



RAILTEL CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.

(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

**Plot No 143, Sector 44,
Institutional Area,
Opposite to Gold Souk,
Gurgaon, Haryana 122003**

**Expression of Interest Document
For
Empanelment of Business Partners**

No: RCIL/ 2016-17/ DNM/ EoI/ 11

NOTICE

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RailTel Corporation of India Ltd., (hereafter referred to as RailTel) invites EOIs in sealed covers from the reputed firms, for Empanelment of Business Partners. The details are as under:

1	Downloading of EOI Documents from RailTel's website	21 st Dec 2016
2	Submission of EOI documents	10 th Jan 2017 – 3:00 pm
3	Opening of EOI documents	10 th Jan 2017 – 3:30 pm
4	Number of copies to be submitted	1
5	Earnest Money Deposit (Refundable)	INR 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only)
6	EoI Fee	INR 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)

All queries, if any, in connection with this EOI shall be sent to following officials (in word format) & hard copy by post to RailTel Corporation of India Limited, 143, Institutional Area, Sector-44, Gurgaon - 122003.

Prospective bidders are required to direct all communications related to this RFP, through the Nominated Point of Contact persons:

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1 RailTel – Introduction

RailTel Corporation of India Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Railways, Govt. of India, and is a national telecom service provider having NLD, IP2 and ISP licenses and IP1 registration and have built nation-wide optical fiber network. RailTel's objective is to create a nation-wide broadband telecom and multimedia network.

RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel) an ISO-9001:2000 organization is a Government of India undertaking under the Ministry of Railways. The Corporation was formed in Sept 2000 with the objectives to create nationwide Broadband Telecom and Multimedia Network in all parts of the country, to modernize Train Control Operation and Safety System of Indian Railways and to significantly contribute to realization of goals and objective of national telecom policy 1999. RailTel is a wholly owned subsidiary of Indian Railways.

RailTel is building state of the art multimedia telecom network using SDH/DWDM based transmission systems and high end MPLS-IP routers. RailTel has extensive expertise in building telecom networks. Moreover, RailTel draws its manpower from signal and telecom branch of Indian Railway which has been in the business of construction, operation and maintenance of telecom systems for more than 50 years.

RailTel has created countrywide state of the art SDH/DWDM backbone optical transport network using latest technology. More than 400 cities covering over 42,000 RKMs across the country are connected on the network with multiple STM-16 (n x 2.5 Gbps) connectivity. RailTel has also implemented ultra-high capacity DWDM network over 10,000 RKM to provide 400 Gbps which is further upgradable to 800 Gbps in future.

RailTel's backbone Transport Network has been configured in multiple 'Self-Healing' Ring architectures which provide for redundancy by automatically redirecting and switching traffic from failed/ degraded routes for an uninterrupted service ensuring maximum up time and service reliability. The network supports multiple ring protection schemes. The network has been designed in such a way that full redundancy is available for bandwidth between any two points.

The whole network is managed by centralized network management system (NMS) and backup facilities located across India. RailTel has got unique advantage to offer the best quality service (QoS) from a single

unified network with PAN India presence. This state of art network enables point and click provisioning of the bandwidth and other services from anywhere to anywhere in the country. It enables provisioning of traffic in any granularity from 2 MBPS to multiple of Gbps (n x Gbps) from its country wide strong backbone network.

One of the objectives of formation of RailTel was to spread telecom revolution in the remote and backward areas of the country by building state of the art multimedia network. In this process, RailTel has implemented country wide MPLS-IP backbone network to provide whole range of VPN & Internet services. The network has been built using high end routers of Juniper network. The network support services like Layer 3 and Layer 2 VPN services, broadband internet access, multicast services etc. The MPLS network has POPs at multiple cities across the country and is in process of being extended to several important cities/towns also. RailTel is now entrusted with transformational agenda by the Government of India with various strategic projects which are of national importance. Some of such projects are:

- 1 National Broad Band Network
- 2 National Knowledge Network
- 3 Alternative Network For National Security
- 4 Intelligent Network Infrastructure for Smart City Communications
- 5 Rural Broad Band
- 6 Citywide High Quality Gigabit Wi – Fi
- 7 National Infrastructure Disaster Response Management
- 8 Public Safety and Security
- 9 Technological Innovation and Invention

2 Scope of Work

2.1 Preamble

RailTel wishes to enter aggressively in Project Business, intending to expand its market share into various technology offerings such as Telepresence, GSM-R, Maintenance of SWAN, Cloud services, Content Delivery Platforms, Storage and Server, Telecom Networking, Data Center, Transmission Network, Data Network etc., thereby building up its formidable presence in telecom and IT industry, in order to fulfill its objective of multi-fold growth in its turnover and profitability. Therefore, RailTel requires to empanel additional business partners for participating in future tenders fulfilling the requirement of the tender.

