



केन्द्रीय समुद्री मात्स्यिकी अनुसंधान संस्थान
(भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद)
[कृषि अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा विभाग, कृषि मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार]
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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS
(ICAR-CENTRAL MARINE FISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE)

Online bids are invited by the Director, ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CMFRI), Kochi, from eligible and reputed firms for **Hiring of Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) Services for carrying out seamount investigations across the west coast of India under the MoES DOM Project**, in accordance with the Scope of Work, Technical Specifications, and other terms & conditions contained in the bid document , through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Portal.

The bid document may be downloaded from the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Portal (<https://gem.gov.in>). The same is also available on the ICAR-CMFRI website (www.cmfri.org.in) for reference only.

CRITICAL DATE SHEET

Bid Publishing Date	07.08.2026
Bid Submission Start Date	07.08.2026
Bid Submission End Date	28.08.2026
Bid Opening Date	28.08.2026, 11.30 AM

Sd/-
Assistant Administrative Officer
Inventory Management Section

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE BID SUBMISSION

1. The bid document may be downloaded from the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Portal (<https://gem.gov.in>). Submission of bids shall be through the GeM Portal only. Manual/offline bids submitted by post, courier, hand delivery, fax, or e-mail shall not be accepted under any circumstances.
2. Bidders shall be registered on the GeM Portal and possess a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC), wherever applicable, for submission of bids through the GeM Portal.
3. Bidders are advised to visit the GeM Portal regularly for any corrigendum, addendum, clarification, or other updates relating to the bid. No separate communication shall be issued in this regard.
4. The bid shall be submitted online through the GeM Portal in accordance with the instructions contained in the bid document. Bids that are incomplete, conditional, or not in conformity with the prescribed requirements are liable to be rejected.
5. The bid shall be processed under the Two Bid System, comprising a Technical Bid and a Financial Bid. The Financial Bids of only those bidders who qualify in the Technical Evaluation shall be opened.
6. If the date of bid opening is declared a Government holiday, the Technical Bid or Financial Bid, as the case may be, shall be opened on the next working day at the same time, unless otherwise notified through the GeM Portal.
7. The bidder shall possess the minimum average annual financial turnover and the minimum years of experience as specified in the bid document. Documentary evidence in support of the same shall be uploaded along with the Technical Bid. Failure to furnish the required documentary proof shall render the bid liable to be treated as non-responsive and liable for rejection.
8. Every bidder shall furnish an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of **₹20,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) in the manner prescribed in the tender. The EMD may be submitted in the form of a Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of the Director, ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi, payable at State Bank of India. Bidders claiming exemption from EMD under the applicable Government of India rules shall upload valid documentary proof of such exemption along with a duly filled and signed Bid Securing Declaration (Annexure-VI). Failure to furnish the prescribed EMD or, where applicable, valid exemption documents together with the Bid Securing Declaration shall render the bid liable to be treated as non-responsive and liable for rejection. The EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned in accordance with the applicable GeM provisions after completion of the bid process.
9. Only the successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Security equivalent to five percent **(5%)** of the accepted contract value within **15 days** from the date of issue of the Award of Contract/Service Order. The Performance Security shall remain valid for the entire period of the contract, including any extension thereof, and for a further period of 60 days beyond the completion of all contractual obligations. The Performance Security may be furnished in the form of a Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of the Director, ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi, payable at the State Bank of India. Failure to furnish the Performance Security within the stipulated period may result in cancellation of the award of contract. Failure to furnish the Performance Security, or to accept the Award of

Contract/Service Order, or to fulfil the contractual obligations shall render the successful bidder liable for action in accordance with the applicable GeM provisions and Government of India procurement rules.

