (b) (2) has stated that the 'minimum' Scope for Concurrent Audit shall be as per the "Guidance Note on Internal / Concurrent Audit of Investment Functions of Insurance Companies" issued by ICAI (in consultation with IRDAI) for both Life and Non-Life Insurers.

- The Scope of Work shall be as per the circulars issued by IRDAI from time to time and as per the Procedure laid down in the 'Technical Guidelines on Internal/Concurrent Audit of Investment Functions of Insurance Companies issued by ICAI (in consultation with IRDA)', and additional scope as amended from time to time.
- 2. The Concurrent Audit shall cover 100% of transactions of all fund(s).
- 3. The Concurrent Auditor shall be required to submit a Quarterly Report to the Audit Committee / Board.

## NOTE:

- i. The complete Audit exercise has to be done on premises of ECGC office located at ECGC Bhawan, Mumbai unless otherwise specified by ECGC before the start of each Audit.
- ii. The Selected Bidder is expected to carry out its assignment with due diligence and in accordance with prevailing standards of the profession. The selected bidder has to make a project plan to deliver all Audit Reports within timelines and present the same to the Audit Committee of the Board of the Company.
- iii. The selected bidder shall be accountable and responsible for the services required to be performed and it shall not be an excuse that the staff/ employee/personnel or key person of the selected bidder committed mistakes or left the bidder during the continuance of the project as per this RFT or for any other reason whatsoever.

# **Deliverables with Timelines**

| SI. No. | Deliverables                                    | Expected         |
|---------|---|------------------|
|         |   | Timelines        |
| 1.      | Concurrent Audit Report of Company's Investment | 15 days from end |
|         | Transactions                                    | of each quarter  |

# **Annexure - 2: Details of Professional Staff**

# Details of Professional staff who will be engaged for the project

| (S | Separate | Sheet t | for every | Staff | member | that is | likely | to be | involved | in the | pro | ject) |
|----|----------|---------|-----------|-------|--------|---------|--------|-------|----------|--------|-----|-------|
|    |          |         |           |       |        |         |        |       |          |        |     |       |

- 1. Name of Person
- 2. E-mail Id
- 3. Phone No. (Office)
- 4. Mobile No
- 5. Date since working in the Firm
- 6. Professional Qualifications
- 7. Experience

| Sr. | Qualification | Brief Details of services  | Period: |
|-----|---------------|----------------------------|---------|
| No. |               | undertaken in India/abroad | From-To |
|     |               | and the Organization where |         |
|     |               | assignment was undertaken  |         |
| 01  |               |                            |         |
| 02  |               |                            |         |
| 03  |               |                            |         |

| Ciamatura of the Authorized Ciamatom, of Firm |
|---|
| Signature of the Authorized Signatory of Firm |
| Name:   |
| Designation:                                  |
| Contact no. (Mobile):                         |
| Email Id:                                     |
| Firm Seal:                                    |

## Annexure – 3: Queries Format

| Sr No | Bidder | Page No. | Clause  | Description in | Query |
|-------|--------|----------|---------|----------------|-------|
|       | Name   | (tender  | (tender | the tender     |       |
|       |        | Ref)     | Ref)    | (tender Ref)   |       |
| 1     |        |          | -       |                |       |
| 2     |        |          |         |                |       |
| 2     |        |          |         |                |       |

Note: The queries may be communicated only through the e-mail id provided, <a href="mailto:investment@ecgc.in">investment@ecgc.in</a> Responses of queries will be uploaded on ECGC website or emailed to concerned bidder. No queries will be accepted on telephone or through any means other than e-mail. The queries shall be sent in .xls/.xlsx format in the above mentioned proforma.