2.2 Indicative Categories for empanelment

The following list is indicative of the categories for which RailTel desires to empanel organizations:

Category: **Business Partners**

- In the areas such as;
 - Hardware Implementation
 - Telecom Network Integration
 - IT Network Integration
 - Data Centre Setup
 - Software Delivery
 - Customized Application Development
 - COTS Application
 - Services Implementation
 - Telepresence/ Video Conferencing Services
 - Content Delivery Network Services
 - Cloud Services
 - Data Centre Services

2.3 Responsibilities of an empanelled partner(s)

- The empanelled partner shall respond to each request for quotation (including cost, technical capabilities, man-hours and other details) raised by RailTel within 3 days from the date of request.
- The empanelled partners shall support RailTel in preparation of the tender response.
- The empanelled partners shall provide training to the client personnel during the transition phase of the project (if required).
- The empanelled partners shall abide by all terms and conditions for the complete period of empanelment.
- The empanelled partners shall inform RailTel if any opportunity for a partnership to compete for a project is realized by the partner.
- The empanelled partners, when participating in a tendering process in consortium with RailTel, shall be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect information furnished as part of the bid submission. Further, the empanelled partner shall solely bear the consequences of the same.

3 Eligibility Criteria

The applicant will be evaluated for empanelment as a business partner, inter-alia, based on the pre-qualification criteria mentioned below.

S. No.	Pre-Qualification Criteria	Reference Details/ Documentary Evidence
1	The applicant should be a system integrator operating in India for last 5 years.	Certificate of Incorporation / Any other relevant document
2	The applicant should have an annual turnover of at least INR 75 Crore over the last 3 years as per the consolidated financial statements	Copy of audited balance sheet for the last 3 years
3	The applicant must have profitable operations for at least 2 of the last 3 years preceding the date of submission of EoI.	Copy of audited profit and loss statement for last 3 years
4	The applicant should be sole proprietary concern, partnership firm or a company registered with the Registrar of Firms/Registrar of Companies (as applicable).	Partnership Deed/Memorandum and Article of Association
5	The applicant should be an income – tax assessee having filed its income tax return for last 2 financial years.	State of Income Tax Return for last 2 years
6	The applicant should be an authorized dealer having VAT/Sales Tax registration.	Sales Tax/VAT Registration certificate / copies
7	The applicant should not have been blacklisted by any of the PSUs for the past 2 years.	Self-Declaration
8	The applicant must have undertaken /completed at least 2 assignments (in the category applied for empanelment) of INR 50 lakh and above in last 3 years.	Attach work orders/certificates specifying “completion” or “satisfactory work in progress” OR Reference Details on the applicant’s letter head with contact details for reference.

S. No.	Pre-Qualification Criteria	Reference Details/ Documentary Evidence
9	The applicant shall have at least 100 active professionals on company payroll (in the category applied for).	Certificate issued by HR / Authorized signatory

4 Information to Applicants

4.1 Period of Empanelment

The validity period of empanelment will be 3 years from the date of signing the contract for empanelment. The period of empanelment may be extended as mutually agreed between RailTel and the empanelled partner.

4.2 Earnest Money Deposit

1. The applicant for the empanelment shall furnish a sum of INR 1, 00,000/- (INR One Lakhs only) as earnest money in favor of RailTel Corporation of India Limited.
2. The applicants shall hold the offer open till such date as specified in this EoI. It being understood that that after submitting the response to this EoI, it will not back-out from his offer or modify the terms and conditions thereof. If the applicant fails to observe or comply with the foregoing stipulation, the aforesaid amount deposited as Earnest Money shall be liable to be forfeited by the RailTel.
3. The Earnest Money receipt shall be incorporated in the original copy of the EoI document. The Earnest Money should be furnished in the form of an Account Payee Demand Draft in favor of M/s RailTel Corporation of India Limited, New Delhi payable at New Delhi (India) from SBI or a Nationalized Bank or a schedule Commercial Bank operating in India.
4. The earnest money of unsuccessful applicant will save as herein before provided, be returned within reasonable time to the applicant however RailTel shall not be responsible for any loss or depreciation that may happen to the security for the due performance of the above stipulation to keep offer open for the period specified in the EoI documents or to the Earnest Money while in their possession nor be liable to pay interest thereon.
5. If the EoI is accepted, the amount of Earnest Money will be held as security deposit for due and faithful fulfillment of contract or till the time the Contract Performance Guarantee (Security Deposit) as required and duly signed formal contract duly is received by the purchaser.