10. The entire bidding process, including submission of bids, opening of the Technical and Financial Bids, evaluation, and award of contract, shall be carried out through the GeM Portal. Bidders are not required to be physically present at ICAR-CMFRI during the bid opening process.
11. The bid shall remain valid for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of opening of the financial bid.
12. The work shall ordinarily be awarded to the technically qualified bidder quoting the Lowest Evaluated Cost (L1), subject to fulfilment of all eligibility conditions, technical specifications, and other requirements of the bid.
13. The bidder shall submit the duly filled and signed Technical Compliance Statement (Annexure-I) along with the Technical Bid. Bids not accompanied by the same shall be treated as non-responsive and are liable to be rejected.
14. The bidder shall submit all the documents specified in Annexure-III (List of Documents to be Submitted). Failure to furnish any of the required documents may render the bid liable to be treated as non-responsive.
15. All documents specified in Annexure-III, except Annexure-IV (Format of Price Quotation), shall be duly filled, signed wherever applicable, and uploaded along with the Technical Bid.
16. Annexure-IV (Format of Price Quotation) shall be submitted only with the Financial Bid. Inclusion of any price or financial information in the Technical Bid shall render the bid liable to be treated as non-responsive.
17. Annexure-VI (Bid Securing Declaration Form) shall be applicable only to bidders claiming exemption from EMD as per the prevailing Government of India rules.
18. The Director, ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either wholly or partly, without assigning any reason.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(i) General Terms and conditions

1. The bidder shall provide Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) Services strictly in accordance with the technical specifications, scope of work, and terms & conditions specified in the bid document.
2. The ROV, along with all associated equipment, accessories, sensors, cameras, cables, software, and support systems required for successful execution of the work, shall be in good working condition, properly maintained, and compliant with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.
3. The ROV and associated personnel shall be deployed only on the dates and at the locations specified by ICAR-CMFRI.
4. The service provider shall arrange, at its own cost, all requirements necessary for execution of the work, including transportation, mobilisation, demobilisation, operation, repair, maintenance, fuel, electricity/battery charging, spare parts, consumables, tools, software, communication facilities, and manpower.
5. The service provider shall deploy qualified and experienced ROV operators and technical personnel capable of carrying out the assigned work safely and efficiently.
6. The personnel deployed by the service provider shall maintain proper discipline, professionalism, and courteous behaviour during the entire period of work.
7. In the event of any breakdown, malfunction, or non-availability of the ROV or any essential equipment during the execution of the work, the service provider shall arrange a suitable replacement within the time specified by ICAR-CMFRI without any additional financial liability to the Institute.
8. The service provider shall comply with all applicable statutory provisions relating to labour laws, wages, insurance, taxation, safety regulations, and other legal requirements. Any liability arising out of non-compliance shall rest solely with the service provider.
9. The service provider shall obtain and maintain valid insurance coverage for the ROV, associated equipment, personnel, and third-party liabilities throughout the contract period.
10. ICAR-CMFRI shall not be responsible for any loss, theft, damage, accident, injury, or death involving the ROV, associated equipment, personnel, or any third party during execution of the work. All legal and financial liabilities arising therefrom shall be borne solely by the service provider.
11. ICAR-CMFRI shall not bear any expenditure towards food, accommodation, local transportation, medical expenses, or any other personal expenses of the personnel deployed by the service provider.
12. All data, photographs, video recordings, survey outputs, processed results, reports, and any other information collected, generated, or recorded during execution of the work shall remain the exclusive property of ICAR-CMFRI. The service provider shall not copy, publish, disclose, distribute, or use such information for any purpose without prior written approval of ICAR-CMFRI.
13. The work shall be carried out in accordance with the instructions issued by the Principal Investigator or any officer authorised by ICAR-CMFRI.

