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“EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI)”

(For Empanelment of Entities for Third-Party Monitoring & Evaluation (TPM&E) for CAMPA Funded Activities and Schemes) under Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016.

National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), (herein after National Authority), **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)**, **Government of India**, invites Expression of Interest (EoI) from eligible and experienced applicants for Empanelment as Third Party Monitoring & Evaluation (TPM&E) entity to monitor and evaluate the CAMPA Funded Activities and Schemes implemented by State & Union Territory CAMPA Authorities, under Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016.

The empanelled entities shall be eligible to participate in subsequent bidding process issued and carried out by the respective State & UT CAMPA Authorities, as per applicable procurement procedures.

Interested applicants may submit their EoI, along with all the required documents for technical and financial qualifications in the prescribed formats.

The detailed EoI document is available for download from the Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP) eProcurement portal (<https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>), as well as from the website of the National Authority and the MoEF&CC at <https://nationalcampa.nic.in/> and <https://moef.gov.in/>, respectively.

Interested applicants are advised to carefully review the EoI document and submit their applications, along with all the requisite annexures and the supporting documents, in accordance with the prescribed schedule and instructions contained therein.

The applicants are requested to submit the original hard copies of the duly completed application, along with all required documents and annexures, in a sealed envelope addressed to:

Assistant Inspector General of Forest, (AIGF)
National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority,
3rd Floor, Supreme Court Metro Station Building
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Applicants are also required to submit a soft copy of the complete application along with all supporting documents, via e-mail at nationalcampa-moefcc@gov.in. **with the subject line – ‘Submission of Empanelment Documents’.**

The application must be submitted within the prescribed timeline as specified in the EoI document. Any queries or requests for clarification relating to the EoI shall be submitted only through e-mail at nationalcampa-moefcc@gov.in on or before 5 PM by 10th August 2026. The same shall be addressed, as applicable, through clarifications issued by the National Authority.

AIGF, National CAMPA
MoEF&CC, New Delhi



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National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (National CAMPA)

Schedule of Critical Dates (EoI)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Date & Time
1	EoI Reference Number	NA-2/12/2026-NA
2	EoI Publication date	30 th July 2026
3	Pre-EoI Query Submission	On or before 5 PM by 10 th August 2026
4	Pre- EoI Meeting (Online)	The date, time and joining link for the meeting will be notified on 10 August 2026 through the National CAMPA and MoEF&CC websites
5	Last date and Time for EoI Submission along with all supporting documents.	21 st August 2026, by 5 PM
6	Evaluation Start Date	24 th August 2026
7	EMD & Performance Security	As per EoI conditions
8	Publication of Provisional List of Empanelled Entities	Will be notified on National CAMPA and MoEF&CC portal
9	Publication of Final List of Shortlisted Empanelled Entities	To be notified on National CAMPA and MoEF&CC portal

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Definitions and Abbreviations

A. Definitions

Sr. No.	Term	Definition
1	Applicant Entity	Any legally registered organization submitting an Expression of Interest (EoI) under this empanelment process.
2	Empanelled Entity	An Applicant Entity successfully shortlisted (After submission of Performance Security) and empanelled by the National Authority for undertaking TPM&E assignments.
3	National Authority	National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (National CAMPA) constituted under the CAF Act, 2016.
4	State & UT CAMPA Authority	Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority established by a State or Union Territory Administration.
5	CAMPA-funded Activities	Activities and schemes financed from the Compensatory Afforestation Fund, including afforestation, wildlife conservation, catchment treatment, ecosystem restoration, and other approved interventions.
6	Third-Party Monitoring & Evaluation (TPM&E)	Independent monitoring, verification, assessment reporting and evaluation of CAMPA-funded activities by empanelled entities.
7	Annual Plan of Operations (APO)	Annual work plan approved under the CAF framework containing activities, physical targets and financial allocations.
8	Cluster Group	Group of States/UTs identified by the National Authority for empanelment and assignment purposes.
9	Establishment Phase	TPM&E package covering advance works (less than 5 years old), plantation preparatory activities, and afforestation/civil works up to the age categories specified in this EoI.
10	Development Phase	TPM&E package covering mature afforestation (more than 5 years old), restoration activities, and civil works beyond the age categories specified under the Establishment Phase.
11	Consortium	Association of two or more eligible entities collaborating for compliance with eligibility, expertise, or staffing requirements under this EoI.
12	Conflict of Interest	Any situation where personal, institutional, financial, professional, or other interests may compromise the independence, impartiality, or objectivity of the Applicant Entity or its personnel.
13	Performance Security	Security instrument furnished by successful empanelled entities in the form prescribed under this EoI to ensure compliance with contractual obligations.

B. Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full Form
ACA	Additional Compensatory Afforestation
APO	Annual Plan of Operations
BoQ	Bill of Quantities
CAF	Compensatory Afforestation Fund
CAMPA	Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority
CA	Compensatory Afforestation
CAT	Catchment Area Treatment
CPMP	Central Public Procurement Portal (e-procurement)
EMD	Earnest Money Deposit
EoI	Expression of Interest
FDR	Fixed Deposit Receipt
GIS	Geographic Information System
GFR	General Financial Rules
GPS	Global Positioning System
GST	Goods and Services Tax
GTC	General Terms and Conditions
IWMP	Integrated Watershed Management Programme
KML	Keyhole Markup Language
LLP	Limited Liability Partnership
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MIS	Management Information System
MoEF&CC	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
MRV	Measurement, Reporting and Verification
MSME	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NOC	No Objection Certificate
NPV	Net Present Value
NRM	Natural Resource Management
PAN	Permanent Account Number
PCA	Penal Compensatory Afforestation
PBG	Performance Bank Guarantee
RS	Remote Sensing
SoR	Schedule of Rates
STC	Special Terms and Conditions
TPM&E	Third-Party Monitoring and Evaluation
UT	Union Territory