6. The EoI not accompanied by Earnest Money will be summarily rejected.
7. On receipt of Letter of Acceptance of EoI from RailTel, the applicant shall, within a period of 15 days, submit the security deposit of INR 5, 00,000 (INR Five Lakhs Only) in the form of Bank Guarantee from a scheduled commercial bank for the duration of the empanelment or extended period, if any, in favor of RailTel Corporation of India Limited. On receipt of BG, EMD will be refunded without any interest.

4.3 Guideline for preparation of response to this EoI

Applicants are requested to follow the below guidelines while preparing their responses to EoI.

1. The EoI should be in the format provided in Annexure 1. Any EoI not found responsive to the details mentioned in this document may be rejected.
2. The applicant is requested to review the response before submission as the submitted response shall be considered final and revisions may not be permitted, unless there are genuine reasons for such revision.

4.4 Amendment to the information document

RailTel may, for any reason, whether at their own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by an interested applicant, modify this document through amendment. In such case, the following rules will apply:

1. Any amendment shall be issued in writing through addenda.
2. Addenda shall be hosted on RailTel's website. Any Applicant who wishes to receive the addenda via email can send an email to the email address indicated in the Notice section requesting for the same.
3. Any such modification will overrule the original version and previously modified version.
4. RailTel, at its discretion, may extend the deadline for submission of EoI, after considering the materiality of the amendment.

4.5 Confidentiality

The empanelled Business Partner and their personnel will not, either during the term or after expiration of this contract, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the services, contract or business or operations of RailTel or its clients without the prior written consent of RailTel.

4.6 Jurisdiction

The parties through respective signatories shall settle any dispute or disagreement with respect to performance, non-performance or defective performance of respective obligation amicably. In the event of disputes remaining unresolved, the parties shall refer the matter to a single arbitrator under arbitration law that may be applicable, whose appointment shall be done by Managing Director, RailTel Corporation of India Limited. The place of arbitration shall be New Delhi and the language used shall be English.

4.7 Force Majeure Clause

If at any time, during the continuance of this contract, the performance, in whole or part, by either party, of any obligation under this contract shall be prevented or delayed by reason of any war, hostility, act of the public enemy, Civil Commotion, Sabotage, Fires, Floods, Earthquakes, explosions, strikes, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, lockouts, any statute, statutory rules/ regulations, order of requisitions issued by any Government Department or Competent Authority of acts of God (here-in-after referred to as event) then provided notice of the happening of any such event is given by either party to the other within twenty one days from the date of occurrence thereof, neither party shall, by reason of such event, be entitled to terminate this Contract nor shall either party have any claim for damage against the other in respect of such non-performance or delay in performance, and the obligations under the Contract shall be resumed as soon as practicable after such event has come to an end or ceased to exist, PROVIDED FURTHER that if the performance in whole or part of any obligation under this Contract is prevented or delayed by reason of any such event beyond a period as mutually agreed to by the Railways and the Contractor after any event or 60 days in the absence of such an agreement whichever is more, either party may at its option terminate the Contract provided also that if the contract is so terminated under this clause the Railways may at the time of such termination take over from the Contractor at prices as provided for in the contract, all works executed or works under execution.

5 Terms and Conditions

- a) RailTel will enter into an agreement, incorporating technical specifications, financial conditions, service levels and related terms and conditions. The bidder needs to sign an NDA with RailTel as per RailTel's policy.
- b) RailTel reserves the right to accept or reject any or all application(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever. RailTel's decision in this regard shall be binding and final.

- c) If any of the information, furnished by the applicant, is found incorrect at a later stage, he shall be liable to be barred from participating in current and subsequent opportunities with RailTel. RailTel reserves the right to verify the particulars furnished by the applicant independently.
- d) If empanelled partner do not respond to the enquiries on three different occasion or express their inability to quote for enquiries, RailTel reserves the right to cancel its empanelment.
- e) Wherever required, specific MoU/agreement will be signed with respective partner for specific business opportunity (RFP/Tender/Bid).
- f) The applicant after submitting the response to this EoI, agree with RailTel for honoring all aspects of fair trade practices.
- g) The applicant shall bear all cost associated with the preparation and submission of the response to this EoI.

6 Annexures

6.1 Annexure 1: EoI Format

The response to the EoI needs should cover following and should reach RailTel before the submission deadline. RailTel reserves the right to reject any response received after the mentioned deadline.