14. The contract shall remain valid for a period of eight (8) months from the date of issue of the Award of Contract. The actual deployment of the ROV shall be for two (2) consecutive days only, on dates specified by ICAR-CMFRI during the contract period. ICAR-CMFRI reserves the right to extend the contract for a further period on the same terms and conditions, subject to the requirement of the Institute and satisfactory performance of the service provider.
15. Marine operations are subject to prevailing weather and sea conditions. ICAR-CMFRI reserves the right to reschedule, postpone, suspend, or modify the work schedule in the interest of safety or scientific requirements without any additional financial implication.
16. The work shall be considered complete only after satisfactory completion and certification by the Principal Investigator or the authorised representative of ICAR-CMFRI.
17. Payment shall be released only after satisfactory completion of the assigned work and submission of all required deliverables and documents. No advance payment shall be made.
18. Applicable Income Tax, GST (where applicable), and other statutory deductions shall be made as per the prevailing Government of India rules.
19. The bidder is advised to familiarise itself with the scope of work and operational requirements before submission of the bid. No claim arising out of inadequate understanding of the work shall be entertained subsequently.
20. The bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that no damage is caused to the property of ICAR-CMFRI or any third party during execution of the work. Any loss or damage caused shall be made good by the service provider at its own cost.
21. The service provider shall ensure proper collection, handling, and disposal of all waste materials generated during execution of the work in accordance with applicable environmental laws and regulations. No waste, debris, hazardous material, or pollutants shall be discharged into the sea or at the work site. Any liability arising out of improper disposal shall be borne solely by the service provider.
22. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with the contract shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts at Kochi, Kerala.

(ii) Scope of Work

The successful bidder shall provide Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) Services for carrying out seamount investigations across the west coast of India under the MoES DOM Project, in accordance with the technical specifications and terms & conditions of this bid document.

The scope of work shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The service provider shall deploy a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) conforming to the technical specifications prescribed in this bid document.
2. The ROV shall be deployed for two (2) consecutive days, on the dates specified by ICAR-CMFRI during the currency of the contract.
3. The service provider shall arrange mobilisation and demobilisation of the ROV, together with all accessories, control systems, tools, cables, and ancillary equipment required for successful execution of the work.

4. The service provider shall provide qualified and experienced personnel required for safe and efficient operation of the ROV.
5. The service provider shall be responsible for the installation, operation, monitoring, maintenance, and retrieval of the ROV during the survey period.
6. The service provider shall ensure uninterrupted operation of the ROV throughout the survey period and shall arrange suitable standby equipment, spare parts, and technical support to minimise operational downtime.
7. The service provider shall provide the following deliverables upon completion of the survey:
 - Raw video recordings.
 - Enhanced HD video recordings.
 - Video recordings with data overlay.
 - Post-inspection visual analysis of the recorded data.
 - Survey report.
 - Processed HD video files in a Pen Drive or other suitable storage media.
8. The service provider shall comply with all instructions issued by the Principal Investigator or the authorised representative of ICAR-CMFRI during execution of the work.
9. The service provider shall ensure compliance with all applicable statutory provisions, safety standards, and environmental regulations during execution of the work.
10. The service provider shall be solely responsible for the safety, insurance, and welfare of its personnel, equipment, and accessories deployed for the work.
11. ICAR-CMFRI shall provide:
 - Deep sea trawler with GPS (30 feet) in overall length.
 - Power supply generator.
 - Scientific guidance and identification of survey locations.
12. The work shall be deemed to have been completed only after:
 - Successful completion of the scheduled ROV survey;
 - Submission of all deliverables specified in this bid document; and
 - Certification of satisfactory completion by the Principal Investigator, MoES DOM Project, ICAR-CMFRI.

(iii) Technical Specifications

The bidder shall provide:

- 450 m depth-rated Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV).
- Minimum 450 m tether cable.
- Underwater 4K Camera.
- Underwater HD Camera.
- Minimum 1500 lumens dimmable LED lighting system.
- GPS.
- Underwater Positioning System.
- Standby spare parts and accessories.
- Data overlay facility.
- Video enhancement facility.

- Reporting of survey results.
- Post-inspection visual analysis of raw video.
- Video enhancement with depth and geo-position tagging.
- Processed HD videos in a pen drive.