1. Background

The Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) has been instituted to address ecological losses arising from diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes such as infrastructure, mining, and industrial development. Under this framework, compensatory levies collected from project proponents are channelled towards afforestation, ecosystem restoration, wildlife conservation, and allied environmental activities across the country. The CAF Act, 2016 and CAF Rules, 2018 provide the statutory basis for the management, allocation, and utilisation of these funds through the National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (hereafter referred to as National Authority) and corresponding State and Union Territory (UT) CAMPA Authorities (hereafter referred to as State & UT Authorities). Given the significant scale of financial outlays and the wide geographic dispersion of CAMPA-funded interventions across diverse ecological regions, ensuring effective utilisation, ecological outcomes, transparency, and accountability have emerged as a critical priority. These interventions span a wide spectrum—from compensatory afforestation, catchment area treatment, and wildlife habitat improvement to broader ecosystem restoration and climate resilience efforts—requiring robust, scientifically grounded and standardised monitoring mechanisms.

The CAF Act, 2016 enables provisions for engaging third-party entities to assess programme implementation and outcomes. Over time, monitoring and evaluation (M&E) activities have largely been undertaken at the State and Union Territory levels, often leading to variations in methodologies and reporting standards. While these efforts have contributed to tracking implementation, there remains a need for a more standardised, independent, and nationally comparable framework that ensures consistency, enables aggregation of outcomes, and strengthens oversight across jurisdictions. The recently developed M&E framework seeks to address these gaps by introducing standard protocols, geospatial monitoring, digital reporting systems.

In addition, increasing emphasis on outcome-based assessment to evaluate ecological effectiveness—such as plantation survival, biodiversity enhancement, and restoration success—have further underscored the importance of robust third-party monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. In this context, the National Authority proposes to empanel qualified and experienced entities through this Expression of Interest (EoI). The empanelment aims to create a pool of independent, technically competent organisations capable of delivering objective, field-based, and scientifically rigorous assessments of CAMPA-funded activities and schemes across States and UTs. These empanelled entities will play a pivotal role in strengthening transparency, enabling evidence-based decision-making, supporting performance benchmarking, and enhancing the overall effectiveness and credibility of CAMPA interventions in achieving long-term ecological and environmental outcomes.

2. Objectives of the EoI

The key objectives are as follows:

- To identify, assess, and empanel qualified and credible entities with demonstrated domain expertise in Forestry, Natural Resource Management (NRM), Ecology, Wildlife, Biodiversity Conservation, or related disciplines, in order to establish a robust pool of technically competent organisations capable of undertaking Third-Party Monitoring & Evaluation (TPM&E) of CAMPA-funded activities, ensuring scientific rigor, independence, and consistency in assessment across States and UTs.

- To establish a diverse and geographically distributed pool of empanelled Third-Party Monitoring & Evaluation (TPM&E) entities, enabling State and UTs to deploy suitable entities based on specific requirements, scale of activities, and geographical contexts, thereby ensuring effective, timely, and context-sensitive monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA-funded interventions.
- To promote uniformity, consistency, and comparability in monitoring practices across States and UT Authority and ensure compliance with the CAF Act, 2016; CAF Rules, 2018; and Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Framework.
- The entities will systematically measure physical and ecological outputs across biogeographic regions in alignment with M&E framework and provide geotagged photographs, digital records, and structured documentation aligned with Digital APO and M&E Framework.
- To strengthen transparency, traceability, and real-time monitoring of CAMPA-funded works.

3. Scope of Work

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

The selected entities will conduct monitoring and evaluation of afforestation and non-afforestation activities for ecological restoration undertaken by State & UT Authorities, ensuring evidence-based reporting. Also, for Nationally funded CAMPA schemes, the entities will monitor and evaluate the pace and effectiveness of scheme as per the defined scope of work.

Key scope spans the regular and periodic monitoring as prescribed in the guidelines of APOs under CAF Act, 2016 to perform the below stated tasks:

A. Monitoring & Evaluation

Conduct field-based, Third-Party Monitoring & Evaluation of CAMPA-funded Mandatory activities, including activities supported under Net Present Value (NPV) fund and the Interest Component as per the CAF Act, 2016 and Rules, 2018 (for e.g. CA (ACA, PCA), IWMP, CAT, etc.).

The Third-Party Monitoring and Evaluation shall be carried out for CAMPA-funded activities and schemes implemented by State and Union Territory Authorities.

B. Field Inspections and Verification

- a) Carry out regular and periodic field inspections across selected sites covering different geographic types (Marine/ Mountains/ Deserts, or any other ecosystem) within the State & UT.
- b) Perform monitoring and evaluation of advance work of pre-plantation, during and post-plantation assessments to evaluate site preparation, plantation density, species mix, afforestation survival rates and ecosystem restoration.
- c) Conduct checks in field on wildlife related activities – ecological, habitat quality improvements, Invasive Alien species management etc.
- d) Verify technical parameters and implementation quality of works as approved in Annual Plan of Operations (APOs).
- e) Inspect the adherence of conditions as stated in the approved APO for all sanctioned activities implemented/executed by the Forest Divisions.