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Signature of the Authorized Signatory of Firm

Name:

Designation:

Contact no. (Mobile):

Email Id:

Firm Seal:

# **Annexure – 4: Technical Bid Format**

# TECHNICAL BID FOR CONCURRENT AUDIT OF INVESTMENT FUNCTIONS

(Must be submitted in the **sealed envelope** as mentioned above)

| FIRM NAME:  |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| ADDRESS:  |                 |
| ECGC Ltd.   |                 |
| Technical Evaluation Matrix                             |                 |
| Criteria  |                 |
| Age of the Audit Firm                                   |                 |
| Turnover of the Firm – Last Audited FY 2023-24 (Rs.)    |                 |
| Number of Concurrent audits of Investment Functions of  |                 |
| the Company (Insurance/MFs/Banks/Others)                |                 |
| Number of Concurrent audits of Investment Functions of  |                 |
| Insurance Companies                                     |                 |
| No of Partners of the firm                              |                 |
| # Documentary proof to be attached evidencing above mer | ntioned details |
|   |                 |
| Signature of the Authorized Signatory of Firm           |                 |
| Name:   |                 |
| Designation:  |                 |
| Contact no. (Mobile):                                   |                 |
| Email Id:   |                 |
| Firm Seal:  |                 |

# **Annexure - 5: Financial Bid Format**

| (Must be   | L BID FOR CONCURRENT AUDIT OF INVESTMENT TRANSACTION submitted in the sealed envelope as mentioned above)  ME:  S:   | NS                                   |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| We subm  | nit our financial bid (fees) for the proposed assignmen  | t as under:                          |
| Sr. No.  | Milestone Description  | Amount in INR                        |
| Part A   |  |                                      |
| 1.   | Quarterly Audit Report   |                                      |
| <ol> <li>Th</li> <li>We</li> <li>ag</li> <li>the</li> <li>EC</li> <li>pro</li> </ol> | e above quoted fee is inclusive of all expenses excluding undertake to deliver all the deliverables as envisaged reement and complete the assignment within the time from RFT document.  CGC will deduct tax (TDS) while releasing payment, if approvisions of Income Tax Act, and all other applicable taxes, | in the proposal / rame stipulated in |
| Signature  | of the Authorized Signatory of Firm  |                                      |
| Designati  | on:  |                                      |
| •  | o. (Mobile):   |                                      |
| Email Id:  |  |                                      |
| Firm Sea   | l:   |                                      |

# Annexure – 6: Acknowledgement

Date:

To.

Chief Investment Officer
Investment Department,
ECGC Limited,
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, ECGC Bhawan, CTS No. 393, 393/1-45, Village,
Gundavali, M.V. Road, Andheri (East),
Mumbai - 400069

Dear Sir/Madam,

# Subject: Response to the Request for Tender for "Concurrent Audit of Investment Transactions"

- Having examined the Request for Tender Document including Annexures, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned offer to provide services in accordance with the scope of work as stated in the RFT Document within the cost stated in the Bid.
- 2. If our Bid is accepted, we undertake to abide by all the terms and conditions of this RFT.
- 3. I/We certify that we have provided all the information as requested by ECGC in the prescribed format. We also understand that ECGC has the right to reject this Bid if ECGC finds that the required information is not provided or is provided in a different format not suitable for evaluation process for any other reason as it deems fit. ECGC's decision shall be final and binding on us.
- 4. I/We certify that neither our Firm/Partners nor any of the constituent partners have been debarred to participate in the Tender by ECGC or any other Government body during the last 5 (five) years prior to the date of this Tender document.

- 5. We agree that ECGC reserves the right to amend, rescind or reissue this RFT Document and all amendments any time during the tendering process.
- 6. We agree that we have no objection with any of the clauses and bidding process of this Tender Document.

| Signature of the Authorized Signatory of Firm |
|---|
| Name:   |
| Designation:                                  |
| Contact no. (Mobile):                         |
| Email Id:                                     |
| Firm Seal:                                    |

# **Annexure – 7: Format for Application**

# ईसीजीसी लिमिटेड ECGC Limited

सी आई एन : यू74999एम एच1957जीओआई010918, आई आर डी ए पंजीकरण संख्या - 124 CIN: U74999MH1957GOI010918, IRDA Registration no - 124