(iv) Penalty Clause

1. The Service Provider shall deploy the Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), along with all required accessories, support equipment and qualified personnel, at the location, date and time specified by ICAR-CMFRI.
2. In the event of failure to deploy the ROV as scheduled, delay in commencement of the work attributable to the Service Provider, breakdown of the ROV during deployment without providing a suitable replacement within the time specified by ICAR-CMFRI, or failure to complete the assigned work in accordance with the contract, ICAR-CMFRI shall be entitled to take appropriate action under the terms of the contract.
3. Any additional expenditure or actual loss incurred by ICAR-CMFRI due to such default, including the cost of engaging an alternative service provider, shall be recoverable from the payments due to the Service Provider and/or from the Performance Security.
4. In case of delay in execution of the work attributable to the Service Provider, Liquidated Damages (LD) may be levied in accordance with the applicable provisions of the GeM Portal and Government of India procurement rules, subject to the limits prescribed therein.
5. Repeated failure, unsatisfactory performance, abandonment of work, submission of false information, or breach of any terms and conditions of the contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for termination of the contract, without prejudice to any other rights and remedies available to ICAR-CMFRI under the contract or applicable Government rules.
6. In the event of termination of the contract due to default of the Service Provider, the Performance Security shall be liable to be forfeited, wholly or partly, as decided by ICAR-CMFRI.
7. The decision of the Director, ICAR-CMFRI, or an officer authorised by the Director, regarding recovery of losses, imposition of Liquidated Damages, forfeiture of the Performance Security, or termination of the contract shall be final and binding on the Service Provider.

TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE STATEMENT*(To be filled and signed by the bidder)*

Sl. No.	Specification Required	Offered by Bidder	Complied (Yes/No)
1.	Make and Model of ROV		
2.	Year of Manufacture		
3.	Depth Rating (Minimum 450 m)		
4.	Tether Cable Length (Minimum 450 m)		
5.	Underwater 4K Camera		
6.	Underwater HD Camera		
7.	LED Lighting System (Minimum 1500 Lumens, Dimmable)		
8.	GPS		
9.	Underwater Positioning System		
10.	Data Overlay Facility		
11.	Video Enhancement Facility		
12.	Post-inspection Visual Analysis		
13.	Processed HD Video in Pen Drive		
14.	Standby Spare Parts & Accessories		

Name of the Bidder: _____**Seal of the Firm:****Date:** _____**Place:** _____

UNDERTAKING

(To be submitted on the Letter Head of the Bidder)

I/We hereby undertake and agree that all operational data, video recordings, photographs, survey outputs, environmental assessments, processed results, reports, and any other information collected, generated, or recorded during the execution of the work shall remain the exclusive property of ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CMFRI).

I/We further undertake and agree that ICAR-CMFRI shall have the sole and exclusive right to analyse, use, reproduce, publish, disseminate, and otherwise utilise such data, records, reports, videos, photographs, and findings for scientific, research, academic, administrative, or any other official purpose.

I/We further undertake to treat all such data, records, reports, videos, photographs, assessments, and associated information as confidential and proprietary. I/We shall not disclose, publish, reproduce, distribute, transmit, share, or otherwise make available, directly or indirectly, any part thereof to any person, organisation, or third party without obtaining the prior written permission of ICAR-CMFRI.

I/We further undertake to ensure the responsible management, protection, preservation, and safeguarding of all data and information collected during the execution of the work and shall comply with all instructions issued by ICAR-CMFRI in this regard.

I/We understand and agree that any breach of this undertaking shall constitute a breach of the terms and conditions of the contract and may result in appropriate action by ICAR-CMFRI in accordance with the provisions of the contract and the applicable Government of India rules.

Signature of the Authorised Signatory: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Name of the Firm: _____

Seal of the Firm

Date: _____

Place: _____

LIST OF ENCLOSURES

Sl. No.	Description	Details to be given by the bidder
1.	Firm's Name and full postal address	Scanned copy must be uploaded. Failing which bid will be disqualified
2.	Details of Firm's Registration	Scanned copy must be uploaded. Failing which bid will be disqualified
3.	Service Tax/GST Registration Certificate issued by the Competent Authority	Scanned copy must be uploaded. Failing which bid will be disqualified
4.	PAN Number	Scanned copy must be uploaded. Failing which bid will be disqualified
5.	Experience Details	Scanned copy must be uploaded. Failing which bid will be disqualified
6.	EMD details	Scanned copy must be uploaded. Failing which bid will be disqualified
7.	Format of price quotation	Scanned copy must be uploaded only with the Financial Bid . Failing which, the bid shall be liable for rejection. Uploading it with the Technical Bid shall also render the bid liable for rejection.
8.	Annual Turnover Details	Scanned copy must be uploaded. Failing which bid will be disqualified
8.	Duly filled and signed Annexures- I, II, IV and V	Scanned copy must be uploaded. Failing which bid will be disqualified
9.	Other related certificates	Scanned copy to be uploaded.
10.	Bank Details	
	a.) Bank Name	
	b.) Address of Bank	
	c.) Account No	
	d.) Type of account (Current or Saving)	
	e.) MICR No.	
	f.) RTGS/NEFT Code	

