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Request for Proposal (RFP) Document

Empanelment of Law Firms (2nd Call)

Finance Department, Government of West Bengal

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Mere submission of a responsive Proposal does not ensure selection of the prospective Bidder as Empanelled Legal Consultant. The “Finance Department, GoWB” reserves the right to reject all or any of the prospective Bidder’s Proposals without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

The “Finance Department, GoWB” reserves all the rights to cancel, terminate, change or modify this selection process and/or requirements of bidding stated in the RFP document, at any time without assigning any reason or providing any notice and without accepting any liability for the same.

1. INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 In view of improvement in operational efficiency, optimal utilisation of manpower and assets, the State Government is now in the process of restructuring various PSUs followed by Joint Venture companies. In tandem, the State government is also implementing Big infrastructure projects through various Departments. A number of Public Private Partnership (PPP) Projects in the State are also at different stages of implementation. For the above mentioned processes, the State Government Departments very frequently need professional legal advices to supplement in-house expertise, in providing the legal service in a smooth and timely manner which can protect the interest of the State Government.
- 1.1.2 **Panel of Law Firms**-The “Finance Department, Government of West Bengal” hereinafter referred to as “Finance Department, GoWB” or “FD, GoWB”, therefore, intends to empanel maximum 6 (six) **Law Firms (“Bidders”)** with sound background and impeccable track record.
- 1.1.3 **Services covered under Legal Advisory**- The empanelled Law Firms shall give independent expert advice and render other legal services as may be required by different Government Departments and their parastatals as and when required.
- 1.1.4 **The Memorandum of Agreement**- Separate Memorandum of Agreements (MOA)/Agreement shall be entered into by and between the “Finance Department/Administrative Department/Agency, GoWB” and the respective successful Law Firms (**“Bidders”**).
- 1.1.5 A **“Single Stage”** bidding process will be followed for empanelling the Successful Law Firms, wherein the prospective Law Firms would submit their Proposals on/ before the Proposal Due Date, as mentioned in the Proposal Data Sheet. The Bidders shall submit their detailed Technical Proposals for the Empanelment on the “Finance Department, GoWB’s panel” as set out in this RFP document.
- 1.1.6 This RFP document contains information about the Empanelment, bidding process, proposal submission qualification, evaluation process.
- 1.1.7 A level of service, as specified in this RFP document, would have to be maintained, during the empanelment period, by the successful Law Firms.
- 1.1.8 Interested Law Firms (**“Bidders”**) shall be required to submit their Technical Proposals for empanelment as per format given in this RFP document. The Technical Proposal will be examined for substantive compliance or responsiveness to the Proposal requirements. The “Finance Department, GoWB” would evaluate the Technical Proposals as per the evaluation criteria mentioned in this RFP Document.

1.1.9 The top scoring 6 (six) Law Firms would be empanelled as per Clause 1.1.2.

Selection would be based on the marks secured in the Technical Proposal Evaluation, and the Law Firms shall be empanelled by the “Finance Department, GoWB” subject to scoring a **minimum of 70 marks** in their proposal. However, the Authority may, in its sole discretion, qualify technically the Bidder(s) whose Technical Score is less than 70.

1.1.10 The complete Proposals should be submitted off-line on or before the Proposal Due Date as specified in Proposal Data Sheet, in the manner specified in the RFP document. “The Finance Department, GoWB” shall not be responsible for any delay in receiving the Proposal and reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

1.1.11 **The Applicant, who is to be a reputed Legal Firm (partnership including LLPs or company), shall be a single entity and no consortiums shall be allowed.**

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Introduction

Finance Department, Government of West Bengal, will be the nodal agency for Empanelment of Law Firms.

The panel of the Law Firms, to be selected, shall assist Departments of GoWB and state level Public sector Agencies in restructuring Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), the Joint Venture Companies or in settling involved issues in implementation of PPP and other Big Infrastructure Projects within the requisite timeframe and quality. They will also advise the State Government and the parastatals on other relevant issues from time to time.

2.2 Request for Proposal

The “Finance Department, GoWB” invites Proposals (the “Proposals”) for selection of **maximum 6 (six) Law Firms** (the “Law Firms/Bidders”) to be empanelled on the panel of Finance Department, GoWB. They would be required to render legal service to Finance Department, GoWB” or other Government Departments/Agencies over a period of time. The “Finance Department, GoWB” intends to select the Law Firms in accordance with the procedure set out herein.

2.3 Validity of the Proposal

The Proposal shall be valid for a period of not less than **180** days from the Proposal Due Date, or any extensions thereof as specified by the “Finance Department, GoWB” from time to time.

2.4 Brief description of the Selection Process

The “Finance Department”, GoWB has adopted a Single stage selection process (collectively the “Selection Process”) in evaluating the Proposals. A technical evaluation of those Law Firms, fulfilling the basic criteria as set out in Clause 3, will be carried out as specified in Clause 5. Based on this technical evaluation, a panel of short-listed Law Firms shall be prepared as specified in Clause 5.2.

The top 6 (six) ranked Law Firms shall be empanelled on the panel of the Finance Department, GoWB (the “Empanelled Law Firms”). In the event, a Department decides to have any legal service; it may choose to use the service of the empanelled Law Firms.

2.5 Scope of Work

The successful Law Firms shall be required to carry out the work as per the Terms of Reference (TOR) laid down in Clause 7 of the RFP document.

2.6 Job Assignment and Payment

The respective departments shall invite separate proposals from the Empanelled Law Firms for specific assignments. The selection of a Law Firm from amongst the empanelled Law Firms by the respective Departments will be done **on the basis of lowest price bid (L1) to be received by the client department.**

All payments to the Empanelled Legal Consultants shall be made in INR

2.7 Schedule of Selection Process

The “Finance Department”, GoWB would endeavour to adhere to the time schedule as mentioned in the Proposal Data Sheet.