कंपनी के निवेश कार्यों के समवर्ती लेखा परीक्षा के लिए लेखा परीक्षक के चयन के लिए आवेदन का प्रारूप

# Application format for selection of Auditor for Concurrent Audit of Investment Transactions

| Sr. | Particulars   |                                      |  |                      |  |
|-----|---|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| 1   | Name of the Firm  |                                      |  |                      |  |
| 2   | Head C  | Head Office Address                  |  |                      |  |
| 3   | Registra  | Registration Number with ICAI & Date |  |                      |  |
| 4   | Comple<br>experie   |                                      |  |                      |  |
| 5   | Turnove   |                                      |  |                      |  |
| 6   | Whether the firm or any of the partners of the firm have been prohibited /debarred by any Regulatory Authority including IRDA, RBI, SEBI, ICAI etc.,  |                                      |  |                      |  |
| 7   | Whether Audit firm has experience for at least four years, in conducting reviews of Risk Management Systems and Process of either Banks or Mutual Funds or Insurance Companies or have, on behalf of IRDAI conducted Investment Inspection of Insurance Companies |                                      |  | Yes/No               |  |
| 8   | Whether the Chartered Accountants' firm possess any place of profit in the Company/ECGC.  |                                      |  | Yes/No               |  |
| 9   | Whether the Chartered Accountants' firm has any relationship with any investment intermediaries  Yes/No   |                                      |  | Yes/No               |  |
| 10  | Number of Concurrent audits of Investment Functions of the Company (Insurance/MFs/banks/Others)  Count in number  |                                      |  | Count in number      |  |
| 11  | Details of above Concurrent audits of Investment Functions of the Company (Insurance/MFs/Banks/Others) as below: (please attach separate sheet)   |                                      |  |                      |  |
|     | Sr.<br>No   | Name of the Institution              | Type of the Institution (Insurance/Banks/MFs/Others) | Period of engagement |  |
|     |   |                                      |  |                      |  |

Kindly attach appointment letter including scope of audit in support of engagements as mentioned in para 10 & 11 above.

## **Declaration**

I / We state that the above-mentioned information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

We hereby agree and undertake that we have not directly or through any other person or firm offered, promised or given nor shall we offer, promise or give, to any employee of ECGC involved in the processing and/or approval of our proposal/bid or to any third person any material or any other benefit which he/she is not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange advantage of any kind whatsoever, before or during or after the processing and/or approval of our proposal/bid.

| Place: MUMBAI | Signature with Seal & Membership number |
|---------------|---|
|               |   |
| Date:         |   |

# **Annexure – 8: Service Agreement Format**

This **SERVICE AGREEMENT** (hereinafter referred to as "**Agreement**") is made and entered into on this the [•] day of [•] Two Thousand and Twenty Four [\_\_\_/[\_\_\_]/2024), BY AND BETWEEN:

**ECGC Limited**, a Public Sector Enterprise wholly owned by Government of India, having its registered office at ECGC Bhawan, CTS No. 393, 393/1-45, Village, Gundavali, M.V. Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai – 400069 (hereinafter referred to as the "**Company**", which term shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors-in-interest and permitted assigns), of the ONE PART;

## AND

## WHEREAS:

- 1. The Company is, *inter alia*, engaged in the business of providing export credit insurance to Indian exporters and banks;
- 2. The Service Provider is, *inter alia*, involved in the business of conducting Concurrent Audit of Investment Transactions" as per the procedure laid down in 'Technical Guidelines on Internal/Concurrent Audit of Investment Functions of Insurance Companies issued by ICAI (in consultation with IRDAI) and additional scope as amended from time to time by IRDAI / ICAI.
- 3. The Company floated Request For Tender having reference: **ECGC/Tender-**/INV/03/2024-25 (hereinafter referred to as "the said RFT")

4. The Service Provider has become the successful bidder in the said RFT and the Company has selected the Service Provider to conduct the "Concurrent Audit of Investment Transactions" and the Service Provider has agreed to provide the services, as they have the required skills and personnel.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, terms and conditions and understandings set forth in this Agreement, the Parties with the intent to be legally bound hereby agree as follows:

## 1. Definitions:

In this Contract, the following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

- i. "Service Provider" is the successful Bidder whose eligibility Bid has been accepted as per the Final Composite Score of its Technical bid and Financial bid and to whom notification of award has been given by ECGC.
- ii. "The Services" means the scope of services which the Service Provider is required to provide to ECGC under the Contract.
- iii. "The Contract" means the agreement entered into between ECGC and the Service Provider, and signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein;
- iv. "The Contract Price" means the price payable to the Service Provider under the Contract for the full and proper performance of its contractual obligations;
- v. "TCC" means the Terms and Conditions of Contract;
- vi. "The Project/Assignment" means Concurrent Audit of Investment Transactions.
- vii. "Service Delivery Location" means designated locations of ECGC as may be specified in RFT.
- viii. Confidential Information means all the information of the Company which is disclosed to the service provider whether oral or written or through visual observation or in electronic mode and shall include but is not limited to trade secrets, know-how, techniques, processes, plans, algorithms, software programs, source code, business methods,

customer lists, contacts, financial information, sales and marketing plans techniques, schematics, designs, contracts, financial information, sales and marketing plans, business plans, clients, client data, business affairs, operations, strategies, methodologies, technologies, employees, subcontractors, the contents of any and all agreements, subscription lists, photo files, advertising materials, contract quotations, documents, passwords, codes, computer programs, tapes, books, records, files and tax returns, data, statistics, facts, figures, numbers, records, professionals employed, correspondence carried out with and received from professionals such as Advocates, Solicitors, Barristers, Attorneys, Chartered Accountants, Company Secretaries, Doctors, Auditors, Surveyors, Loss Assessors, Investigators, Forensic experts, etc. Opinions, Reports, all matters coming within the purview of Privileged Communications as contemplated under Indian Evidence Act, 1872, legal notices sent and received, policy files, Claim files, Insurance policies, their rates, advantages, terms, conditions, exclusions, charges, correspondence from and with clients/ customers or their representatives, Proposal Forms, Claim-forms, Complaints, Suits, testimonies, matters related to any enquiry, claim-notes, defences taken before a Court of Law, Judicial Forum, Quasi-judicial bodies, or any Authority, Commission, pricing, service proposals, methods of operations, procedures, products and/ or services and business information of the Company.

# 2. APPOINTMENT & SCOPE OF SERVICES

- 2.1. The Company hereby appoints the Service Provider to provide the 'Services' clearly set out under the 'Scope of Work' as per Annexure 1 of the RFT here to with effect from ....... ("Effective Date") till --/--/ and the Service Provider hereby agrees to provide the Services in accordance with the terms and conditions as stipulated below.
- 2.2. The Service Provider, acting as an independent contractor, shall provide the Services ("Services") and the Deliverables ("Deliverables"), as per the circulars issued by IRDAI from time to time and as per the Procedure laid down in the

Technical Guidelines on Internal/Concurrent Audit of Investment Functions of Insurance Companies, issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, as amended from time to time.

## 3. FEES AND PAYMENT TERMS

- 3.1. Fee payable for the services shall be Rs...... as already informed vide e-mail/ letter dated...... regarding award of Contract.
- 3.2. Payment shall be made in Indian Rupees (INR) only.
- 3.3. Payment shall be made via electronic fund transfer only to the bank account specified, as per the form provided under Annexure -9, in the RFT response.
- 3.4. No payment shall be made in advance on award of the contract.
- 3.5. Payments shall be made only on receipt of invoice from the Service Provider, after completion of deliverable every time to the satisfaction of ECGC Limited.
- 3.6. It may be noted that ECGC shall not pay any amount / expenses / charges/ fees / travelling expenses / boarding expenses / lodging expenses / conveyance expenses / miscellaneous expenses/ out of pocket expenses other than the agreed amount as per the contract.
- 3.7. The price mentioned are exclusive of all the taxes and duties as applicable, which shall be borne by the Company at actuals as on the date of invoice.
- 3.8. All payments shall be subject to TDS and any other taxes as per the tax rules prevalent at the time of payment.
- 3.9. All the payments would be against the submission of the invoices to the Company along with the relevant supporting documents, if any.
- 3.10. All invoices shall be paid within 30 days from the date of receipt or as per the payment terms agreed in the relevant **Scope of Work**.