C. Status of Financial Compliance

- a) Review utilization of CAMPA funds at activity and site level.
- b) Validate expenditures, adherence to financial guidelines and compliance with norms specified under the CAF Act 2016 & Rules, 2018 (Sub Rule 2, 3 & 4 of Rule 5 for NPV activities; Sub Rule a & b of Rule 6 for activities under Interest accrued fund).

- c) Compliance with Schedule of Rates (SoR) for the relevant financial year with technical specifications and evidence based (Documentary and physical).

D. Geo-Referenced Documentation & Evidence Collection

- a) Collect geo-tagged and time stamped photographs in all the phases (Establishment & Development) of the activities, GPS coordinates (Latitude; Longitude), and Spatial data (KML) for all monitoring sites/locations.
- b) However, the activities of the Establishment and Development Phase (Refer Section-4 (a) & (b) for detailed information) will be monitored and evaluated by capturing aerial photographs by using Drone technology.
- c) Prepare structured field reports capturing ground realities, implementation status, and deviations as per the standardised methodologies suggested by the National Authority.

E. Monitoring Evaluation & Reporting

Provide objective, evidence-based evaluation reports capturing:

- a) Physical progress with outcomes and impacts (e.g. afforestation, infrastructure etc. including afforestation survival rate, ecosystem restoration, wildlife monitoring etc.).
- b) Gaps and risks in implementation (e.g. financial gaps, management gaps etc.).
- c) Compliance with the monitoring protocol as prescribed in M&E Framework.
- d) Recommend corrective measures to improve quality and effectiveness of CAMPA interventions. (e.g. Provision of proper mulch, species selection etc.).

F. Support to Digital and Spatial Monitoring Frameworks

- a) Align reporting and data submission with digital spatial monitoring systems mandated under the CAF Act 2016.
- b) Ensure data compatibility with National Authority dashboards, MIS systems, or GIS-based platforms used by National and State & UT Authority.

G. Protection Measures & Sustainability

- a) Provide evidence on protection through fencing, bio-fencing, community ownership for long term sustainability.

H. MRV (Measurement, Reporting & Verification) System

- a) TPM&E shall function within a Measurement–Reporting–Verification (MRV) framework ensuring data credibility, audit readiness, and national comparability.
- b) The TPM&E will be carried out by using an exclusive IT portal support for CAMPA M&E. All sorts of data collection, reporting, analysis, documentation and submission related to these M & E activities will be done on this portal.

4. Empanelment Process, Eligibility & Technical Evaluation Criteria

The empanelment process will be in two stages i.e. Stage1 & Stage 2,

Stage 1: Empanelment Process

During stage 1, the empanelment of TPM&E entities would be done for a ‘cluster group’ of States & UTs (Table 1). The ‘cluster groups’ are created based on amalgamation of two criteria viz. (a) the ‘average approved APO size of three consecutive years and (b) the geographical regions of the country. For better management, on these bases, the States & UTs will be divided into ‘six clusters groups’ for the purpose of empanelment.

Table 1: Categorization of cluster groups

Cluster Group	States/ UTs
1	Assam, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Meghalaya, Sikkim, West Bengal
2	Delhi, Bihar, Jharkhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Punjab
3	Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh
4	Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep, Pondicherry
5	Gujarat, Karnataka, Telangana,
6	Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Daman & Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli

Applicant Entities post evaluation of the eligibility criteria (Minimum Requirements for participation) and technical aspects will be shortlisted based on the marking scored by the entities for the empanelment by the National Authority.

Further, the States & UTs are required to award two distinct packages as a contract(s) after the price discovery within each financial year to ensure comprehensive coverage of afforestation and other listed works of approved APO(s) for carrying out TPM&E. The following set of activities for two phases namely, (a) Establishment phase, and (b) Development phase will be taken up through two different packages for TPM&E:

a) Activities of Establishment phase: The first package shall cover the following set of activities for monitoring and evaluation to assess whether desired social, environmental or other impacts are being achieved and undesirable impacts avoided:

- i. Advance & Plantation Preparatory works
- ii. One year old afforestation works,
- iii. Two years old afforestation works,
- iv. Three years old afforestation works
- v. All other civil works (less than 5 years old) of SMC & CAT, IWMP works & Other activities taken up under 'Mandatory works', non-afforestation activities and works under rule 5(2), 5(3), 6(a) and 6(b) of CAF Rules 2018) of the approved APO executed by the State & UT in the last two financial years.

b) Activities of Development phase: The second package shall cover the following set of activities for monitoring and evaluation to assess whether desired social, environmental or other impacts are being achieved and undesirable impacts avoided:

- a) Five years old afforestation works,
- b) Seven years old afforestation works,
- c) Ten years old afforestation works

All other civil works (more than 5 years old) of SMC & CAT, IWMP works & Other activities taken up under 'Mandatory works', non-afforestation activities and works under rule 5(2), 5(3), 6(a) and 6(b) of CAF Rules 2018, in the approved APO.

The evaluation of the proposals submitted by the applicant entities will be carried out to shortlist and subsequently for award of the works. The eligibility and technical evaluation criteria are as mentioned below.

(I) Eligibility Criteria (Minimum Requirements for participation) in the empanelment process (Annexure-I)

A. Legal Status & Statutory Registrations

The applicant entity must be a 'legally registered entity' - Limited Liability Partnerships/Trusts/Societies/NGOs/Charitable Trusts /Educational and Research Institutions/Government Bodies/ Corporate Entities and Others under Indian Companies Act, 2013 & Section 8 Companies in India, possessing valid PAN, GST registration and Certificate of Incorporation (as applicable).

