

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Expression of Interest / Market Engagement)

NIT Reference Number	CAG/IS/AI-PLATFORM/NIT/2026
Name of the Work / Project	Establishment of a Sovereign AI & Data Platform with Agentic AI Applications for the Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India
Corresponding EOI Reference	CAG/AI-PLATFORM/EOI/05052026
Tender Type	Open Tender (Expression of Interest – Market Engagement)
Category	Services – IT / Artificial Intelligence / Data Platform
Issuing Authority	Director (IS), O/o the Comptroller & Auditor General of India
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	NIL – Not applicable for Expression of Interest
Tender Fee	NIL – Not applicable for Expression of Interest
Date of Publication	05 May 2026
Last Date for Submission of Queries	15 May 2026
Date of Published Clarifications	20 May 2026
Last Date for EOI Response Submission	26 May 2026
Mode of Submission	Email to aao4is@cag.gov.in with subject: "EOI Response – CAG Sovereign AI & Data Platform – [Organisation Name]"
Contact for Queries	Sushant - aao4is@cag.gov , diris@cag.gov.in
CPPP Portal Link	https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app

1. INTRODUCTION

The Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from eligible organisations for the establishment of a Sovereign AI & Data Platform with Agentic AI Applications. CAG is the Supreme Audit Institution of India, constituted under Article 148 of the Constitution of India, and is responsible for the audit of accounts of the Union, States, and Union Territories with Legislature.

This Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) is issued for the purpose of market engagement and capability assessment. It is not an invitation for commercial bids. The EOI process is intended to gauge the readiness, interest, and technical capability of qualified organisations in responding to the envisaged procurement, and to inform the design of a subsequent Request for Proposal (RFP).

2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Aspect	Description
Project Title	Sovereign AI & Data Platform with Agentic AI Applications
Project Objective	To establish a sovereign, scalable, and governed AI & Data Platform that empowers CAG to deliver higher-quality, more timely, and data-driven audit outcomes while retaining full institutional control over its data, models, and intelligent systems.
Scope – Pillar 1	Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS): Sovereign compute, GPU, storage, networking, and security — on NIC Cloud, MeitY-empanelled cloud, private cloud, or on-premises at CAG-designated facilities.
Scope – Pillar 2	Sovereign AI & Data Platform: Lakehouse data foundation, data ingestion, governance, metadata management, AI/ML services, model registry, vector database, RAG framework, agentic orchestration, and observability layer.
Scope – Pillar 3	Agentic AI Applications: Development and deployment of four priority use-cases — (i) Pension Pre-Scrutiny Agent (AI-PARAS), (ii) ITR & Assessment Order Audit Agent, (iii) Supplementary Financial Audit Agent, and (iv) Commercial Financial Audit Agent.
Indicative Scale	Up to 20,000 concurrent users 10 million+ documents/year 2 PB storage 5-year retention
Implementation Phasing	4 Phases: Core Platform Foundation → Application Enablement → Advanced Intelligence → Institutional Scale
Procurement Method	Quality cum Cost Based Selection (QCBS) to be formalised in RFP
Consortium Permitted	Yes Lead Entity model with subcontracting permitted. PQ criteria must be met by Lead Entity individually.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-QUALIFICATION (INDICATIVE)

The following criteria are indicative for the Lead Entity / sole bidder. These will be formalised as pass/fail gates in the subsequent RFP. Respondents are encouraged to respond even if some criteria are partially met through consortium arrangements.

