



EOI for Empanelment of IP firms for C-DOT for 2024-2029

**Expression of Interest (EOI) for
Empanelment of Intellectual Property Firms
for Handling of
C-DOT IP Applications and
Other IP Related Work (2024-2029)**

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ACRONYMS

C-DOT	- Centre for Development of Telematics
CRI	- Computer Related Inventions
EOI	- Expression of Interest
IP	- Intellectual Property
IT	- Information Technology
ICT	- Information and Communication Technology
LLP	- Limited Liability Partnership
Ltd	- Limited
PCT	- Patent Cooperation Treaty
PoA	- Power of Attorney
SOC	- Schedule of Charges

Expression of Interest

C-DOT is an autonomous R&D Organization and the telecom technology Centre of Govt. of India under the Department of Telecommunications. C-DOT is carrying out advanced research and development activities in Telecom field that include switching & routing, optical communication, wireless communication, mobile technologies, network security, advanced encryption techniques and Post-Quantum Cryptography based solutions, network management, M2M/IOT, Artificial intelligence/machine learning and a host of other telecom software.

C-DOT wishes to set up a new panel of attorneys for a period of 5 years from 1-4-2024 to 31-3-2029 to predominantly handle C-DOT's patent applications and also for other forms of IP in India and abroad and invites expression of interest from IP Firms in India.

The selection and empanelment of the IP firms will be based on an internal evaluation process. The advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment on the part of C-DOT for the empanelment. C-DOT reserves the right to reject any EOI if it is not in the given format with all necessary details or at any time a material misrepresentation is made or uncovered, or if the firm does not respond promptly and thoroughly to requests for supplementary information required for the evaluation of the EOI.

The Firms currently associated with C-DOT are required to apply afresh, for the aforementioned period, to this empanelment notice.

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Scope of work

1. The firms and its counterpart foreign associates applying under this EOI should be able to provide services for Filing, prosecution, maintenance, opposition, litigation, revocation, restoration and any other proceedings in respect of patents and all other forms of IP related work including comprising services for copyright matters, design, trademark, layout design, SEPs etc.
2. The firms and its counterpart foreign associates should be able to provide services for other IP related work comprising drafting of agreements, MOUs, Freedom to operate searches, assistance in licensing and other IP management matters like IP audit, IP valuation, commercialization strategy and opinion/advice relating to IP matters.

Eligibility criteria

1. Responses to EOI to be invited only from IPR law firms in India, and strictly not from the individual IPR experts and / or Non IPR law firms.
2. The responding IP firm must be registered under Indian Law and should have good standing for at least a period of 5 years or more as on 1st Jan 2024.
3. The Indian IP firm should possess professional expertise more particularly in handling patent applications in the field of Engineering preferable telecommunications, electronics & computers.
4. Applicant should have either a corporate office / branch office in Bangalore or Delhi.

Evaluation and Rejection Criteria

The application is liable to be rejected if:

- a. The proposal is not submitted as per the requirements indicated in the EOI.
- b. Not in the prescribed format with Annexures.
- c. Not properly signed and sealed as per requirements.
- d. Received after the expiry of due date and time.
- e. All relevant supporting documents are not furnished.

Bids conforming to the technical specifications along with terms and conditions stipulated in the bidding document with proper correspondence at each stage will be considered for further evaluation as given below:

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- a) The bidder should secure a technical score, more than or equal to 60 out of 100 in the technical bid evaluation process in order to be qualified for commercial evaluation. The technical evaluation score is as per the table below.

Technical Evaluation Criteria of the Firms

Sl. No.	Technical Capacity Criteria	Grading of Score/ Points	Maximum Score	Obtained Score
1	No. of patents filed in ICT in last 3 years in India	Upto 25 – 5 marks Each additional count=0.25 Marks	Max. marks -15	
2	No. of patents granted in ICT in last 3 years in India	Upto 15 – 5 marks Each additional count=0.25 Marks	Max. marks -15	
3	No. of Trademarks, Copyrights and Designs filed in last 3 years in India	Upto 20 – 5 marks Each additional count=0.25 Marks	Max. marks -10	
4	No. of Trademarks, Copyrights and Designs granted in last 3 years in India	Upto 20 – 5 marks Each additional count=0.25 Marks	Max. marks -10	
5	No. of patents granted in other countries (Outside India) ICT in last 3 years	Upto 20 – 5 marks Each additional count=0.25 Marks	Max. marks -10	
6	Licensing partners/ IP buyers for Patents granted in India (restricted to ICT alone)	Upto 10 – 5 marks Each additional count=0.25 Marks	Max. marks -10	
7	Licensing partners/ IP buyers for Patents granted outside India (restricted to ICT alone)	Upto 10 – 5 marks Each additional count=0.25 Marks	Max. marks -10	
	SEPs (Standard essential patents) (not restricted to ICT alone)			
8	Guidance in bringing out the Patent applications targeting inclusion into standards & necessary assistance to get them included into standards	Upto 3 – 5 marks Each additional count=0.25 Marks	Max. marks -10	
9	Mapping of existing patents to standards (establish or under development) & necessary assistance to get them included into standards	Upto 3– 5 marks Each additional count=0.25 Marks	Max. marks -10	

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- b) After opening and evaluating the financial proposals of technically qualified bidders, a final weighted combined (quality and cost) score shall be arrived based on the weightage mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Item	Percentage (Weightage)
1	Technical Evaluation	70%
2	Commercial Bid	30%
	Total	100%

- c) The no. of IP firms to be empaneled will be decided by C-DOT and the decision of C-DOT in this regard will be final and binding. No further communication shall be entertained in this regard.

A detailed write up about C-DOT and its products is available along with the following forms at www.cdote.in. Interested firms may download the forms and submit the duly filled forms to the address mentioned here, by post/courier latest by 5 PM on 8th March 2024. The application form and all the enclosures should be substantiated with relevant documents and must be signed and sealed by an authorized person of the firm.

- A. Application form
- B. Profile and Business Competencies of the firm
- C. Schedule of charges
- D. Terms and conditions of C-DOT

C-DOT will not be held responsible for any delay in postal/courier service and you are requested to take care of acknowledgement receipt.

Address to send & Point of contact for any clarification

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