# 3.11. Payment terms:

Payment will be released according to deliverables mentioned in the table below:

| S. No. | Deliverables                                     | Payment     | as  | per |
|--------|--|-------------|-----|-----|
|        |  | Financial E | Bid |     |
| 1.     | Audit report submitted every quarter "Concurrent | 100%        |     |     |
|        | Audit of Investment Transactions"                |             |     |     |

#### 4. SERVICE PROVIDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1. The Service Provider shall be responsible for:
  - 4.1.1. Carrying out the Concurrent Audit and submitting Quarterly Audit report. The Services to be delivered or rendered hereunder, of the type and quality as specified in the relevant **Scope of Work**.
  - 4.1.2. Complying with Company's internal guidelines, instructions, manuals, scrutiny lists, procedures, further specifics and requirements ("Guidelines") in relation to the Services, as may be provided in writing by the Company to the Service Provider. However, in the event there is a conflict between the guidelines and the terms set out in the Agreement, the terms set out in the Agreement shall prevail;
  - 4.1.3. Supervising and controlling its staff/ employee/ personnel deployed (If any) at the Company's premises for providing the Services; and
  - 4.1.4. Complying with all applicable laws and regulations in the course of providing the Services.
  - 4.1.5. Any other responsibilities that may arise during the performance of the services as mentioned in **Scope of Work**.

## 5. COMPANY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Company, on its part, shall be responsible for:

- 5.1.1. Providing the necessary assistance for delivery of Services at offsite or at its premises including by way of providing the necessary information, documents, supplies and such other facilities as set out in relevant Scope of Work.
- 5.1.2. Ensuring the security and safety of the Service Provider's personnel and Service Provider Equipment, deployed at the Company's premises;
- 5.1.3. Providing access to the Service Provider's personnel to the different parts of the Company's premises, personnel and various systems of the Company, including computers, servers, networks as may be required for the purpose of providing the Services;
- 5.1.4. Ensuring that all policies and procedures of the Service Provider are complied with in the course of availing of the Services;

5.1.5. Performing all other general acts as may be necessary to enable the Service Provider to efficiently provide the Services.

# 6. Service Delivery Location

The major scope of work as mentioned above will be required to be delivered at ECGC's onsite location at ECGC Limited, ECGC Bhawan, CTS No. 393, 393/1-45 Village Gundavali, M.V. Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai – 400069. The Team may also be required to travel for meetings with / discussions with / presentations to the different departments of ECGC located in Mumbai as per scope of work.

## 7. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 7.1. All the manuals, guidelines, documents etc. provided by Client/company shall be treated as Confidential information by the Service Provider.
- 7.2. Service Provider shall retain all rights, title, interest including intellectual rights in and to the methodologies, procedures, techniques, ideas, concepts etc. embodied in the deliverables, developed or supplied in connection with this Agreement.
- 7.3. The service provider shall provide Reports, Documents and all other relevant materials, etc. during the assignments to the Company and the Company shall own all IPRs in such Reports, Documents and all other relevant materials, artifacts etc. All documents related to such shall be treated as confidential information by the Bidder.
- 7.4. It is however hereby clarified that if the Deliverables incorporate any preexisting intellectual property rights of the Company the rights therein shall continue to vest with the Company.
- 7.5. A party shall not directly or indirectly, use any of the other party's trademarks, trade names, service marks and logos in any manner, except as permitted by the other party in writing.

