

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

## Engagement of CERT-In Empanelled Security Auditor for Security Audit of Applications

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Information Kerala Mission (IKM), under the Local Self Government Department, Government of Kerala, invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from CERT-In empanelled Information Security Auditing Organisations for engaging a Security Auditor for a period of one year to conduct security audit of applications developed and maintained by IKM.

IKM develops and maintains large scale e-Governance applications used by Government Institutions across Kerala, including citizen service platforms handling high transaction volumes and sensitive government data. These applications require periodic security audit, compliance verification and certification.

### Scope of Work

The selected security auditor shall carry out the following including but not limited to:

- Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) of web applications, APIs and mobile applications.
- Identification of vulnerabilities including OWASP Top 10 and other security risks.
- Security assessment of supporting infrastructure including application servers, database servers, network components and cloud environments.
- Aadhaar Compliance Audit as per UIDAI guidelines wherever Aadhaar authentication services are integrated.
- Re-audit / verification after rectification of identified vulnerabilities.
- Issue Security Audit Report, Compliance Report and Re-Audit Report.
- Issue Safe-to-Host Certificate confirming that the application is secure for deployment.

Security audits may be required before Go-Live of applications, after major updates, and periodically during the engagement period.

## Engagement Period

The selected auditor will be **engaged for a period of one year** from the date of issuing the work order.

## Payment Terms

Payment will be made on a **monthly basis** during the contract period based on submission of invoice and certification of satisfactory service by IKM.

## Eligibility Criteria

Interested organisations must meet the following requirements:

1. The bidder must be empanelled with CERT-In as an Information Security Auditing Organisation.
2. The bidder must have a registered office or branch office in Kerala.
3. The bidder must have minimum three years experience in Information Security Auditing.
4. The bidder must have experience in security audit of enterprise applications including web applications, APIs and mobile applications.
5. The bidder must have experience or capability to conduct Aadhaar Compliance Audit as per UIDAI guidelines.
6. The bidder must have completed security audit of at least three enterprise applications for Government organisations, PSUs or reputed institutions.
7. The bidder must have qualified security professionals with recognised certifications such as CEH, CISSP, OSCP, CISA, ISO 27001 Lead Auditor etc.
8. The bidder should not have been blacklisted by any Government or PSU organisation.
9. The bidder must have valid PAN, GST Registration and company registration documents.

## Submission of Proposal

Bidders shall submit their proposal in two separate sealed covers:

### Cover 1 – Technical Proposal

- Company profile
- Audit capabilities
- CERT-In empanelment certificate
- Details of office in Kerala
- Experience in security audits
- Experience in Aadhaar compliance audits
- List of completed audit assignments
- Details of security professionals
- Non-blacklisting declaration

## Cover 2 – Financial Proposal

- Price bid for providing security audit services.

Both covers shall be placed inside a single outer sealed cover clearly mentioning:

“EOI for Engagement of CERT-In Empanelled Security Auditor”

## Agreement and Security Deposit

The successful bidder shall execute an agreement with Information Kerala Mission (IKM).

The selected bidder shall submit a Security Deposit of 5% of the total contract value in the form of Bank Guarantee from a scheduled bank before signing the agreement.

The Security Deposit will be released after successful completion of the contract period, subject to satisfactory performance.

IKM reserves the right to terminate the agreement in case of non-performance or violation of terms and conditions.

## Last Date for Submission

The completed proposal shall reach the office of Information Kerala Mission **on or before 20 March 2026**.

## Contact

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