2.8 Communications

The Proposal and any clarifications (as sought by the “Finance Department”, GoWB) should be addressed to the appropriate officials mentioned in the Proposal Data Sheet. The relevant information and documents related to the Empanelment like RFP, notices regarding bidding process etc. shall be uploaded on the Finance Department, GoWB’s Website **wbfin.nic.in** for information and downloading.

3. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITION FOR EVALUATION

Empanelment Criteria

3.1 **Essential Qualifications For Law Firms**-This invitation to submit Proposals to the RFP document is open to all Bidders fulfilling the following basic criteria.

- **Technical Eligibility:**

Law firms seeking empanelment should meet the following technical criteria: -

1. Law firms should have pan-India presence with an office based in Kolkata at least for the last 5 financial years.
2. Can demonstrate having acted for Central/State Government/ Statutory Corporations /Authorities/PSUs in at least 2 (two) assignments in the last 5 financial years in the matters of restructuring, merger and amalgamation or winding up closure/ dispensation or drafting/vetting of PPP documents (RFQ, RFP, Concession Agreement), Tender / Bid documents or other matters as detailed under Clause- 7.

- **Financial Eligibility:**

Law firms seeking empanelment should meet the following Financial Criteria:-

Law Firms should have minimum annual average turnover of Rs. 1 Cr during last five financial years.

- **Experience in company Law matters**

Law Firms should have discharged assignments pan-India during last five financial years involving company law matters.

- **Qualification and experience of the Key Personnel**

The Key Personnel (minimum 3 nos.) named in the proposal should be at the minimum Law Graduates and shall have minimum practising experience in law for last 10 years.

Bidders failing to meet these criteria or not submitting requisite supporting proof as specified in this RFP document are liable to be rejected during the Technical Evaluation.

3.2 Conflict of Interest

“Finance Department”, GoWB requires that Law Firms shall provide professional services and impartial advice and at all times, hold the GoWB’s interests paramount, strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own corporate interests and act without any consideration for future work.

3.3 Single Bidder

The Applicant shall be a single entity and no Consortiums shall be allowed.

3.4 Cost of Proposal

The Bidder shall be responsible for all of the costs associated with the preparation of their Proposals and their participation in the Selection Process. The “Finance Department”, GoWB will not be responsible or in any way liable for such costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Selection Process.

3.5 Acknowledgement by Law Firms

It shall be deemed that by submitting the Proposal, the prospective Law Firm has:

- (a) made a complete and careful examination of the RFP document;
- (b) Received all relevant information requested from the “Finance Department, GoWB”;
- (c) acknowledged and accepted the risk of inadequacy, error or mistake in the information provided in the RFP document or furnished by or on behalf of the “Finance Department, GoWB” or relating to any of the matters referred above;
- (d) satisfied itself about all matters, things and information, including matters referred herein above, necessary and required for submitting an informed Application and performance of all of its obligations there under;
- (e) acknowledged that it does not have a Conflict of Interest; and
- (f) agreed to be bound by the undertaking provided by it under and in terms hereof.

The “Finance Department, GoWB” shall not be liable for any omission, mistake or error on the part of the prospective Law Firm in respect of any of the above or on account of any matter or thing arising out of or concerning or relating to the RFP document or the Selection Process, including any error or mistake therein or in any information or data given by the “Finance Department, GoWB”.

3.6 Right to reject any or all Proposals

Notwithstanding anything contained in this RFP document, the “Finance Department, GoWB” reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal and to annul the Selection Process and reject all Proposals, at any time without any liability or any obligation for such

acceptance, rejection or annulment, and without assigning any reasons thereof.

3.6.1 The “Finance Department, GoWB” reserves the right to reject any Proposal if:

- (a) at any time, a material misrepresentation made by the Law Firm is uncovered or comes to the knowledge of the “Finance Department, GoWB”

or

- (b) the Law Firm does not provide, within the time specified by the “Finance Department, GoWB”, the supplemental information sought by the “Finance Department, GoWB” for evaluation of the Proposal.

3.6.2 Such misrepresentation/ improper response may lead to the disqualification of the Law Firms. If such disqualification / rejection occurs after the Proposals have been opened and the highest ranking Law Firms get disqualified / rejected, then the “Finance Department, GoWB” reserves the right to take any other measure as may be deemed fit in the sole discretion of the “Finance Department, GoWB”, including annulment of the Selection Process.

3.7 Amendment of RFP document

3.7.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Proposal, the “Finance Department, GoWB” may, for any reason, at its own initiative, modify the RFP document by the issuance of Addendum/ Amendment.

3.7.2 All such addenda/amendments will be posted on the Website and will be binding on all prospective Law Firms.

3.7.3 In order to afford the prospective Law Firms a reasonable time for taking an amendment into account, or for any other reason, the “Finance Department, GoWB” may, in its sole discretion, extend the Proposal Due Date.

3.8 Language

The Proposal and all related correspondence and documents shall be written in English language. If any supporting document attached to the Proposal is in any other language, the same will be supported by an English translation and in case of any ambiguity in the translation, original as translated by Finance Department, GoWB shall prevail.

3.9 Format and signing of Proposal

3.9.1 The interested Law Firms shall provide all the information sought under this RFP document. The “Finance Department, GoWB” would evaluate only those Proposals that are received in the specified forms and are complete in all respects.
All pages of the proposal are to numbered serially and signed.

3.9.2 The interested Law Firms shall prepare one original set of the Proposal (together with Documents required to be submitted along therewith pursuant to this RFP) and clearly marked “**ORIGINAL**”.