B. Institutional Tenure & Standing

The applicant entity must have a minimum existence of 10 years (academic/research institutions with 5 years of existence are considered as eligible under this criteria) with demonstrated experience in forestry, ecology, natural resource management (NRM), wildlife sciences, environmental sciences, conservation biology or related domains in field/lab-based activities.

C. Relevant Experience

The applicant entity must have successfully completed:

- i. At least 10 assignments (field/lab-based activities) in the past 10 years related to forestry, natural resource management (NRM), biodiversity conservation, wildlife management, or ecological monitoring and evaluation; and
- ii. At least 5 field-based, on-site forest vegetation/afforestation assessment studies during the same period.

D. Financial Capacity

- i. The applicant entity must demonstrate an average annual turnover of at least INR 5 crore and over in the last three financial years. Government and Semi/Quasi government Academic and Research entities are exempted from this point.

E. Declarations & Compliance Requirements

All applicant entities shall be required to submit a duly signed Declaration of Undertaking as part of their Expression of Interest (Refer to Annexure IV).

(II) Technical Evaluation Criteria (100 marks)

(Applicable only for entities who pass the Minimum Requirements for Eligibility)

A. Experience in Forestry / NRM / Biodiversity / Wildlife Monitoring & Evaluation (Max. 20 Marks)

The applicant entity needs to provide the information on entities depth, relevance, and continuity of experience in above mentioned areas. Eligible projects may include monitoring and evaluation of compensatory afforestation, natural resource management programs, biodiversity assessments, wildlife

habitat improvement projects, ecosystem restoration, forest vegetation assessments, and similar scientific studies. These projects should include at least a component of field/lab-based activities also.

Marking: Up to 10 relevant projects: 15 marks; For project exceeding 10 nos., 1 additional mark will be awarded per project, subject to a maximum total of 20 marks claimable by the entity.

B. Biogeographical experience across India (Max. 15 Marks)

The applicant entity needs to provide their familiarity working in diverse Agro-Climatic zones of India.

Marking: Up to 3 Agro-Climatic zones will be awarded 10 marks; For each additional zone beyond 3 nos., 1 mark per zone will be awarded, subject to a maximum total of 15 marks claimable by the entity.

C. Specific Assignments – Qualitative & Quantitative Assessment of Afforestation/Plantation/Vegetation related work only (Max. 35 Marks)

The applicant entity needs to provide information on their technical expertise in conducting rigorous, field-based qualitative and quantitative assessments of forest plantation, natural regeneration sites, enriched forests, and vegetation plots. These assignments should demonstrate the applicant's capability to execute scientific sampling, survival and growth analyses linked to plantations, density assessments, vegetation sampling, soil and site quality evaluations, and use of tools linked to remote sensing, biostatistics and ecological analysis.

Marking: Up to 10 projects: 25 marks; For project exceeding 10 nos., 1 additional mark will be awarded per project, subject to a maximum total of 35 marks claimable by the entity.

D. Team & Key Experts (Max. 30 marks)

The entity should have the following experts (Table 2) for conducting the TPM&E. The entity can rope in the field experts from other institutions through collaborations, if required. Such collaborations must be formally documented through an undertaking provided by the collaborating institutions.

Table 2: Showing information of experts, area of expertise, experience and marking scheme

Experts	Domain of expertise	Experience (Years)	Marks
Team Leader	Monitoring & Evaluation experience in Forestry/ NRM/Biodiversity/ Wildlife/Ecology	20	Max. 10 (20-25 years = 5; 25-30 years = 7; Above 30 years = 10)
Field Expert	Forestry	10	Max. 20 (To be calculated as 10-15 Years of experience = 3 marks per expert; 15-20 Years experience = 5 marks - per expert).
Field Expert	Wildlife/Ecology	10	
Field Expert	NRM	10	
Field Expert	RS & GIS	10	
Field Expert	Sociologist/Anthropologist	10	
Data Analyst	NRM, Statistics	10	
Financial Analyst	Finance	10	
Any other expert as required	As per requirement	10	

E. Team Size & Experience

The applicant entity shall ensure that each domain expert is supported by a dedicated team of not less than one (1) and up to three (3) qualified personnel, each possessing a minimum of five (5) years of relevant

professional experience in the respective field of assignment along with a Master's (Postgraduate) in the same domain or allied subjects.

F. Consortium Clause

Where necessary, entities may form a Consortium, provided that all the Consortium members fully comply with the terms and obligations of the Contract. In such cases, the Consortium shall collectively meet the minimum team size and experience requirements, and all members shall be jointly and severally responsible for adherence to contractual conditions (Annexure V).

The compiled marking scheme is represented in Table 3 as below (Annexure III): -

Table 3: Marking scheme

S. No.	Technical Component	Criteria	Marking Scheme Split	Max. marks that can be claimed by the Entity in the component
1	Experience in Forestry / NRM / Biodiversity / Wildlife Monitoring & Evaluation	Experience of handling lab or field-based projects in any of the fields stated under Eligibility Criteria for Empanelment, in technical evaluation criteria (A) of this document	Up to 10 relevant projects: 15 marks; For project exceeding 10 nos., 1 additional mark will be awarded per project, subject to a maximum total of 20 marks claimable by the entity	20 Marks
2	Experience of working in Agro-Climatic zones across India	Experience of working in different Agro-Climatic zones of India as per ICAR	Up to 3 Agro-Climatic zones: 10 marks; For each additional zone beyond 3 no., 1 mark per zone will be awarded, subject to a maximum total of 15 marks claimable by the entity.	15 Marks
3	Specific Assignments – Qualitative & Quantitative Assessment of Afforestation/Plantations/Vegetation related work only	Experience of handling projects specifically in Afforestation/plantation/vegetation related work along with skills in biostatistics and ecological data analysis, GIS & RS.	Up to 10 projects: 25 marks; For project exceeding 10 nos., 1 additional mark will be awarded per project, subject to a maximum total of 35 marks claimable by the entity	35 Marks
4	Team & Key Experts	Team with the Criteria as mentioned in 2 of this documents.	For Team Lead – (20-25 years = 5; 25-30 years = 7; Above 30 years = 10)	30 Marks
			Any other expert 10-15 Years of experience = 3 marks per expert; 15-20 Years experience = 5 marks - per expert.	
	Grand Total			100 Marks