FORMAT OF PRICE QUOTATIONS

Sl. No.	Description of Work	Basic Amount (₹)	GST%	Total Amount (₹)
1.	Hiring of Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) Services for two (2) consecutive days as per the Scope of Work and Technical Specifications.			

Grand Total (Inclusive of all charges and applicable GST): ₹_____

Amount in words: _____

The quoted price shall be inclusive of all costs required for satisfactory completion of the work, including transportation, mobilisation, demobilisation, manpower, operation, repair, maintenance, consumables, insurance, and all other incidental expenses. GST shall be indicated separately.

The bidder confirms that the above rates shall remain valid for acceptance for 90 days from the date of opening of the Financial Bid.

Signature of the Authorized Signatory: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Name of the Firm: _____

Address: _____

Seal of the Firm

Date: _____

Place: _____

TENDER ACCEPTANCE LETTER

(To be submitted on the Letter Head of the Bidder)

To

The Director
ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute
Ernakulam North P.O.
Kochi – 682 018

Sub: Acceptance of Terms and Conditions of the Bid

Bid Reference No.: _____

Sir,

1. I/We have carefully read and examined the entire bid document, including all annexures, schedules, amendments, corrigenda, and other documents forming part of the bid.
2. I/We hereby unconditionally accept all the terms and conditions contained in the bid document and undertake to comply with the same.
3. I/We confirm that all corrigenda, addenda, and clarifications issued, if any, have been taken into consideration while submitting this bid.
4. I/We hereby declare that our firm has not been blacklisted or debarred by any Central Government Department, State Government Department, Autonomous Body, Public Sector Undertaking, or any other Government organisation as on the date of submission of the bid.
5. I/We certify that all information and documents furnished by us in support of this bid are true, complete, and correct. In the event that any information is found to be false, misleading, or incorrect at any stage, ICAR-CMFRI shall be at liberty to reject our bid or terminate the contract, if awarded, without prejudice to any other action permissible under the applicable Government of India procurement rules and GeM provisions.
6. I/We understand that submission of this acceptance letter shall constitute unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions of the bid.

Yours faithfully,

Signature of the Authorised Signatory

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Name of the Firm: _____

Seal of the Firm

Date: _____

Place: _____

BID SECURING DECLARATION FORM

Tender No.:

Dated:

To

The Director
ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute
Kochi – 682 018

I/We. The undersigned declare that;

I/We accept that I/We may be disqualified from Bidding for any contract with you for a period of one year from the date of notification. If I am/we are in a breach of any obligation under the bid conditions, because I/We

(a)Have withdrawn/modified amended, impairs or derogates from the tender, my/our Bid during the period of bid validity specified in the form of Bid; or

(b)Having been notified of the acceptance of our Bid by the purchaser during the period of bid validity (i) fail or refuse to execute the contract, if required, or (ii) fail or refuse to furnish the Performance Security, in accordance with the instructions to Bidders.

I/We understand this Bid Securing Declaration shall cease to be valid if I am/We are not the successful Bidder, upon the earlier of (i) the receipt of your notification of the name of the successful Bidder; or (ii) thirty days after the expiration of the validity of my/our Bid.

Signed:_____ (insert signature of person whose name and capacity are shown)

In the capacity of:_____ (insert legal capacity of person signing the Bid Securing Declaration)

Name:_____ (insert complete name of person signing the Bid Securing Declaration) Duly authorised to sign the bid for and on behalf of _____(insert complete name of Bidder)

Dated on _____ day of _____ (insert date of signing) Corporate seal (where appropriate)

(Note: In case of Joint venture, the Bid Securing Declaration must be in the name of all partners to the Joint Venture that submits the bid)