3.9.3 The Proposal shall be typed or written in indelible ink and signed by the authorized signatory of the Law Firms who shall initial each page, in blue ink. In case of printed and published Documents, only the cover shall be signed. All the alterations, omissions, additions, or any other amendments made to the Proposal shall be initialled by the person(s) signing the Proposal. The Proposals must be properly signed as detailed below:

- (i) by the partner holding the Power of Attorney, in case of a partnership/LLP firm;
- (ii) by a duly authorised person holding the Power of Attorney (the “Authorised Representative”), in case of a Limited Company;

A copy of the Power of Attorney certified under the hands of a partner or director of the Bidder or a notary public on the specified form, shall accompany the Proposal.

3.9.4 Prospective Law Firms should note the Proposal Due Date, as specified in Proposal Data Sheet, for submission of Proposals. Prospective Law Firms are reminded that no supplementary material will be entertained by the “Finance Department, GoWB”, and that evaluation will be carried out only on the basis of documents received by the closing time of Proposal Due Date as specified in Proposal Data Sheet. Prospective Law Firms will ordinarily not be asked to provide additional material information or documents subsequent to the date of submission, and unsolicited material, if submitted, will be summarily rejected.

3.10 Technical Proposal

3.10.1 Bidders shall submit the technical proposal in the formats at **Appendix - 4 & 5** (the “Technical Formats”).

3.10.2 If a Bidder or a professional, working for the Bidder makes an averment regarding his qualification, experience or other particulars and it turns out to be false, or his/ her commitment regarding availability for the assignments is not fulfilled at any stage after signing of the Memorandum of Agreement, he/ she shall be debarred from participation in any future Empanelment of the “Finance Department, GoWB” for a period of two years. The award of this Empanelment to the concerned Bidder may also be liable to cancellation in such an event.

3.10.3 The “Finance Department, GoWB” reserves the right to verify all statements, information and documents, submitted by the prospective Law Firm in response to the RFP document.

Failure of the “Finance Department, GoWB” to undertake such verification shall not relieve the Law Firm of its obligations or liabilities hereunder nor will it affect any rights of the “Finance Department, GoWB” there under.

3.10.4 In case it is found during the evaluation or at any time before signing of the Memorandum of Agreement or after its execution and during the period of subsistence thereof, that the Law Firms have made a material misrepresentation or have given any materially incorrect or false information, the Law Firms shall be disqualified forthwith, if not yet appointed as the Empanelled Law Firms either by issue of the Award Letter or entering into the Memorandum of Agreement, and if the Law Firm has already been issued the Award Letter or has entered into the Memorandum of Agreement, as the case may be, the same shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained therein or in this RFP document, be liable to be terminated, by a communication in writing by the “Finance Department, GoWB”, without the “Finance Department, GoWB” being liable in any manner, whatsoever, to the Law Firms, as the case may be.

3.11 Submission of Proposals

3.11.1 Sealing and Marking of Proposal

Outer Large Envelope

Contents:

1. Covering Letter- As in Appendix 1
2. Power of Attorney for Authorized Signatory- As in Appendix 2
3. Letter of Undertaking – As in Appendix 3:
4. **Separate sealed envelope** containing Processing Fee (non-refundable) of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) in the form of D/D favouring Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Government of West Bengal.
5. **Separate Sealed Envelope** containing the **Technical Proposal** (Appendix -4 & 5)
6. Other miscellaneous documents as mentioned in Appendix -6
7. Confidentiality Undertaking – As in Appendix -7
8. Details of pending enquiry/investigations –As in Appendix -8
9. Details of present/potential conflicts/facts or interest – As in Appendix - 9

The envelope containing the Technical Proposal shall be labelled as:

<p>Envelope –“Technical Proposal” TECHNICAL PROPOSAL for “Selection of Law Firms for Empanelment on Finance Department, GoWB Panel.”</p>
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Contents of Envelope-“Technical Proposal” shall be as follows:

Appendix 4: Experience citation covering all assignments for which Qualifying as well as Technical scoring is being sought.

Appendix 5: Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff.

Other documents (excepting appendices 4 & 5 and the processing fee) are to be sealed in third envelope. All the above three envelopes are to be inserted in a large outer envelope and labelled as **Proposal for “Selection of Law Firms for Empanelment on Finance Department, GoWB Panel.”**

The envelopes shall indicate the complete name, address, telephone numbers (with city code) and facsimile number of the Law Firms. Envelope containing the Proposal shall be addressed to the “Finance Department, GoWB” as mentioned in the Proposal Data Sheet.

3.12 Proposal Due Date

3.12.1 Proposal should be submitted on or before the Proposal Due Date, specified in the Proposal Data Sheet, at the address provided in Proposal Data Sheet in the manner and form as detailed in this RFP document.

3.12.2 The “Finance Department, GoWB” may, in its sole discretion, extend the Proposal Due Date by issuing an Addendum in accordance with provisions of this RFP uniformly for all prospective Law Firms.

3.13 Late Proposals:

Any Proposal received by “Finance Department, GoWB” after 3.00 pm on the Proposal Due Date shall not be accepted.