Entities must score above 60% of marks to qualify for the empanelment process. In case all entities score below 60%, the empanelment bidding process will be reinitiated. In the event of a tie in scores, the National Authority shall retain the exclusive discretion to determine the final shortlist of entities for empanelment, and such decisions shall be final and binding on all applicants.

The empanelment would be normally valid for a period of three (3) years (unless terminated or modified earlier) from the date of signing of the contract of empanelment. The details of the empanelment would be published on the National Authority website.

The Expression of interest (EoI) for empanelment (Please fill and submit Annexures I-VI, as applicable)

Stage 2: Entity selection process

The entity for carrying out the TPM&E would be selected by the State & UT Authorities by following a limited tender process by calling sealed price quotation against a 'Bill of Quantity (BoQ)' which would be published with the procurement documents. Upon completion of the bidding process, the shortlisted entities shall be formally assigned to their respective State & UT cluster groups and shall thereafter coordinate directly with the designated State & UT Authorities for the execution of TPM&E activities in accordance with the contractual obligations.

5. General Terms and Conditions (GTC)

The empanelment of entities shall be carried out by the National Authority. These General Terms & Conditions shall form an integral part of the empanelment process and shall be binding on all Applicant/Empanelled Entities.

- i. These conditions shall apply unless specifically superseded by provisions in any other part of the empanelment document. The interpretation of the National Authority shall be final and binding on all Empanelled Entities.
- ii. Empanelment shall not confer any right, guarantee, or assurance of award of work, contract, or assignment to the Empanelled Entities. Participation in subsequent price discovery bidding processes shall be subject to separate terms and conditions issued by the concerned State & UT Authorities.
- iii. The National Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any application, or modify the empanelment process, at any stage without assigning any reason thereof. In this regard, the decision of the CEO, National Authority, shall be final.
- iv. The National Authority may, at its discretion, seek additional information, clarifications, or documents from any Applicant Entity during the empanelment process, which shall be furnished within the stipulated time.
- v. Incomplete applications or applications not conforming to the prescribed requirements are liable to be rejected.
- vi. The information provided by the Applicant Entity shall be true and correct. Any misrepresentation, suppression of facts, or submission of false information shall lead to rejection of application and/or removal from empanelment.
- vii. The empanelment shall be valid for the period of three (3) years, unless terminated or modified earlier.
- viii. The National Authority reserves the right to review, at any time, the performance, credentials, and overall status of the empanelled entities. In the event of non-compliance with the prescribed terms

and conditions, the Authority may, at its sole discretion, suspend or remove any entity from the empanelled list without assigning any reason. Further, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National Authority, shall have the authority to cancel, suspend, or debar any empanelled entity from participation in present or future assignments, in accordance with applicable rules and procedures.

- ix. The Empanelled Entity shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations in force in Government of India.
- x. The Empanelled Entity shall ensure that it is not blacklisted or debarred by any Government or Public Sector Organization. In case of such occurrence during the empanelment period, the Entity shall inform the National Authority immediately.
- xi. The National Authority reserves the right to amend, update, or modify the empanelment terms and conditions at any time, which shall be binding on all Empanelled Entities.
- xii. The empanelment document and all associated communications shall be prepared in English language, which shall be the governing language for interpretation.
- xiii. The Empanelled Entity shall bear all costs associated with preparation and submission of empanelment application. The National Authority shall not be liable for any such costs.
- xiv. The Empanelled Entities shall adhere to the highest standards of integrity and shall not engage in any corrupt, fraudulent, or unethical practices during the empanelment process. Any such act shall lead to rejection or debarment.
- xv. Any notice or communication related to the empanelment process shall be in writing and shall be deemed valid when issued by the National Authority or submitted by the Applicant Entity through authorized means.

6. Special Term and Conditions (STC)

A. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) / Performance Security

The Empanelment Entities shall furnish:

- i. An EMD of ₹2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lakh Only) needs to be submitted by the applicant entity during the application submission process with the National Authority, valid for 120 days from the application submission date.
- ii. The EMD shall be furnished in the form of a Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank, duly pledged in favour of Pay & Accounts Officer, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
- iii. The successful empanelled entities will have to submit Performance Security of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Only) within 15 days from the date of the publishing of the provisional list of Empanelled Entities on the National CAMPA & MoEF&CC websites. Performance Security shall be furnished in the form of Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) or a Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) (Refer to Annexure VI) (as per GFR Rule 171) issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank, duly pledged in favour of Pay & Accounts Officer, MoEF&CC, New Delhi. The Performance Security shall remain valid for a period of three (03) years, being the empanelment period, and an additional six (06) months thereafter, reckoned from the date of publication of the list of successful empanelled entities on the National CAMPA website. In case the PBG is not submitted by the successful entities within the stipulated time period the application shall be rejected by the National CAMPA, and the EMD submitted by the applicant will be forfeited.
- iv. EMD of unsuccessful entities will be refunded/returned within 2 months from the date of the publishing list of successful Empanelled Entities by the National Authority on the National CAMPA website. However, the EMD of successful empanelled entities will be refunded on receipt

of Performance Security only. No interest shall be payable on the EMD in both the successful and unsuccessful cases by the National Authority.

