



कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन
EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND ORGANIZATION

(श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)

(Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India)

क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, Regional Office,

द्वितीय तल, खुराना कॉम्प्लेक्स, जजीकोर्ट के सामने, नैनीताल रोड, हल्द्वानी-263139, उत्तराखण्ड

2nd Floor, Khurana Complex, Opposite Judges' Court, Nainital Road, Haldwani- 263139, Uttarakhand.

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चार्टर्ड अकाउंटेंट प्रतिष्ठानों को इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति हेतु आमंत्रण सूचना

कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन (श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार) क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, हल्द्वानी द्वितीय तल, खुराना कॉम्प्लेक्स, जजीकोर्ट के सामने नैनीताल रोड, हल्द्वानी विविध प्रकार के कर (Tax) संबन्धित कार्य, बुक ऑफ एकाउन्ट्स से संबन्धित कार्य, स्पेशल ऑडिट छूटप्राप्त स्थापनाओं व ट्रस्ट के ऑडिट (थर्ड पार्टी ऑडिट) हेतु एकाउंटेंट फर्मों से इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति आमंत्रित करता है।

क.भ.नि.सं., क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, हल्द्वानी से एवं वेबसाइट पर निविदा फॉर्म की उपलब्धता की तिथि	09.12.2021 से www.epfindia.gov.in वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध है।
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पत्राचार हेतु पता	क्षेत्रीय भविष्य निधि आयुक्त-I कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, हल्द्वानी द्वितीय तल, खुराना कॉम्प्लेक्स, जजीकोर्ट के सामने नैनीताल रोड, हल्द्वानी,-263139, नैनीताल, उत्तराखण्ड

(क्षेत्रीय भ. नि. आयुक्त-I/प्रभारी अधिकारी के अनुमोदन से जारी)

सहायक भविष्य निधि आयुक्त

क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, हल्द्वानी
UDIT SAH

Asstt. P.F Commissioner
Regional Office, Haldwani



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NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CHARTERED
ACCOUNTANT FIRMS

Employees Provident Fund Organization (Ministry of Labour & Govt. of India), Regional Office, Haldwani 2nd Floor, Khurana Complex, Opposite Judges' Court, Nainital Road Haldwani-263139 invited Expression of Interest for Empanelment of Chartered Accountant Firms for handling various tax matters and allied activities, books of accounts related work, any other matter relating to tax matter and re-audit of Exempted establishment and Trusts.

Date of availability of Tender Form on website And from the EPFO, Regional Office, Haldwani	Available on website www.epfindia.gov.in from 09.12.2021
Last date and time for submission of tender	27.12.2021 till 11:00 am
Time and date of opening of tender offers	27.12.2021 after 3:00 pm
Address for Communication	Regional P.F. Commissioner-I Employees Provident Fund Organization Regional Office, Haldwani 2 nd Floor, Khurana Complex, Opposite Judges' Court, Nainital Road Haldwani-263139

(This issues with the approval of RPFC-I/OIC)


Assistant PF Commissioner
Regional Office, Haldwani
Asst. P.F. Commissioner
Regional Office, Haldwani

1. Duties & Responsibility of the Empanelled Auditor.

1.1 The Auditor while conducting audit of the Provident Fund Accounts of the Exempted Provident Funds Trusts, Must:

1.1.1 Ensure that the audit is to be conducted by a team consisting of one leader and at least one staff personnel (who is qualified Chartered Accountant with at least one year of work experience). The leader of the team should be qualified Chartered Accountant with at least five years of experience in the field of Statutory Audit preferably with experience in the field of audit of recognized pension funds/ provident funds/superannuation funds. The audit should be carried out under direct supervision of a partner of the Chartered Accountant firm if the leader of the Team is not a Partner of the Chartered Accountant firm.

1.1.2 Ensure that their firm is not engaged for audit of the same Exempted Provident Fund Trusts for any purpose other than the terms of reference contained in this EOI. This restriction would be only for the period during which the CA firm is empanelled as Auditor for audit of Exempted Fund Trusts.