4. EVALUATION PROCESS

4.1 Evaluation of Proposals

- 4.1.1 The “Finance Department, GoWB” shall open/register the **Outer envelopes at 4.00 pm on the Proposal due date**, at a venue notified in Data Sheet, in the presence of the bidders who choose to attend and verify the submission of proposals.
- 4.1.2 The “Finance Department, GoWB” would subsequently examine and evaluate Technical Proposals in accordance with the Selection Process specified in this RFP and the criteria set out in this RFP.
- 4.1.3 A proposal, for which a notice of withdrawal has been submitted in accordance with the provisions of the RFP document, will not be opened.
- 4.1.4 Prior to evaluation of Proposals, the “Finance Department, GoWB” will determine whether each Proposal is responsive to the requirements of the RFP. A Proposal shall be considered responsive only if:
- (a) it is received in the form specified at Clause 3.11 (Technical Proposal);
 - (b) it is received by the Proposal Due Date & time including any extension thereof pursuant to Clause 3.12;
 - (d) it is signed, sealed, bound and marked as stipulated in Clause 3.11;
 - (e) it contains all the information (complete in all respect) as requested in the RFP document;
 - (f) it does not contain any condition or qualification;
 - (g) it is not non-responsive in terms hereof; and
 - (h) **meets the empanelment criteria as mentioned in Clause 3.1.**
- 4.1.5 The “Finance Department, GoWB” reserves the right to reject any Proposal which is non-responsive and no request for alteration, modification, substitution or withdrawal shall be entertained by the “Finance Department, GoWB” in respect of such Proposals.
- 4.1.6 After the technical evaluation, the “Finance Department, GoWB” would prepare a list of shortlisted Law Firms. The final ranking of the Proposals would be carried out in terms of Clause 5 and the top maximum 6 (six) Law Firms, scoring the highest marks in the Technical Evaluation shall be empanelled by the “Finance Department, GoWB”.
- 4.1.7 Law Firms are advised that Selection will be entirely at the discretion of the “Finance Department, GoWB”. Law Firms will be deemed to have understood and agreed that no explanation or justification on any aspect of the Selection Process or Selection will be given by the “Finance Department, GoWB”.

- 4.1.8 Any information contained in the Proposal shall not in any way be construed as binding on the “Finance Department, GoWB”, its agents, successors or assigns, but shall be binding against the Law Firms if the empanelment is subsequently awarded to it.

4.2 Confidentiality:

Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and recommendation for the short-listed Bidders shall not be disclosed to any person, not officially concerned with the process. Finance Department, GoWB will treat all information submitted as part of a Proposal in confidence and will insist that all, who have access to such material, treat it in confidence. Finance Department, GoWB will not divulge any such information unless it is ordered to do so by any authority that has the power under law to require its disclosure or due to statutory compliances.

4.3 Clarifications

- 4.3.1 To facilitate evaluation of Proposals, the “Finance Department, GoWB” may, at its sole discretion, seek clarifications from any Bidders regarding its Proposal. Such clarification(s) shall be provided within the time specified by the “Finance Department, GoWB” for this purpose. Any request for clarification(s) and all clarification(s) in response thereto shall be in writing.
- 4.3.2 If a Bidder does not provide clarifications sought under Sub-Clause 4.3.1 above within the specified time, its Proposal shall be liable to be rejected. In case the Proposal is not rejected, the “Finance Department, GoWB” may proceed to evaluate the Proposal by construing the particulars requiring clarification to the best of its understanding, and the Law Firm/Bidder shall be barred from subsequently questioning such interpretation of the “Finance Department, GoWB”.

4.4 Empanelment Letter

After selection, an Empanelment Letter shall be issued, in duplicate, by the “Finance Department, GoWB” to the Selected maximum 6 (six) Law Firms/Bidder.

The selected Law Firms/Bidders shall within 7 (seven) days, sign and return the duplicate copy of the Letter in acknowledgement thereof. In the event, the duplicate copy of the Award Letter, duly signed by the any of the Selected Law Firms, is not received by the stipulated date, the “Finance Department, GoWB” may, unless it consents to extension of time for submission thereof, cancel the Letter issued to it.

4.5 Execution of Memorandum of Agreement

After acknowledgement of the Award Letter as aforesaid by the Selected maximum 6 (six) Law Firms, “Finance Department, GoWB” shall execute Memorandum of Agreement with each of them.

5. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION:

5.1 Evaluation of Technical Proposals :

In the first stage, the Technical Proposal will be evaluated on the basis of empanelment criteria mentioned at Clause 3.1.

5.2 For detailed evaluation, the following marking system shall be followed.

Empanelment as Law Firms

Sl. No	Criteria	Total Marks	Marking System
A	Relevant Qualifications / Experience of the Firm	70	
A-1	<p>Law Firm's office at Kolkata</p> <p>The Bidder should have provided Legal services pan-India basis from the office at Kolkata for at least 5 (five) financial years preceding the Application Due Date.</p> <p>Or from office at Kolkata for at least 2 (two) financial years and elsewhere for 5 financial years preceding the Application Due Date.</p>	15	<p>(For Law Firm's office at Kolkata & elsewhere)</p> <p>For min.5 years: 5 marks</p> <p>(For Law Firm's office at Kolkata)</p> <p>> 5 years to 15 years: 8 marks</p> <p>> 15 years to 25 years: 12 marks</p> <p>> than 25 years: 15 marks</p>

Sl. No	Criteria	Total Marks	Marking System
A 2	<p>A. Key professional staff qualifications :</p> <p>(Law Degree from a recognised University/Institution with minimum 10 years' practicing experience):</p> <p><i>(format of specimen CV enclosed in Appendix 5)</i></p>	20	<p>The number of points to be assigned to each CV shall be determined considering the following sub-criteria and relevant percentage weights :</p> <p>1) General Qualification [40%] a) Bachelor Degree in Law (20%) b) Master degree (10%) c) Bar at Law (10%)</p> <p>2) Adequacy for the assignment [40%] Number of projects in the required domain 2 assignments: 2 marks 3 to 5 assignments: 4 marks 6 to 10 assignments: 8 marks</p> <p>3) Experience in State and language [20%] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Languages spoken (10 %) Speaks/reads Bengali: 2 marks • Past assignments in the State of West Bengal (10%) 2 assignments: 1 mark More than 2 assignments : 2 marks Total weight: 100%</p>
	B. No. of Professionals on the assignment	5	<p>If the no. of professionals engaged by the Law Firm is 3 or more 3 professionals : 3 marks 4 professionals: 4 marks 5 professionals: 5 marks</p> <p>(Maximum 5 CVs will be evaluated)</p>
A3	Can demonstrate experience for central/state Govt/ statutory corp./Authorities in PSUs in last 5 years. Scope should include Project as per scope of work in Clause- 7	15	<p>Min.2 cases : 04 marks > 2 up to 5 cases : 8 marks > 5 cases to 10 cases: 12 marks > 10 cases : 15 marks</p>