- v. The EMD shall be liable to be forfeited/encashed by the National Authority without prior notice if the Applicant withdraws or modifies its application during the validity period; fails to comply with empanelment requirements or accept the empanelment within the stipulated time; submits false, misleading or misrepresented information or documents; engages in any corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or undesirable practices; or breaches any terms and conditions of the empanelment process.
- vi. Performance Security shall be refunded after the expiry of the empanelment tenure of three (3) years, and upon successful completion of all assigned TPM&E works, subject to there being no outstanding dues, recoveries, or penalties against the empanelled entity. The refund shall be processed within six (6) months from the date of completion of the empanelment period or the final assignment, whichever is later. No interest shall be payable on the Performance Security by the National Authority.
- vii. In case of default, including but not limited to breach of any terms and conditions of the contract, withdrawal from the assignment, delay or misrepresentation, the Performance Security shall be liable to forfeiture, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies available under the contract, including the imposition of liquidated damages and/or termination.
- viii. This EoI shall be governed by the provisions of General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017, as amended from time to time, including amendments up to 31.07.2024.
- ix. As per Rule 170 of the General Financial Rules (GFR, 2017), EMD amount for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), as defined under the Public Procurement Policy for MSEs issued by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), are exempted from the provisions of this clause.

Note: - In addition to above, the successful empanelled entities will have to submit an EMD equivalent to 3% of the proposed Bidding Value (Rounded to the nearest whole number) with the State/ UT Authority at the time of bidding stage. (The details such as 'in favour of' and 'place' for the State and UT Authority will be provided in the bidding documents).

B. Geographical Restrictions

An applicant entity shall be empanelled for a maximum of two cluster groups or to a cluster for a total APO size not more than 1000 crores, whichever is less. It shall be contractually bound to operate exclusively within the States & UTs assigned to that cluster groups. The empanelled entity shall not undertake, solicit, or participate in any TPM&E activities in States & UTs falling under other cluster groups for the duration of the annual ongoing contract.

C. Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption

The Applicant Entity shall not offer, give, seek, or accept any bribe, facilitation payment, gift, or undue advantage in connection with this EoI. Any attempt to influence officials or the evaluation process shall be treated as misconduct. Any instance of bribery or unethical conduct shall result in immediate disqualification or termination, along with debarment and legal action as applicable.

D. Conflict of Interest

The applicant entity shall provide professional, objective, and impartial services and shall at all times hold the interests of the National Authority paramount, avoiding any conflict with other assignments or its own

interests. The Entity shall disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict of interest that may impact its ability to serve the best interests of the National Authority and State/UT Authorities, both at the time of submission and immediately upon becoming aware of such situation during the empanelment or assignment period. Any conflict of interest, whether disclosed or otherwise discovered, which affects the independence or objectivity of the Entity, shall lead to disqualification or termination of empanelment/assignment, along with other actions as deemed appropriate by the National Authority and State/UT Authorities. (Please fill and submit Annexure IV)

E. Notice

Any notice, request or consent required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this process shall be in writing. Any such notice, request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person or through speed Post to an authorized representative of the party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent to such party at the address mentioned in the project specific Agreement or specific conditions mentioned in the EoI are met with regard to delivery of such notice, request or consent.

F. Arbitration

In the event of any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or in connection with this empanelment, including its interpretation, implementation, or termination, the same shall be resolved through amicable settlement between the parties.

If the dispute is not resolved amicably within a period of 30 days, it shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The arbitration shall be conducted by a sole arbitrator appointed by the National Authority, and the proceedings shall be conducted in the English language.

G. Jurisdiction:

All disputes arising out of this EoI shall be subject to the jurisdiction of courts located in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

EoI Submission format

(On Letter head of the applicant)

To
The Chief Executive Officer
National Authority CAMPA
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
3rd Floor, Supreme Court Metro Station Building, New Delhi-110001

Date: -

Subject – Submission of Expression of Interest along with Supporting Documents for Empanelment of Third-Party Monitoring & Evaluation (TPM&E) Entities

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the advertisement published on the CPPP Portal, National CAMPA/ MoEF&CC website dated _____, we hereby express our interest in participating in the empanelment process for selection of eligible entities for undertaking Third-Party Monitoring & Evaluation (TPM&E) of CAMPA-funded schemes and activities implemented by the National Authority CAMPA and the State & Union Territory CAMPA Authorities.

In accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated in the EoI document, we are submitting our application along with all requisite information, declarations, supporting documents and annexures prescribed therein.

The submission includes, inter alia, the following:

Annexures	Remarks (Submitted/ Not Applicable/ Any other Remarks)
1. Annexure I – Eligibility Criteria (Minimum Requirements for Participation)	
2. Annexure II – Technical Evaluation Criteria	
3. Annexure III – Marking Scheme Submission Format, duly completed with supporting documentary evidence.	
4. Annexure IV – Declaration of Undertaking, Independence, Conflict of Interest and Compliance.	
5. Annexure V – No Objection Certificates (NOCs) from external experts proposed as part of the TPM&E team, wherever applicable.	
6. Annexure VI: Format for Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG), if applicable	

We request you to kindly consider our application for empanelment as a Third-Party Monitoring & Evaluation Entity under the CAMPA Monitoring & Evaluation Framework.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Organization:

Place:

List of Annexures linked to TPM&E

(All the annexures should be mandatorily filled and submitted by the Applicant Entity)