1.1.3 Ensure, to the best possible extent, that the team leader appointed to conduct the audit should continue in his role till the completion of the assignment. For any reason, if there is a change in the team leader appointed to conduct the audit, the same should be intimated to EPFO immediately.

2. Scope of work:

2.1 To handle various tax matters and allied activities, finalization of book of accounts special audit, reconciliation of specific entries appearing in book of accounts or any other matter relating to tax or accounts or books keeping etc, as and when required.

To carry out third party audit/ re-audit of Provident Fund accounts of the exempted Provident Fund Trusts/Establishments under EPFO RO, Haldwani.

The auditor shall submit the audited balance sheet with the auditor's report in the Performa specifically prescribed for the purpose by EPFO both in hard copy and soft copy directly to RPFC-I, RO Haldwani and one copy shall be submitted to the CMD of the establishment, within 15 days of assignment of the audit or next working day of 15th day of gazetted holiday or Saturday/Sunday, failing which the audit assignment given the auditor shall be withdrawn and the establishment shall be allotted for audit to different empanelled auditor and fresh 15 days shall be given and previous audit report shall be considered as null and void.

2.2 To examine and verify whether the exempted provident fund trust have followed the investment pattern and investment guidelines as prescribed by the Government of India and to point out where ever deviation have been made.

2.3 To verify whether the interest and maturity proceeds are collected promptly and reinvested as per the provisions made in the pattern of investment. Also to point out delays, in any, and the causes for such delay.

2.4 To verify whether the funds were invested promptly by exempted provident fund trusts. If the funds remained un-invested for a significant period, then to assess Opportunity cost/benefits due to delay investments for un-invested period.

2.5 To verify whether proper records have been maintained in respect of all transactions and contracts and to ascertain whether the records are updated correctly and on timely basis.

2.6 To verify whether all shares, securities, debentures and other investments have been held in the name of Board of Trustees of Exempted Provident Fund Trusts.

2.7 To verify whether there is any violation of 31 condition of grant of exemption by the employer of the exempted establishments and the Exempted Provident Fund Trusts and if so the details thereof. To bring out any other point/shortcomings which comes to notice of Auditor during the course of audit.

2.8 To examine whether the Employer/ Exempted Provident Fund Trust has taken steps to rectify the shortcomings, if any, pointed out during the previous Annual Compliance Audit conducted by the EPF Authority or the third-party Auditor.

2.9 To assess and report the Provident Funds Liability which will be passes on to the EPFO in the event of cancellation of exemption of a particular defaulting Establishment having Exempted Provident Fund and the scope & feasibility for recovery of such liability from the Establishment and the Employers.

2.10 The empanelment does not confer any right, whatsoever, to the empanelled Chartered Accountant Firms to claim any monetary fees for empanelment or to claim for any audit assignment mandatorily.

2.11 The empanelment shall be for a period of 3 (three) years from the date of issue of intimation letter of such empanelment which is extendable further on mutually agreed terms subject to approval from competent authority.

2.12 Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I/OIC, EPFO, RO Haldwani may cancel the empanelment of any Chartered Accountant Firms(s) if any terms and conditions of empanelment is found violated.

3. Bid Evaluation Criteria:

- 3.1. Applicant Firms should be in existence for at least ten years.
- 3.2. The name of partnership firms should be registered with the ICAI.
- 3.3. Firm should have valid full time certificate of practice issued by ICAI.
- 3.4. Should have valid Income Tax Permanent Account Number (PAN) as on date of application.
- 3.5 There must be at least 05 Qualified Chartered Accountant working as full time Partner as on date of submission of proposal with at least 1 full time FCA.
- 3.6. Application firm must have experience of auditing accounts/handling tax matters with Govt. Organization/PSEs.
- 3.7. Average annual turnover of the firm of the last three year should be least rupees 75 lakhs.
- 3.8. The Firm/any partner should not have been convicted by a court of law or indictment/adverse order should not have been passed against the firm/any partner till the date of applications. The firm/any partner should not have been held guilty of any professional misconduct under CA Act, 1949 (as amended) during last 5 years of penalized under any taxation laws by the ICAI or any other statutory body.
- 3.9. The Firm/any partner should not be facing any investigation/inquiry by any tax authority for violation of any provisions of taxation laws.
- 3.10. The Firm should comply with all the applicable Tax and Labour Laws as on the date of submission of proposal.
- 3.11. The Firm should agree to accept the Auditing Fees as per the rates prescribed and guidelines given by the ICAI for auditing the accounts of the Exempted Provident Fund Trusts and such fees are payable directly by the employers of such Exempted establishments as per condition no. 24(a) of Appendix A to para 27AA of EPF Scheme 1952. The RPFC/OIC, EPFO, RO Haldwani shall not in any manner, whatsoever, be involved in determining the auditing fees payable to the firm.
- 3.12. The Firm should have functional office in Uttarakhand .
- 3.13. The Firm must be empanelled with Comptroller and Auditor General Of India(CAG) as on the date of EOI.