## 8. Non-Disclosure:

- 8.1. The Company shall be deemed to be the owner of all Confidential Information.
- 8.2. The service provider will use the Company's Confidential Information solely to fulfil its obligations as part of and in furtherance of this service contract.
- 8.3. The service provider shall not use the Confidential Information in any way that is directly or indirectly detrimental to the Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates, and

shall not disclose the Confidential Information to any unauthorized third party. The service provider shall not disclose any Confidential Information to any person except to its employees and consultants, on a need to know basis, who have prior to the disclosure of or access to any such Confidential Information agreed in writing to receive it under terms as restrictive as those specified in this Agreement. In this regard, any agreement entered into between the service provider and any such person/s shall be forwarded to the Company promptly thereafter. Prior to disclosing any Confidential Information to such person/s, the service provider shall inform them of the confidential nature of the information and their obligation to refrain from disclosure of the Confidential Information.

8.4. The service provider shall use the same degree of care in safeguarding the Confidential Information as it uses or would have used in safeguarding its own Confidential Information, and shall take all steps necessary to protect the Confidential Information from any unauthorized or inadvertent use.

## 9. INDEMNITY AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 9.1. Defaulting party shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other from and against any and all liability, losses, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) relating to or arising out of the breach of this Agreement, the negligence or willful misconduct of defaulting party, or its employees or agents. No party shall however not be liable for any loss or damage arising from reliance on any information or materials supplied by the other party or any third party on behalf of the other party, or for any inaccuracy or other defect in any information or materials supplied by the other party or any third party on behalf of the other party.
- 9.2. Notwithstanding anything stated herein, neither party shall be liable to the other party for any indirect, incidental, consequential, special or exemplary or other damages, including but not limited to loss of business, profits, information, business interruption and the like, suffered by the other or any third party under or in pursuance of the terms hereof, howsoever arising, whether under contract, tort or otherwise, even if advised about the possibility of the same.
- 9.3. Except for breach of Confidentiality and Infringement of Intellectual property rights under this agreement, each party's total liability for any damages, losses, costs, liabilities arising out of or in connection with this Agreement whether under

contract, tort or otherwise shall not exceed an amount equivalent to the total fees paid by the Company to the Service Provider under this Agreement.

- 9.4. Service Provider servicing ECGC should comply with ECGC's Information Security Policies in key concern areas relevant to the activity, the broad areas are:
  - i. Responsibilities for data and application privacy and confidentiality.
  - Responsibilities on system and software access controls and administration.
  - iii. Custodial responsibilities for data, software, hardware and other assets of Company being managed by or assigned to Service Provider.
  - iv. Physical security of the Services / Equipment provided by the Service Provider.
- 9.5. Service Provider shall also be required to comply with the statutory and regulatory requirements as imposed by various statutes, labour laws, local body rules, State and Central Government Body statutes, and any other regulatory requirements applicable on the Service Provider, and shall produce the same for records of ECGC and / or its Auditors and / or its regulator.

## 10. WARRANTY & WARRANTY DISCLAIMER

10.1. The Service Provider hereby warrants that the Service Provider shall provide the Services in accordance with **Scope of Work** and that in the course thereof, it shall exercise the same degree of professional competence, care, skill, diligence and prudence as is normally exercised by professionals in the Service Provider's field.

## 11. TERM AND TERMINATION

- 11.1. The term of this Agreement shall One year or --/--/--- from issue of Letter of Intent/ Letter of Award.
- 11.2. In case of a breach (material in nature) under the Contract or any other subsequent documents containing obligations under the service agreement, the Company shall notify the Service Provider and give a period of further maximum 7 days to rectify the breach as to the Company's satisfaction. In case the breach is not rectified to the Company's satisfaction, the Company reserves the right to terminate the contract.

# 12. Working on ECGC's Holiday

Request for permission for working on Saturday / Sunday / holidays if required, should be submitted 3 working days prior to the date of holiday, to respective locations head. The Service Provider should provide the visiting Team member's details in advance to respective offices. The Team Member shall visit at the scheduled date and time and show his identity card/ permission letter when asked for.