Annexure I: Eligibility Criteria (Minimum Requirements for Participation)

1. Legal status & Statutory registrations: Provide all the required information as below

Sr. No.	Items	Entity Response		
1	Name of the organization & contact person			
2	Registered office Address			
3	Phone no. of contact person			
4	Email address			
5	Website			
6	Year of commencement			
7	PAN No.			
8	GST / Service Tax Reg. No.			
9	MSME Reg. No.			
10	Annual Turnover and Financial Statement during past three financial years (In Rupees Lakhs)	Annual Turnover	Financial Statement	
	Year 1	Provide the details	Attached	
	Year 2	Provide the details	Attached	
	Year 3	Provide the details	Attached	
11	Average Annual Turnover Certificate (Duly Certified by CA)	FY	Annual Turnover	Net Profit
Y1				
Y2				
Y3				
Average Turnover of 3 years				
12	Self-Declaration Regarding Blacklisting & Litigation Status			

Authorized Signatory:

Name:

Date:

Place:

Seal:

2. Years of Institutional existence: provide the year of establishment details through Government orders/notifications any other relevant documents etc.

3. Relevant sectoral experience (Forestry/NRM/Biodiversity/Wildlife):

Provide details and evidence of projects handled.

S. No.	Sectoral Experience	Name of the project handled.	Budget of the Project	Tenure (from and to)

* Please insert the rows according to your requirements.

4. Field-based plantation/vegetation assessment studies:

Provide details and evidence of the projects handled.

S. No.	Specific Sectoral Experience	Name of the project handled.	Budget of the Project	Tenure (from and to)

* Please insert the rows according to your requirements.

Annexure II: Technical Evaluation Criteria – (Section wise)

For each marking section:

1. Sectoral Experience: Provide details and evidence of the projects handled.

S. No.	Specific Sectoral Experience	Name of the project handled.	Budget of the Project	Tenure (from and to)

* Please insert the rows according to your requirements.

2. Agro-Climatic Zone Experience: Provide details and evidence of the projects handled.

S. No.	Agro-Climatic Zone	Name of the Project Handled.	Budget of the Project	Tenure (from and to)

* Please insert the rows according to your requirements.

3. Plantation/Vegetation Assessment: Provide details and evidence of the projects handled.

S. No.	Specific Sectoral Experience	Name of the Project Handled.	Budget of the Project	Tenure (from and to)

* Please insert the rows according to your requirements.

4. Team & Key Experts: Provide CV's with details as stated below.**SHORT CV FORMAT (For Team Experts – should be provided as attachments)****a. Personal & Contact Information**

Full Name:

Designation:

Organization / Institution:

Aadhar Number:

Email ID:

Mobile Number:

Office Address:

b. Educational Qualifications

(In Chronological order; latest first – Provide details starting from bachelor's only)

Degree	Specialization	Institute	Year of completion

* Please insert the rows according to your requirements.

c. Core Expertise: Forestry/NRM/Wildlife/Ecology

Core Expertise	Key Skills	Projects Handled

* Please insert the rows according to your requirements.

d. Professional Experience (Summary in 300 words max):

Total Experience (Years):

Key Roles Held:

Relevant Projects Undertaken: (Provide evidence copy¹)

Project Title	Role	Year	Entity

* Please insert the rows according to your requirements.

e. CAMPA / Forestry / Environmental Project Experience – If any- (Provide evidence copy)²

Project Name & State	Role & Responsibilities	Duration	Key Achievements

* Please insert the rows according to your requirements.

f. Certifications / Trainings (List relevant professional training or certifications - relevant to CAMPA activities only) (Provide evidence copy³)

Year	Training Name	Relevance to CAMPA Activities

* Please insert the rows according to your requirements.

g. Publications / Reports (If applicable) (Max 5) (Provide evidence copies⁴)

Year	Report/Publication Name (Provide journal name, issue no., page no. etc. where required)	Evidence (Attachments/links etc.)

* Please insert the rows according to your requirements.

h. Declaration

“I hereby declare that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.”

Signature:

Date:

¹ Cover page, summary of the projects and other certificates as enclosures

² Cover page, summary of the projects and other certificates as enclosures

³ Copy of the Certificates

⁴ Cover page with Author names and abstracts (For research papers – Scopus or Web of Science Indexed papers only will be considered)

Annexure III: Marking Scheme Submission Format

This format shall be filled and submitted by the applicant entity as part of the Technical Evaluation.

Section	Criteria Description	Marks Allocated	Marks Claimed by Applicant Entity (Provide the breakup of marking where applicable)
1.Experience in Forestry / NRM / Biodiversity / Wildlife M&E	Provide list of eligible field/lab-based projects with proofs	Max 20	
2.Biogeographic Experience Across Indian Ecological Zones	List Agro-climatic zones & assignments undertaken	Max 15	
3.Plantation/Vegetation Field Assessment Experience	Provide details of qualitative & quantitative plantation assessments	Max 35	
4. Team & Key Experts	Provide CVs, experience proofs, collaboration NOCs	Max 30	

Declaration:

I hereby certify that all information submitted above is true and supported by documentary evidence.

Authorized Signatory:

Name:

Designation:

Date:

Annexure IV: Declaration of undertaking, independence, conflict of interest & compliance

(To be printed on the Applicant's letterhead)

To

The Chief Executive Officer (National Authority – CAMPA)

[Address]

Subject: Declaration of Undertaking, Independence & Compliance for submission of EoI

1. Applicant Details

Legal Name of Applicant:

Legal Status of the Entity (Company/LLP/Trust/Society/University/Institution/Others):

Registration/Incorporation No. with Date (if applicable):

PAN:

GSTIN (if applicable):

Registered Address:

Authorized Signatory:

Designation:

Email:

Contact Number:

2. Declarations (tick and confirm the following):

☐ I/We declare no existing or potential conflict of interest affecting participation or performance.