Sl. No	Criteria	Total Marks	Marking System
A4	Can demonstrate experience in company law matters in last 5 years (any states) other than cases referred in A3 above	15	Min. 5 cases :05 marks > 5 up to 10 cases : 10 marks > 10 cases: 15 marks
B	Financial Competence of the Firm	30	
B-1	Average min. Turnover of the firm for the last 5 financial years ending 31 st March 2017	30	<u>Turnover for Law Firms</u> Min. 1 crore : 5 marks >Rs.1 crore to 2 crore 10 marks: >Rs. 2 Rs. Cr: to 3 crore: 15 marks >Rs. 3 Rs. Cr: to 4 crore: 20 marks > Rs. 4 Rs. Cr: to 5 crore: 25 marks > Rs. 5 Cr: 30 marks
	Total (A+B)	100	

Note:

1. Only completed assignments will be considered.
 2. The applicants must attach Average Annual Turnover Statement for the last five financial years duly certified by the Statutory Auditor/Practicing Chartered Accountant.
 3. Copy of Completion certificate or Engagement letter/Work order and payment receipt certified by a practicing Chartered to be enclosed.
- 5.3 Fractions up to two decimal places will be considered for evaluation.

The Authority may, in its sole discretion, qualify technically the Bidder(s) whose Technical Score is less than 70.

6. FRAUD AND CORRUPT PRACTICES

- 6.1 The Law Firms and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the Selection Process. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this RFP, the “Finance Department, GoWB” shall reject a Proposal without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Law Firms, if it determines that the Law Firm have, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice (collectively the “Prohibited Practices”) in the Selection Process, then the “Finance Department, GoWB” shall disqualify the Bidder from this Selection Process.
- 6.2 Without prejudice to the rights of the “Finance Department, GoWB” under Clause 6.1 hereinabove and the rights and remedies which the “Finance Department, GoWB” may have under the Award Letter or the Memorandum of Agreement, if a Law Firm is found by the “Finance Department, GoWB” to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice during the Selection Process, or after the issue of the Award Letter or the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement, such Law Firm shall not be eligible to participate in any tender or RFP document issued by the “Finance Department, GoWB” during a period of 2 (two) years from the date on which such Bidder is found by the “Finance Department”, GoWB” to have directly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice, as the case may be.
- 6.3 For the purposes of this Clause, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:
- a) “corrupt practice” means (i) the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the action of any person connected with the Selection Process (for avoidance of doubt, offering of employment to or employing or engaging in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, any official of the “Finance Department”, GoWB” who is or has been associated in any manner, directly or indirectly with the Selection Process or the Award Letter or has dealt with matters concerning the Agreement or arising there from, before or after the execution thereof, at any time prior to the expiry of one year from the date such official resigns or retires from or otherwise ceases to be in the service of the “Finance Department”, GoWB”, shall be deemed to constitute influencing the actions of a person connected with the Selection Process; or (ii) engaging in any manner whatsoever, whether during the Selection Process or after the issue of the Award Letter or after the execution of the Agreement, as the case may be, any person in respect of any matter relating to the Empanelment or the Award Letter or the Agreement, who at any time has been or is a legal, financial or technical Bidder/ adviser of the “Finance Department”, GoWB” in relation to any matter concerning the Empanelment;

- b)** “fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation or omission of facts or disclosure of incomplete facts, in order to influence the Selection Process;
- c)** “coercive practice” means impairing or harming or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any persons or property to influence any person’s participation or action in the Selection Process;
- d)** “undesirable practice” means (i) establishing contact with any person connected with or employed or engaged by the “Finance Department”, GoWB” with the objective of canvassing, lobbying or in any manner influencing or attempting to influence the Selection Process; or (ii) having a Conflict of Interest; and
- e)** “restrictive practice” means forming a cartel or arriving at any understanding or arrangement with other Applicants with the objective of restricting or manipulating a full and fair competition in the Selection Process.

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE

I. Scope of work for the empanelled Law Firms

The Scope of Work of the empanelled Law Firms will be as under:

- a) Advising on the different options of merger/amalgamation/integration/business transfer / Closure of PSUs /JV companies and analysis of recommended options.
- b) Drafting scheme of amalgamation / merger/de-merger/closure and all steps in connection with the exercise.
- c) Drafting Business Transfer Agreement.
- d) Drafting, preparing and finalizing and filing the application to National Company Law Tribunal/Ministry of Company Affairs and appearing before the National Company Law Tribunal/ Ministry of Companies Affairs in relation to the amalgamation/merger/ winding up/closure etc..
- e) Drafting of appropriate Bill for consideration by State Legislature Assembly in the above respect.
- f) Drafting and/ or vetting of Request for Qualification (RFQ), Request for Proposal (RFP), Concession Agreement, Escrow Agreement, Substitution Agreement, State Support Agreement, Lease Agreement, Development Agreement, Service Agreement etc for PPP or other projects.
- g) Documentation, Drafting and General counselling on any legal issues.
- h) Apostille services.
- i) Any other matters.

II. Allocation of Assignments amongst the empanelled Law Firms

For allocation of Assignments, amongst the empanelled Bidders, specific terms of reference shall be prepared by the respective Departments/Agencies, Government of West Bengal and provided to the empanelled Bidders.

Administrative Departments/Agencies, Government of West Bengal shall carryout Limited Tenders amongst all the empanelled Law Firms on the L-1 Selection criteria i.e. on the basis of the laid down terms and conditions, the Law Firms shall submit their financial proposals and the Bidder quoting the lowest financial fees will be selected for the assignment.