## 13. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 13.1. It is expressly agreed between the parties that the Contract, The Request for Tender (RFT) Document, any addendum or corrigendum issued thereafter and the complete Annexures thereto constitute the Entire Agreement between the Parties and supersedes any prior proposals, understandings, correspondence or other documents exchanged between the parties prior hereto. This Agreement can be modified, supplemented or amended only by a written agreement executed by both parties.
- 13.2. All notices, requests, demands or other communications which are required to be given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing addressed to the above-mentioned addresses and will be deemed to have been duly given when received. The notices shall be sent to the addresses as set forth above and to the attention of the signatories of this Agreement, or to such other addresses or individual(s) as the Parties may mutually agree in writing from time to time.
- 13.3. If either party is prevented from performing any obligation under this Agreement (excluding payment obligations) by causes beyond its control, including labor disputes, pandemic, civil commotion, war, governmental regulations or controls, casualty, inability to obtain materials or services or acts of God, such defaulting party will be excused from performance for the period of the delay and for a reasonable time thereafter.
- 13.4. Service Provider agrees and undertakes that they have not directly or through any other person or firm offered, promised or given nor shall offer, promise or give, to any employee of ECGC involved in the processing and/or approval of our proposal/offer/bid/tender/contract or to any third person any material or any other benefit which he/she is not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange

advantage of any kind whatsoever, before or during or after the processing and/or approval of their proposal/offer/bid/tender/contract.

- 13.5. During the term of this agreement and one year thereafter, the parties shall not solicit, encourage or attempt to solicit, induce or encourage, either directly or indirectly, any of the party's personnel or employee for employment, unless prior written permission is obtained from the other party; provided however, that the foregoing shall not apply to the hiring of employees who respond to Internet or other advertisements of general circulation not specifically targeted to such employees.
- 13.6. The relationship between Company and Service Provider is solely that of an Independent contractor and the relationship is on a principal-to-principal basis. Nothing in this Agreement, and no course of dealing between the parties, shall be construed to create an employment or agency relationship or a partnership between a party and the other party or the other party's employees or Clients or agents.
- 13.7. **ASSIGNMENT:** This Agreement shall not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party.
- 13.8. **SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, such provision will be struck from the Agreement and the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 13.9. **WAIVER:** No failure on the part of any party to exercise or delay in exercising any right hereunder will be deemed a waiver thereof, nor will any single or partial exercise preclude any further or other exercise of such or any other right.
- 13.10. Termination or cancellation of this Agreement for any reason shall not release either party from any liabilities or obligations set forth in or arising from this Agreement which remain to be performed or by their nature would be intended to be applicable following any such termination or cancellation.
- 13.11. **GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** The courts at Mumbai shall alone have exclusive jurisdiction for the purposes of adjudication of any dispute of differences whatsoever in respect of or relating to or arising out of or in any way touching the RFT, the subsequent contract awarded or the terms and conditions of the Contract.

## 13.12. **FORCE MAJEURE**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Terms and Conditions of Contract, the Service Provider shall not be liable for liquidated damages, or termination for default, if and to the extent, that, the delay in performance, or other failure to perform its obligations under the Contract, is the result of an event of Force Majeure.

For purposes of this clause, "Force Majeure" means an event beyond the control of the Service Provider and not involving the Service Provider's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but are not restricted to, acts of wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, and freight embargoes.

If a Force Majeure situation arises, the Service Provider shall promptly notify ECGC in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by ECGC in writing, the Service Provider shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.

13.13. **COUNTERPARTS:** This Agreement may be executed in duplicate, with one copy for each of the parties. Each copy shall be considered as original.

Both Company and Service Provider shall sign such further and other documents, cause such meetings to be held, resolution passed and do and perform and cause to be done and performed such further and other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable in order to give full effect to this Agreement and every part thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have set and subscribed their respective hands unto this Agreement on the day and date first set out hereinabove.

For and on behalf of For and on behalf of ECGC Ltd. SERVICE PROVIDER

the "Company" aforesaid, the "Service Provider" aforesaid, through its authorised signatory

NAME: YASHWANT BREED NAME:

DESIGNATION: DGM & CIO DESIGNATION:

WITNESSES:

1. 2.