☐ I/We declare no conflict of interest with any of the entities linked to CAMPA activities

☐ I/We declare that we not blacklisted by any State Government and Central Government Ministry.

☐ I/We confirm full independence and non-affiliation with implementing agencies or contractors.

☐ I/We affirm adherence to anti-fraud, anti-corruption, integrity, and ethical standards.

☐ I/We confirm compliance with CAF Act 2016, CAF Rules 2018, and CAMPA guidelines.

☐ I/We certify all information submitted in the EoI is true, complete, and accurate.

☐ I/We acknowledge that misrepresentation or breach may lead to disqualification or termination.

☐ I/We undertake to protect confidential information and maintain secure data handling.

☐ I/We shall notify the Authority immediately of any change affecting this Declaration.

3. Authorized Signatory Attestation

Signature:

Name:

Designation:

For (Entity):

Official Seal:

Date:

Place:

Witness 1: Name _____ Address _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Witness 2: Name _____ Address _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Annexure V: Consortium Certificate

(To be filled by those who are not a part of the Applicant Entity)

To Whom It May Concern

I, the undersigned, hereby provide my No-Objection Certificate (NOC) to be a part of the Third-Party Monitoring & Evaluation (TPM&E) entity constituted under the CAMPA Monitoring & Evaluation Framework. I confirm my willingness to collaborate as a member of the applicant entity/expert, including participation as an expert from an external organisation as permitted under the approved guidelines.

I affirm that I have no conflict of interest with any implementing entity, State Forest Department, or CAMPA-funded works being evaluated. I also declare that I am not involved in planning, execution, supervision, or advisory roles related to CAMPA activities that may influence the independence or objectivity of the evaluation process.

I agree to adhere to all the guidelines of CAF Act 2016 and Rules 2018. I further acknowledge that my inclusion in the TPM&E entity is in accordance with the collaboration arrangements made by the lead entity.

This NOC is issued voluntarily and without any correction or undue influence, for the specific purpose of enabling my participation in the CAMPA Third-Party Monitoring & Evaluation activities.

Name:

Designation:

Organisation:

Signature:

Date:

Signature of the head of the organization:

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Annexure VI: Format for Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG), if applicable⁵

(To be executed on non-judicial stamp paper of appropriate value)

BANK GUARANTEE NO.: _____

DATE: _____

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) Government of India, New Delhi

Sub: Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) for Empanelment of Third-Party Monitoring & Evaluation (TPM&E) Entities under CAMPA

WHEREAS [Name of the Applicant Entity], having its registered office at [Full Address] (hereinafter called "*the Empanelment Entity*"), has submitted an Expression of Interest (EoI) to the National Authority, CAMPA for empanelment as a Third-Party Monitoring & Evaluation (TPM&E) Entity under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 and CAF Rule, 2018.

AND WHEREAS, as per the terms and conditions of the said EoI, the Empanelment Entity is required to furnish a Performance Bank Guarantee for an amount of ₹ 10,00,000 (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) as a condition for empanelment.

NOW THEREFORE, we [Name of the Bank], having its Head Office at [Address] and Branch Office at [Address] (hereinafter called "*the Bank*"), at the request of the Empanelment Entity, hereby irrevocably and unconditionally undertake to pay to the Pay & Accounts Officer, MoEF&CC, an amount not exceeding ₹ 10,00,000 (Rupees Ten Lakhs only), upon receipt of a written demand from the National Authority / MoEF&CC stating that the Empanelment Entity has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the EoI or empanelment, without any demur, protest, or reference to the Empanelment Entity.

1. Unconditional and Irrevocable Guarantee

This Bank Guarantee is unconditional, absolute, and irrevocable. The decision of the National Authority regarding invocation of this Guarantee shall be final and binding on the Bank.

2. Invocation Without Proof

The Bank agrees that any demand for payment made by the National Authority under this Guarantee shall be conclusive and binding on the Bank, notwithstanding any dispute or difference between the National Authority and the empanelled entity.

The Bank further agrees that such written demand shall be treated as conclusive evidence that the amount claimed is due and payable under the terms of the said Empanelment Agreement, and the Bank shall pay the amount so demanded without any demur, protest, or contest and without requiring the National Authority to substantiate or justify the grounds for such demand.

⁵ Please modify the draft if any legal terminology or provisions required to be included.

3. Validity of the Guarantee

This Bank Guarantee shall remain valid up to [Date], which shall be at least one eighty days (180) beyond the empanelment period, unless extended further on written instructions from the National Authority.

4. Extension Clause

The Bank undertakes to extend the validity of this Guarantee from time to time, as may be required by the National Authority, on receipt of written instruction from the Empanelment Entity.

5. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This Guarantee shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of India, and courts at New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

6. Limitation of Liability

The Bank's liability under this Guarantee is restricted to a maximum of ₹ 10,00,000 (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) and shall stand discharged upon payment of the said amount or upon expiry of this Guarantee, whichever is earlier.

7. Non-Transferability

This Bank Guarantee is non-transferable and shall not be assigned without the prior written consent of the National Authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Bank has executed this Guarantee on the day, month, and year first above written.

For and on behalf of [Name of the Bank]

Signature: _____

Name of the Authorized Officer: _____

Designation: _____

Bank Seal: _____

Witnesses

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____