4. SELECTION PROCEDURE.

- a) All applications (Appendix-A) received up to last date shall be scrutinized by a committee appointed by the RPFC-I/Competent Authority to decide eligible firms,
- b) Once the firm is decided as eligible then top 15 firms will be selected on the basis of points scored on different criteria. The point system will be as follows:-

Point System

S.No.	ELIGIBILITY	POINTS
1	EXPERIENCE OF FIRM	0.5 point for every calendar year (Max. 15 points)
2	Full time FCA Partners	05 points for first partner and 2.5 point from 2 nd partner onwards
3	Full time ACA Partner	03 points each for first 05 partners and 1.5 points each for 6 th onwards.
4	Full time CA Employees	01 point for every CA (Max 20 points)
5	Turnover	01 point for each lakh above 75 lakh

5. ALLOTMENT OF WORK:

Allotment shall follow GFR rules of Central Government.

6. EOI should be superscripted as "Confidential-EOI for Empanelment of Chartered Accountant Firms"

To be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed to:

Regional P.F. Commissioner-I

Employees Provident Fund Organization

Regional Office, Haldwani 2nd Floor, Khurana Complex, Opposite Judges' Court

Nainital Road Haldwani-263139

7. Last date of submission of EOI is -27.12.2021.

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8. Application Form

Interested parties fill the application form enclosed as Annexure 'A' along with the undertaking in the format as below:

Annexure-A

Application for empanelment of Chartered Accountant Firms for Employees Provident Fund Organization

S.NO.	PARTICULARS	REMARKS
1	Name of the Chartered Accountant Firms	
2	Registration No. (ICAI) OF the Firms	
3	Date of Constitution of the firm and Constitution certificate of the firm issued by the ICAI	
4	Proof of empanelment of CAG	
5	Name of the Partners with status (FCA & ACA)	
6	Membership No. of the partners and certificate of practice	
7	Complete full address of the Head Office and branch with Telephone/Mobile/Fax with email address	
8	Income tax PAN of the Firm	
9	No. of full time professionals with the firm.	
	a Full time of FCA partners	
	b Full time ACA partners	
	c Full time CA partners	
10	Whether there are any court/arbitration of any other legal case/proceedings pending against the firm/partners.	
11	Average annual turnover of the firm for last 3 years.	
12	Proof of payment of membership fee and certificate of practice from ICAI for the year	
13	Indicate the tax/audit work experience in the following sectors	
	a PSU	
	b Government (Central/State)	
	c Private	

Undertaking

I....., the managing partners of
M/s.....Chartered Accountants do hereby verify, declare
and undertake:

- a) That the particulars given above are complete and correct and that if any of the statements made or the information so furnished in the application form is later found not correct or false or there has been suppression of material information, the Firm would stand disqualified from empanelment/allotment of work and might be liable for disciplinary action under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 and the regulations framed there under.
- b) Applicant firm or its partners should not have been held guilty of any professional misconduct under Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 (as amended) during past 5 years or penalized under any of the tax laws by ICAI or any other statutory body.
- c) Applicant firm or its partners should not be facing any investigation or enquiry by any tax authority for violation of any of the tax laws.
- d) That I and other Partners are in full time practice of chartered accountants.

Name and Signature of the Managing partner of the firm with Seal

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