Fees will be released as per the payment schedule defined in the Assignment specific Terms of Reference/Scope of Work.

In some cases there may be requirement of sector specific specialised/ technical legal advice, in which case bids may be conducted through open and competitive bidding process by the concerned Departments/Agencies. Further, in case if a(an) department/Agency wants they may call open tenders with no specific preference to any of the empanelled Law Firms.

III. Fees and payment structure

Towards consideration for the role performed, the Law Firms shall be entitled to receive fixed Professional Fees.

IV. Validity of the Panel

The Panel of Law Firms shall be valid for a period of 3 (three) years from the date of Agreement, but the same can also be terminated earlier by Finance Department, Govt. of West Bengal without disclosing any reasons, by giving one months' prior written notice.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- 8.1 The Selection Process shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of India and the Courts at Kolkata shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all disputes arising under, pursuant to and/or in connection with the Selection Process.
- 8.2 The “Finance Department”, GoWB, in its sole discretion and without incurring any obligation or liability, reserves the right, at any time, to:
- a) suspend and/or cancel the Selection Process and/or amend and/or supplement the Selection Process or modify the dates or other terms and conditions relating thereto;
 - b) consult with any Law Firms in order to receive clarification or further information;
 - c) retain any information and/or evidence submitted to the “Finance Department, GoWB” by, on behalf of and/or in relation to any Law Firms; and/or
 - d) Independently verify, disqualify, reject and/or accept any and all submissions or other information and/or evidence submitted by or on behalf of any Law Firms.
- 8.3 It shall be deemed that by submitting the Proposal, the prospective Law Firms agree to release the “Finance Department, GoWB”, its employees, agents, experts and advisers, irrevocably, unconditionally, fully and finally from any and all liabilities for claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities in any way related to or arising from the exercise of any rights and/or performance of any obligations hereunder, pursuant hereto and/or in connection herewith and waives any and all rights and/or claims it may have in this respect, whether actual or contingent, whether present or future.

9. PROPOSAL DATA SHEET

Name of the Empanelment	Selection of Law Firms for “Empanelment on Finance Department, Government of West Bengal’s Panel”
Name of the Authority	Finance Department, Government of West Bengal
Name and Address of authority for submission of Proposals	Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Government of West Bengal PPP Cell, Room No 1209, 12th Floor ‘Nabanna’ 325, Sarat Chatterjee Road, Howrah- 711102
Processing Fee	Processing Fee (non-refundable) of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) in the form of DD favouring Additional Chief Secretary (Finance), Government of West Bengal payable in Kolkata, is to be submitted along with the bid.
Period of Proposal Validity	180 days from Proposal Due Date or any extension thereof, sought by the “Finance Department, GoWB”
Bidding Parameter	As per Eligibility criteria set in Technical Proposal
Date inviting 2 nd call of RfP for Empanelment of Law Firms	19/03/2018
Submission of Queries For the 2 nd call	Queries are to be submitted in writing, within 12-00 noon on 21/03/2018, either through registered post or through email at tender.pppwbfd@gmail.com
Authority’s response to queries	22/03/2018
Proposal Due Date	Latest by 3 pm on 28/03/2018
Opening of proposal (outer envelope)	28/03/2018 at 4-00 p.m at Conference Hall, Room no. 1202, 12 th floor, Nabanna, 325, Sarat Chatterjee Road, Howrah,711102.
Declaration of results	29/03/2018 (Tentative)
Issue of Award Letter	Within 7 days from the date of Declaration of result or any extension specified by “Finance Department, GoWB”

10. TECHNICAL FORMATS

Appendix 1: Covering Letter

Date:

To
Additional Chief Secretary,
Finance Department,
Government of West Bengal.
Nabanna, Howrah

**Subject: Selection of Law Firms for Empanelment on Finance Department,
GoWB's Panel.**

Dear Sir,

1. With reference to the RFP Document for the captioned Empanelment, we, having examined all relevant documents and understood their contents, hereby submit our Proposal for selection as Law Firms for the proposed panel. The Proposal is unconditional and unqualified. We confirm that we have examined the terms and conditions published in the RFP and accordingly submitting the application.
2. Processing Fee of Rs. 10,000/-(Rupees ten thousand only) is attached in the form of Demand Draft no. _____, dated _____ drawn on _____ in favour of **Additional Chief Secretary Finance, Government of West Bengal** payable at Kolkata.
3. All information provided in the Proposal is true and correct and all documents accompanying such Proposal are true copies of their respective originals.
4. This statement is made for the express purpose of selection as the Law Firms on the panel of "Finance Department, GoWB".
5. We shall make available to the "Finance Department", GoWB" any additional information, it may deem necessary or require for supplementing or authenticating the Proposal.
6. We acknowledge that the right of the "Finance Department, GoWB" to reject our application without assigning any reason or otherwise and hereby waive our right to challenge the same on any account whatsoever.
7. We certify that in the last three years, we have neither failed to perform on any contract, as evidenced by imposition of a penalty by an arbitral or judicial Court or a judicial pronouncement or arbitration award against us, nor have been expelled from any

Empanelment or contract nor have had any contract terminated for breach on our part.

8. We declare that:
- a) We have examined and have no reservations to the RFP Documents, including any Addendum thereto, issued by the “Finance Department, GoWB” ;
 - b) We do not have any conflict of interest in accordance with provisions of the RFP Document;
 - c) We have not directly or indirectly or through an agent engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice, as defined in the RFP document, in respect of any tender or request for proposal issued by or any agreement entered into with the “Finance Department, GoWB” or any other public sector enterprise or any Government, Central or State;
 - d) We hereby certify that we have taken steps to ensure that in conformity with the provisions of the RFP, no persons acting for us or on our behalf will engage in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice;
 - e) We hereby declare that if selected as the empanelled Law Firm, We will be liable to fulfil all the obligations enumerated in this RFP document and Memorandum of Agreement or Agreement executed with Finance/Administrative Departments/Agencies.
9. We understand that you may cancel the Selection Process at any time and that you are neither bound to accept any Proposals that you may receive nor to select the Law Firms, without incurring any liability in accordance with the provisions of RFP document.
10. We certify that we have not been convicted by any Court of Law or indicted or otherwise have adverse orders passed against us by any Regulatory Authority which would cast a doubt on our ability to get empanelled as Law Firm or which relates to a grave offence that outrages the moral sense of the community.
11. We further certify that in regard to matters relating to security and integrity of the country, we have not been charge-sheeted by any agency of the Government or convicted by a Court of Law for any offence committed by us.
12. We further certify that no investigation by a Regulatory Authority is pending either against us or against our Associates or against our CEO or any of our Directors/Managers.
13. We hereby irrevocably waive any right or remedy, which we may have at any stage at law

or howsoever otherwise, arising to challenge or question any decision taken by Finance Department, GoWB, in connection with the selection of Bidder or in connection with the Selection Process itself in respect of the above mentioned Empanelment.

14. We agree and understand that the proposal is subject to the provisions of the RFP document. In no case, shall we have any claim or right of whatsoever nature if the selection for any Empanelment is not awarded to us or our proposal is not opened or rejected.
15. We agree to keep this offer valid for a period of 180 (One Hundred and Eighty) days or for a longer period on any further extension being sought by the “Finance Department, GoWB”, from the Proposal Due Date specified in the RFP.
16. In the event of our firm being selected as the Empanelled Law Firm, we agree to enter into an Agreement in accordance with the provisions of the RFP. We agree not to seek any changes in the aforesaid form and agree to abide by the same.
17. We understand that this is only an empanelment exercise and actual resource deployment on the Assignments shall occur through the competitive bidding, after another limited tender exercise undertaken by the respective authorities, from amongst the empanelled Law Firms. We agree to ensure the availability of the resources proposed in our proposal for such Valuation services within 15 days of the final selection by the respective authorities.
18. We understand that the billing of the resources will occur only against the actual deployment on the Assignments and as per the financial bids finalized in the process thereof.
19. We have studied the RFP and all other documents carefully. We understand that except to the extent as expressly set forth in the Agreement, we shall have no claim, right or title arising out of any documents or information provided to us by the “Finance Department, GoWB” or in respect of any matter arising out of or concerning or relating to the Selection Process including the award of Legal assignments.
20. We have put in place a mechanism to resolve any Conflict of Interest situations and circumstances that may arise or result while conducting our business or rendering of services and where-so-ever any Conflict of Interest or potential for Conflict of Interest may arise, we shall take reasonable steps to resolve the same forthwith in a fair and equitable manner. During the term of our empanelment we shall ensure to and continue to exercise adequate due diligence for identifying and removing any areas, source, situations and circumstances of conflict and mitigating the effects of such conflicts to the satisfaction of the Finance Department, Government of WB, in case any such Conflict of interest (or apparent conflict of interest) arises or results in relation to the Proposed empanelment.
21. During the tenure of our empanelment, we shall keep the Finance Department, GoWB

informed, without delay, of any situations, circumstances, relationships, possible source or potential areas of Conflict of Interest and we shall not take up work in relation to any such assignment without obtaining prior approval of the Finance Department, GoWB and granting of such approval shall be the sole discretion of Finance Department, GoWB and shall be binding on us.

22. We ourselves and / or in association with or on behalf of or through any other Entity, shall not take up any advisory or consulting assignment or render any services on a similar assignment or any other transaction which could have a direct Conflict of Interest, in any manner or capacity during the term of our empanelment in respect of the Proposed assignment without prior written approval of the Finance Department, GoWB and granting of such approval shall be the sole discretion of Finance Department, Government of WB and shall be binding on us.

23. We have laid down an internal code of conduct for governing our internal procedures and operations and have prescribed the standards of appropriate conduct for our employees and officers for carrying out their duties and responsibilities with a view to appropriately ensuring proper maintenance of professional excellence and standards with integrity, confidentiality, objectivity and have made provisions for identification, avoidance and resolution of conflict of interests and for disclosure of shareholdings and interests, etc., in terms of applicable laws.

24. We understand that:

- (i) in cases where existing Conflict of Interest (or apparent conflict of interest) is disclosed by us, the Finance Department, Government of WB would be entitled to terminate our empanelment, in whole or in part, if such termination is necessary in view of the Government to avoid the appearance of a Conflict of Interest.
- (ii) The Finance Department, GoWB would be entitled to terminate our empanelment if any of the affirmation / declaration / undertaking given by us is found to be false or misleading in any manner or not adhered or fulfilled or complied by us.

25. We agree and undertake to abide by all the terms and conditions of the RFP Document. In witness thereof, we submit this Proposal under and in accordance with the terms of the RFP Document.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature, name and designation of the Authorised Signatory)

Appendix 2: Power of Attorney for Authorized Signatory
(On a Stamp Paper of relevant value)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these presents, we _____ (name and address of the registered office) do hereby constitute, appoint and authorize Mr. /Ms. _____ (name and address of residence) who is presently employed with us and holding the position of _____ as our attorney, to do in our name and on our behalf, all such acts, deeds and things necessary in connection with or incidental to our Proposal for the Empanelment.

We hereby agree to ratify all acts, deeds and things lawfully done by our said attorney pursuant to this Power of Attorney and that all acts deeds and things done by our aforesaid attorney shall and shall always be deemed to have been done by us.