1. The cover letter in the format mentioned in Annexure 2 should be part of the expression of interest being submitted.
2. Applicant must include the EoI fees and EMD demand drafts. Both demand drafts must be in the name of “RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.” payable at New Delhi. The amount of demand drafts for EMD to be submitted is mentioned in section 4.2.
3. The applicants need to provide all the reference details/documentary evidences required to fulfill the eligibility criteria as applicable. The applicant are expected to submit evidences to meet all the eligibility criteria mentioned in Section 3.
4. The applicants need to provide the details of the point of contact who shall be contacted from RailTel for any matter pertaining to the empanelment or the EoI process in the future.

The format in which the details are to be furnished is mentioned below:

(PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS TO FILL THE TABLE BELOW)

DETAILS OF POINT OF CONTACT			
First Name		Last Name	
Designation			
Official Address			

Contact Number (Office Landline)	
Mobile Number	
Official Email ID	

5. Applicants required to fill the form given below which would capture the category(s) in which the applicant wants to get itself empanelled with RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. The form would also capture the applicant's profile. The form is mentioned below:

Type of Business Partner: System Integrator ☐ Consulting services ☐	
Status of Applicant(Partnership, Company etc.)	
Number of Years of Experience	
Classification of products offered (each in separate line)	
Example: Hardware/ Software Implmentation Managed Services Content Delivery Maintenance Consulting etc.	
Number of office locations in India (Provide details of offices)	
Number of office locations globally (Provide details of offices)	
Number of employees in India and global	
Total revenue from sales in India (for last 3 financial years)	FY 1
	FY 2
	FY 3

(Applicant's Profile Form)

6. Applicant is required to fill the form given below which would capture the area(s) in which the applicant wants to get itself empanelled with RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. The form would also capture the skills available and number of projects executed in past 3 years by the applicant. The form is mentioned below:

- Hardware Implementation

Area	Skills Available (Y/N)	Size of technical staff	Number of projects executed in last 3 years	Cost of executed projects with duration (for each)	Preferred OEM Partner/ Business Tie-up(s) (if any)
Telecom Network Integration					
IT Network Integration					
Data Centre Setup					

- Software Delivery

Area	Skills Available (Y/N)	Size of technical staff	Number of projects executed in last 3 years	Cost of executed projects with duration (for each)	Preferred OEM Partner/ Business Tie-up(s) (if any)
Customized Application Development					
COTS Application					

- Services Implementation

Area	Skills Available (Y/N)	Size of technical staff	Number of projects executed in last 3 years	Cost of executed projects with duration (for each)	Preferred OEM Partner/ Business Tie-up(s) (if any)
Telepresence/ Video Conferencing Services					
Content Delivery Network Services					
Cloud Services					
Data Centre Services					

6.2 Annexure 2: Cover Letter Format

COVERING LETTER

(to be on company letter head)

Offer Reference No: RCIL/2016-17/ DNM/ EoI/ 11

Date:

To,

EoI In-charge,
RailTel
Railtel Address,

Dear Sir,

SUB: Empanelment of Business Partner

Having examined EoI document bearing the reference number RCIL/2016-17/ DNM/ EoI/ 11, dated 10/04/15 released by your esteemed organization, we, undersigned, hereby acknowledge the receipt of the same and offer to empanel our organization as a Business Partner in conformity with the said EoI.

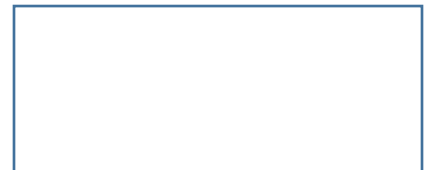
If our offer is accepted, we undertake to abide by all the terms and conditions mentioned in the said EoI over the period of empanelment.

We have enclosed a demand draft in lieu of EMD for INR 1, 00,000/- (INR One Lakh Only) in favor of RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.

We hereby declare that all the information and supporting documents furnished as a part of our response to the said EOI, are true to the best of our knowledge. We understand that in case any discrepancy is found in the information submitted by us, our EoI is liable to be rejected.

Date:

Signature with seal –



(In the box)

Name: _____

Designation: _____

6.3 Abbreviations

S. No.	Abbreviation	Meaning
1	BP	Business Partner
2	EoI	Expression of Interest
3	NLD	National Long Distance
4	ISP	Internet Service Provider
5	QoS	Quality of Service
6	VAT	Value Added Tax
7	PSU	Public Sector Undertaking
8	MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
9	EMD	Earnest Money Deposit
10	SLA	Service Level Agreement
11	NDA	Non-Disclosure Agreement
12	POC	Point of Contact
13	BG	Bank Guarantee