#	Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Evidence
PQ1	Legal Registration	Incorporated under Companies Act 1956/2013 or LLP registered in India	Certificate of Incorporation
PQ2	Years of Operation	Minimum 5 years active operation in India	Certificate of Incorporation / GST Registration
PQ3	Information Security	Valid ISO 27001:2022 ISMS certification	ISO Certificate with number and validity
PQ4	Annual Turnover	Average ₹1,500 Crore or above over last 3 audited financial years (IT/digital services)	Audited financials / CA-certified certificate
PQ5	Financial Health	Positive net worth; profitable in at least 2 of last 3 financial years	Audited financial statements
PQ6	Not Blacklisted	Not blacklisted/debarred by any Central/State Govt, PSU, or autonomous body	Self-declaration on letterhead
PQ7	No Disqualifying Litigation	No pending litigation materially affecting ability to execute contract	Self-declaration on letterhead
PQ8	IT Workforce	Minimum 500 full-time IT professionals as on bid submission date	HR self-declaration with certifications list
PQ9	AI/ML Workforce	Minimum 50 full-time AI/ML professionals as on bid submission date	HR self-declaration with certifications list

4. SCOPE OF EOI RESPONSE

Interested organisations are invited to submit structured capability statements covering the following sections as detailed in the EOI document:

Section	Content Required
Section A	Organisational Profile — Legal name, registration details, ISO 27001:2022 status, key personnel.
Section B	Technical Capability — Architecture philosophy, Lakehouse experience, AI/ML services, Agentic AI frameworks, IaaS capability including NIC Cloud empanelment.
Section C	Relevant Project Experience — Up to 5 reference projects most relevant to this scope, with client details, scale, technologies, and role.
Section D	Proposed Approach — High-level approach to all four agentic use-cases: Pension Pre-Scrutiny Agent, ITR Audit Agent, Supplementary Financial Audit Agent, and Commercial Financial Audit Agent.
Section E	Consortium & Subcontracting Details — Names, roles, and scope of all consortium members and subcontractors, if applicable.
Section F	Questions and Clarifications — Queries or suggestions on scope, requirements, or procurement approach.

Maximum Response Length: 30 pages (excluding annexures). Responses must be submitted in English only, as a single PDF document.

5. IMPORTANT CONDITIONS

- This NIT / EOI is not an agreement, offer, or commitment of any kind. No contractual obligation shall arise from this process unless and until a formal contract is signed.
- No Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is required for this EOI. No Tender Fee is payable.
- CAG reserves the right to amend, supplement, or withdraw this EOI at its absolute discretion and without incurring any liability to any party.
- Submission of an EOI response does not confer any preferential right or guarantee of participation in the subsequent RFP.
- All costs associated with preparation and submission of a response are to be borne entirely by the respondent.
- CAG is not obligated to acknowledge or respond to any EOI submission and reserves the right to reject any or all responses without assigning reasons.
- Information submitted may be shared internally within CAG and with its empanelled advisors for procurement planning purposes.
- Information submitted in response to this EOI may be subject to disclosure under the Right to Information Act, 2005, subject to applicable exemptions under Section 8 thereof.
- The successful bidder(s) under the subsequent RFP/contract shall be required to sign an Integrity Pact as per Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines.
- Respondents are advised to monitor the CPPP portal (<https://eprocure.gov.in>) for any corrigenda, amendments, or extensions.

6. KEY DATES AT A GLANCE

S.No	Event	Date
1	Publication / Issue of NIT & EOI on CPPP	05 May 2026
2	Last Date for Submission of Queries / Clarifications by Respondents	15 May 2026
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7. HOW TO OBTAIN THE EOI DOCUMENT

The complete EOI document (EOI No.: CAG/IS/AI-PLATFORM/EOI/2026) is available for download free of cost from the following sources:

- Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP): <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>
- Official website of the CAG of India: <https://www.cag.gov.in>

No physical copy will be issued. Respondents are advised to download the document directly from the CPPP or CAG website. No Tender Fee is charged for obtaining the EOI document.

8. SUBMISSION DETAILS

Parameter	Details
Submission Mode	Email submission (PDF format)
Submission Email Address	aa04is@cag.gov , diris@cag.gov.in
Email Subject Line	EOI Response – CAG Sovereign AI & Data Platform – [Organisation Name]
Last Date and Time for Submission	26 May 2026 (by 5:00 PM IST)
Language of Submission	English only
Format	Single PDF document with clearly labelled annexures
Maximum Pages	30 pages (excluding annexures)

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