Executant

Signature of Attorney
(Name, Title and Address of the Attorney)

Attested

Executant

Notes:

1. To be executed by the sole Bidder.
2. The mode of execution of the Power of Attorney should be in accordance with the procedure, if any, laid down by the applicable law and the charter documents of the executants (s) and when it is so required the same should be under common seal affixed in accordance with the required procedure.
3. Also, where required, the executants(s) should submit for verification the extract of the charter documents and documents such as a resolution / Power of attorney in favour of the Person executing this Power of Attorney for the delegation of Power hereunder on behalf of the Bidder.

Appendix 3: Letter of Undertaking

Date:

To
Additional Chief Secretary,
Finance Department,
Government of West Bengal.
Nabanna, Howrah.

**Subject: Selection of Law Firms for Empanelment on Finance Department,
GoWB Panel.**

We hereby agree and undertake as under:

- (i) That, notwithstanding any conditions, whether implied or mentioned in our Technical Proposal, we agree to the terms and conditions as contained in the RFP document provided to us.
- (ii) That if empanelled and for the specific Empanelment (s) mandated to us, we our associates/group companies /affiliates shall not bid for the same company/enterprise (s) as Acquirer/Developer/Consultant and / or Rating Agency.

We hereby represent and confirm that our proposal is unconditional.

Dated this..... Day of..... 2018

Name of the Bidder

Signature of the Authorized Person

Name of the Authorized Person

Appendix 4: Experience on Legal Services

Empanelment of Law Firms:

Sl No	Name of the assignment	Scope of Work	Assignments as per clause 5.2. A-3 or A-4 (Pl. mark)	Reference page no. in proposal	
				for copy of work order/completion certificate /client citation	for details of the project as per Note 4 below
1					
2					
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Note:

1. Client Certificate must be provided for experience. Self-Certification by the Bidder shall not be admissible.
2. Additional paper may be used for more Assignments.
3. Applicants are advised to give details of the only completed Legal Advisory Assignments

handled by them. The Law Firms will be ranked on the basis of cumulative number of Assignments handled by them.

4. The **details of each of the assignment** given in experience citations chart above will be given in the following format:

Name of the assignment	
Name of the state/location within India	
Name & address of the Client with email id:	
Brief description of the assignment	
Scope of services provided	
Duration of the Assignment (from--- to ---)	
Number of professionals/consultants engaged with core competencies	
Name of Team Leader with qualification	
Certified that the information given above is correct	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> Signature

Appendix 5: Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff

Present/Proposed Position :

Name of Firm:[Insert name of firm proposing the staff]

Name of Staff:[Insert full name]

Date of Birth: _____ **Nationality:** _____

Education:[indicate college/university/Institution and other specialised education of staff member, giving names of institutions, degrees, professional qualifications obtained and dates of obtainment]

Professional Memberships:

Other Training/ publications [indicate significant distinction/training/publication since degree in Education were obtained]:

Countries of Work Experience[List countries where staff has worked in the last ten years]:

Languages known:

<u>Language</u>	<u>Read</u>	<u>Write</u>	<u>Speak</u>

Employment Record :

From:		To:	
Employer:			
Positions held:			
From [Year]:		To [Year]:	
Detailed Task Assigned			
[List all the tasks performed with reference to scope of work under Clause 7.I of this RFP]			
Work Undertaken that best Illustrates Capability to handle the Tasks assigned			
[Among the Assignments in which the staff has been involved, indicate the following information for those Assignments that best illustrate staff capability to handle the tasks listed under Clause-7.I]			
Name of Assignment or Project:			
Year:			
Location:			
Client:			
Positions held:			
Activities performed:			

Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

_____ Date: _____
[Signature of staff member or authorized representative of the staff] *[Day/Month/Year]*

Full name of authorised representative:

Appendix 6: Other Documents to be submitted in the Technical Proposal

The following documents will also be part of the Technical Proposal and should be submitted by the interested firms:

- i. The Bid Document and all its amendments and corrigendum duly signed.
- ii. Copy of Certificate of Registration of Law firm (existence for at least 5 financial years for office in Kolkata).
- iii. Average Annual Turnover Statement for the last five financial years duly certified by the Statutory Auditor/Practicing Chartered Accountant.
- iv. Copy of Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card of bidder.
- v. Copy of GST registration certificate.
- vi. Copy of Income Tax return for last 3 financial years.

Appendix – 7 : Confidentiality Undertaking

It is certified that the documents / data / information pertaining to [Name of assignment], which will be provided to [Name of the bidder] for empanelment or otherwise related to it shall be treated as strictly confidential and will not be disclosed or handed over by [Name of the bidder] to any outside agency / person without prior written permission of Finance Department, Government of WB.

It is further certified that the Advisory reports and other relevant documents, which are to be submitted by [Name of the bidder] to the Government will not be disclosed to any other agency / person without prior written permission of Finance Department, Government of WB.

Seal with Signatures of the authorized signatory of the bidder

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DETAILS OF PENDING ENQUIRY/INVESTIGATIONS

S. No	Name of the concern/ Sister Concern(s) / concerned person(s) against whom the enquiry / investigation has been initiated	Relationship with the bidder	Name of the investigating agency	Nature of pending enquiry / investigation and law under which the enquiry has been initiated	Brief facts / interim orders / other relevant information in respect of the pending enquiry / investigation

Seal with signatures of authorized signatory of the Bidder

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DETAILS OF PRESENT / POTENTIAL CONFLICTS / FACTS OR INTERESTS

S. No	Name of the Entity, in which interests Conflicts exit / may arise	Relationship of the Bidder with the Entity	Nature / areas of conflict / potential conflict	Duration of subsistence of conflict, if any	Such other information as may be relevant and material in deciding whether there is a conflict / potential conflict of interest

Seal with signatures of authorized signatory of the Bidder