# Annexure - 9: Bank Details

| Sr No | Description           | Details |
|-------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1     | Name of the Bank      |         |
| 2     | Address of the Bank   |         |
| 3     | Bank Branch IFSC Code |         |
| 4     | Bank Account Number   |         |
| 5     | Type of Account       |         |

| Signature of the authorized Signatory of Firm |
|---|
| (Firm Seal)                                   |
| Name :  |
| Designation :                                 |
| Contact No (Mobile)                           |
| Email Id:                                     |

# Annexure – 10: Eligibility criteria

- The Chartered Accountant firm shall be a firm, registered with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.
- The Audit firm should have experience, for at least four years, in conducting reviews of Risk Management Systems and Process of either Banks or Mutual Funds or Insurance Companies or have, on behalf of IRDAI conducted Investment Inspection of Insurance Companies.
- 3. On the date of appointment as an Auditor, the Auditor must not hold more than two audits of Internal, Concurrent and Risk Management Systems Audit, all taken together. Hence, the Audit firm, can at the maximum hold not more than three Audits (i.e., Investment Risk Management Systems and Process Audit, Internal Audit, Concurrent Audit all taken together), apart from Statutory Audits at any point of time. For this purpose, at the time of appointment, the insurer shall obtain a declaration to this effect from the firm of Chartered Accountants.
- 4. The Auditor should not have been prohibited/debarred by any regulating agency including IRDAI, RBI, SEBI, ICAI, NFRA etc.,
- 5. The Internal/Concurrent audit term shall be for the financial year and where the appointment is made during the course of the financial year, it shall be up to the end of that financial year.
- The Concurrent Auditor shall not be eligible for re-appointment, with the same Insurer after serving three consecutive years or three years during the preceding five years.
- 7. The Concurrent Auditor appointed for the first time should NOT have conducted the following assignments for the same Insurer proposing to be appointed as Internal or Concurrent Auditor for Investment functions during a period of two years immediately preceding his appointment as Internal or Concurrent auditor.
  - a) Statutory Audit
  - b) Any Internal Audit
  - c) Any Concurrent Audit
  - d) Any consulting assignment, whether or not related to Audit functions
  - e) Reviews or Certification of Investment Risk Management Systems and Process

In addition to the above, the Chartered Accountant firm should also fulfill the following conditions:

- 1. The Auditors to be appointed by the Company as Concurrent Auditor for Investment Transactions must have their Head Office located at Mumbai.
- 2. The Chartered Accountants' firm should not possess any place of profit in the Company.
- 3. The Chartered Accountants' firm should not have any relationship with investment intermediaries.

#### Annexure - 11: CODE OF INTEGRITY

## **DECLARATION**

Designation:

I/We working as in (name of the firm/Company and firm's/Company's address in full be mentioned), hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have been authorized by the firm/Company to sign the bids. I, hereby declare and certify, on behalf of the firm/Company, that we have accepted all the terms & conditions mentioned in the .......and we shall abide by all the terms & conditions of RFT/Agreement.

I/ We hereby agree and undertake that we have not directly or through any other person or firm offered, promised or given nor shall we offer, promise or give, to any employee of ECGC involved in the processing and/or approval of our proposal/offer/bid/tender/contract or to any third person any material or any other benefit which he/she is not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange advantage of any kind whatsoever, before or during or after the processing and/or approval of our proposal/offer/bid/tender/contract.

I/we further declare that in relation to my/our Bid submitted to ECGC, in response to RFT No. ......,I/we......hereby undertake that I/we shall abide by the Code of Integrity and make disclosure as to any Conflict of Interest at all times, and understand that any breach of the Code of Integrity will render me/us liable to be removed from the list of registered bidders, and would also subject me/us to other punitive and penal action such as cancellation of contracts, banning, debarring and blacklisting or action in the court of Law, and so on.

Signature of Authorized Signatory of the firm with Seal & Stamp

Date: Place:

Name: