

**EOI Reference No. 78990/2025-26**

**Date: 28 August 2025**

**Invitation For Expression of Interest (EOI) For Empanelment of External Consultant for  
Lenders Independent Engineer (LIE)**

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The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development ("NABARD"), a premier financial institution focusing on agriculture, rural development, and infrastructure projects, invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for empanelment of consultants as Lenders Independent Engineer (LIE) of the projects related to climate change (directly/indirectly), as and when required from the eligible entities (viz. individuals/ proprietorship/partnership firms/ company) fulfilling the eligibility criteria and other terms outlined below:

**1. Eligibility Criteria**

- a) The applicant must be individual, proprietor, company, partnership firm, or LLP.
- b) The applicant must furnish required details/ documentary evidence to conclusively demonstrate availability of technically qualified staff with it, for undertaking assignments as LIE. Minimum qualification of such technically qualified staff is an Engineering degree (B.Tech. / B.E.) or an equivalent qualification.
- c) The individual, proprietor, partnership firm, company, or LLP should not have been delisted or de-panelled by any other Bank or Financial Institution.
- d) The applicant should not have been blacklisted by the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) or any Bank/Financial Institution/ Government body or any other regulatory agency at present and also in the past.
- e) The applicant with pending complaints filed with CBI, Serious Fraud Investigation Cell are not eligible for empanelment. A self-attested affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper declaring that no complaint is pending against them in this regard must be submitted by the entity.

**2. Experience and Educational Requirements**

- a) LIEs would be empanelled under 03 categories

**Category A:** – LIEs empaneled under category A shall be eligible to act as an LIE for any project irrespective of the project cost. The entity should have worked as a LIE for minimum 03 banks and must have acted as LIE in minimum 05 projects.

**Category B:** – LIEs empaneled under category B shall be eligible to act as an LIE for projects upto ₹ 500 crore or less. The entity should have worked as a LIE for minimum 03 banks and must have must have acted as LIE in minimum 04 projects.

**Category C:** LIEs empaneled under category C shall be eligible to act as an LIE for projects upto ₹ 50 crore or less. The entity should have worked as a LIE for minimum 02 banks and must have must have acted as LIE in minimum 03 projects.

- b) The applicant should provide the Curriculum Vitae and Certificates regarding educational qualifications and experience of its professionals. In case of individuals who were previously employed, satisfactory report from previous employer may be obtained. CVs of technically qualified staff should include list of LIE assignments carried out by them in the past.
- c) The applicant's performance on at least 3 projects appraised in the past 3 years will be evaluated.
- d) The applicant must demonstrate:
  - A strong track record in working as LIE.
  - A fixed office with adequate infrastructure.
  - Sector-specific staff with at least 3 years of experience in the respective field.
  - Sufficient manpower with the technical expertise and experience to handle the assigned tasks in line with the project scope.
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**Note: It is under Bank's Discretion to select an applicant and categorise an applicant under A, B or C category and the decision of the Bank would be considered as final.**

### 3. Qualification Requirements

- a) The consulting team should include professionals with qualifications in relevant areas:
  - I. Engineers (Minimum BE/B.Tech or equivalent) in Mechanical, Electrical, Civil, Electronics/Telecom, Textile, Chemical, etc., for technical analysis.
  - II. Person/s with Degree in the area of Climate Change & Sustainability or Environmental Science or similar nature is desirable.
- b) Directors, promoters, or partners of LIE should be experienced professionals, with more than 05 years of experience in the relevant field.
- c) If the applicant is a company, there must be a minimum of 3 professional directors, each with more than 5 years of experience individually.

### 4. Affiliation with Professional Bodies

- a) The applicant must be registered or a member of a relevant professional body or agency.
- b) The staff of the applicant should be members of recognized institutions

- c) The consultant shall have affiliation with professional bodies.
- d) The staff of applicant should be members of Institutions of Valuers / Association of Engineers / Institute of Engineers / Registration under Companies (Registered valuers and valuation) Rules 2017 for which Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board in India (IBBI) is the competent authority

### **5.Tenure of Empanelment & fee structure**

The tenure of the empanelment will be for two (2) years from the date of empanelment i.e. from the date the letter is issued, unless specifically de-empaneled by the Bank at its discretion in the interim. The fee structure will be mutually agreed upon by the borrower and the service provider on case-to-case basis and as per industry standard.

Once the assignment is awarded it will be considered independent of the proposed tenure and shall be valid until conclusion of the Assignment roles.

### **Indicative Scope of Work**

**Scope of work for each project shall change depending on the type of the project, however, an indicative list of coverage of LIE report is given as under.**

#### **a) Review of Project Contracts / Agreement:**

LIE shall review technical aspects of the Project contracts/agreements including the EPC contract, O&M contract etc. and comment on the adherence of the technical and commercial aspects of the Project contracts/agreement, timelines indicated therein, construction schedule as proposed by the borrower, adequacy of project contractual arrangement including performance guarantees/ bonds, warranties, adequacy of liquidated damages, performance bonuses with respect to the general industry practice and adequacy of these to mitigate project risks.

**b) Review the Progress of Work:** Review assist and advise about the progress of work on a monthly basis, vis-à-vis program of construction and milestone dates specified in the agreement. Review the change in the Scope of Work during the project period if any.

**c) Review of Project costs:** Review the Project costs including adequacy of contingencies and comparison of the cost of project estimate with other similar projects. Review of technical inputs to Project Financial Model, review of drawdown schedule, etc.

**d) Review of Designs:** Review of the Project's conceptual design, engineering and drawings, construction plans and operation plans including the projected

construction program, expenditure schedule and adequacy of the arrangements made to achieve the projected construction schedule.

**e) Review of approvals and clearances:** Review the approvals; clearances etc. which are required by the borrower to execute the Project and comment on the status of the same.

**f) Review the Capital Cost:** Certify the capital cost incurred and approve request for disbursements during construction.

**g) Site Verification** Carry out site verification of the quality of the construction work vis-à-vis stated specifications, if required.

**h) Assessment of Variation:** Assessment of variation in orders, if any, which may have impact on the EPC cost.

**i) Certification:** Provide documents certifying date of DCCO of the project and also the date of project completion.

**j) Review of Environment protection plan:** Advise the Lender on the steps taken by the borrower for environment viability and alignment with sustainable practices to evaluate whether the project adheres to environment regulations and standards and consider potential environment risks and their mitigation.

- 1) **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):** Evaluate the potential positive or negative environmental impacts during construction and operation; Ensure that project complies with local, regional, and national environmental regulations and standards.
- 2) **Sustainability Practices:** Assess efficiency of the project to use natural resources, such as water, energy, and raw materials; Estimate the project's carbon emissions and evaluate plans to reduce or offset its carbon footprint through green technologies or carbon credits.
- 3) **Environmental Risk Management:** Identify any potential environmental risks and assess their probability and severity; strategies to mitigate environmental risks, such as adopting cleaner technologies, using sustainable raw materials, or implementing pollution control measures.
- 4) **Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Impact:** Beyond direct environmental issues, evaluate how the project contributes to broader sustainability goals, such as climate action, resource conservation, and ecosystem restoration; Understand the project's impact on local communities, including health, livelihoods, and social equity.

**g) Review Project Documents: Review/** Check consistency and validity of project documents

**Note: Scope of services provided above is not exhaustive but only indicative. It shall be the sole responsibility of the LIE to render all services required to fulfill the respective**

obligations broadly envisaged herein above. Further, LIE may have to provide written opinions/ clarifications on any of the techno-commercial issues related to the project as requested by the Lenders.

## How to Apply

Interested and eligible entities may submit their application in the prescribed format complete in all respects. Applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope superscribed as **"Expression of Interest (EOI) for Empanelment for Lenders Independent Engineer (LIE) "** to the following address:

### The Chief General Manager

Department of Climate Action & Sustainability (DCAS)  
04th Floor, C Wing  
National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)  
Head Office, Plot No. C-24, G Block,  
Bandra-Kurla Complex  
Bandra (East), Mumbai – 400051

The last date for submission of the application form is **[within three weeks/ 21 days of floating this advertisement]**, till **5:00 PM**. Applications received after this deadline will not be entertained.

**In case of any queries, please connect with us at [dcas@nabard.org](mailto:dcas@nabard.org).**

### General Information

- a) *Submission of an application and fulfillment of eligibility criteria does not guarantee empanelment.*
- b) *NABARD reserves the right to modify or relax the eligibility criteria if a sufficient number of eligible applications are not received.*
- c) *NABARD reserves the right to reject applications at its sole discretion without assigning any reasons.*
- d) *Incomplete applications or those lacking required documents/information will be summarily rejected.*
- e) *NABARD reserves the right to verify or cross-check the information submitted.*
- f) *Empanelment does not guarantee the award of work; empanelled Firms will be considered for project-specific assignments.*
- g) *NABARD reserves the right to categorize empanelled Firms based on its requirements.*
- h) *NABARD reserves the right to cancel or defer the empanelment process without prior notice or explanation.*

## Application format

## Annexure A

### [Company's/Firm's Letterhead]

Date:

To,

**The Chief General Manager**

**DCAS,**

04th Floor, C Wing

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

Head Office, Plot No. C-24,

G Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex

Bandra (East), Mumbai – 400051

### **Subject: Application for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Empanelment of Lenders Independent Engineer**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We, (Name of the Firm/Company), hereby submit our application for empanelment as a Consultant for **Lenders Independent Engineer**, on the NABARD Panel.

In this regard, we have enclosed the requisite supporting, information, and documents as per the details provided for the empanelment process as under:

Section	Details
<b>1. Name and Office Address</b>	
<b>Details of Promoters</b>	Name, Full Address, DIN, PAN, Passport, Other Identifiers (Aadhar Card No., Driving License)
<b>Contact Information</b>	Name, Contact No., & Email ID of Concerned Officials
<b>2. Constitution</b>	Enclose copies of by-laws, memorandum & articles of association, or partnership deed as applicable.
<b>3. Date of Establishment / Registration / Incorporation</b>	
<b>4. Date of Commencement of Business</b>	
<b>5. Details of Offices/Branches of the Firm/Company</b>	
<b>6. PAN/TIN No.</b>	
<b>7. Goods &amp; Service Tax No. (Registered Office)</b>	
<b>8. Details About the Firm/Company</b>	

Section	Details
a) Brief Profile of the Firm	
b) Nature of Present Activity of the Firm/Company	
c) Brief Particulars of Activities Other Than LIE	
<b>Applicants Financial Information (as of Date)</b> (in Lacs)	
1) Paid-up Capital	
2) Net Worth	
3) Income/Revenue	
4) PAT	
5) Borrowings	
6) Debt/Equity Ratio	
d) Existing Banker Details	
e) Engineering/Technical Degree of Promoters/Partners/Directors/Key Experts	Include Name, Designation, Technical Qualifications, Experience, etc.
f) Area of Specializations/Industry/Sectors for LIE report	Specify Industry/Sub-Industry and Project Outlay for which expertise is demonstrated
g) Details of Technical & Managerial Staff	Qualifications and Numbers (e.g., BE/BTech, MBA, CA, etc.)
h) Details of Present Set-Up/Infrastructure for LIE Work	Description of facilities and capabilities for handling LIE work
i) Any Other Credentials Worth Mentioning	Include supporting documents where necessary
<b>9. Current Empanelment as LIE with Banks/Financial Institutions</b>	Provide Name of Bank and Empanelment Date. Copy of current/active empanelment letters to be enclosed
a) Past Experience as LIE	Name of Bank, Client Name & Address, Date of Assignment, Loan Amount, Nature of Work, Assignment Completed On, etc.
<b>10. Depaneling/Delisting/Blacklisting by Any Bank/FI</b>	Provide details if the firm or any director/promoter/partner has been depanelled/delisted/blacklisted by any Bank/FI in the past
<b>11. Regulatory Compliance Issues</b>	Describe any regulatory compliance issues faced by the agency/promoters in the past 5 years and current status

Please attached the relevant documents wherever required along with last 3 LIE reports, not older than last 03 financial years

I/We hereby solemnly declare that our firm/company is not debarred or delisted by any Bank, Financial Institution (FI), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), or any other governing body for professional misconduct. Furthermore, our services have not been found deficient by any Bank or FI.

**Undertaking by the applicant****Annexure B**

I/We further declare that the information provided in this application is complete, accurate, and truthful to the best of my/our knowledge. No information has been concealed or omitted. I/We understand that any discrepancies or false information may result in immediate cancellation or de-empanelment from the panel as a Lenders Independent Engineer.

I/We confirm that all necessary supporting documents are enclosed with this application.

**Name of Authorised Signatory:**

**Signature:**

**On Behalf of the Firm**

**Name of the Firm/Company:** \_\_\_\_\_



List of documents to be enclosed		Annexure C
Sr. No.	Document Name	
01	Duly Filled Application form-Annexure A	
02	Company/Firm Profile	
03	Copy of Registration with ROC/ ROF, Memorandum & articles of association/partnership deed of company / partnership firm / LLP	
04	PAN Card of the individual/firm/company, GST Registration Certificate of firm/company	
05	Last 2 years ITRs in case of individuals, last 2 years audited financial statements in case of firms/companies	
06	Certificates of Educational Qualification of promoters/partners/directors/ Key technical staff and certificates of Registrations/Membership with professional bodies/organizations	
07	Letters of empanelment from other Banks/Financial Institutions	
08	Detailed CV of key personnel, including that of technical experts along with copies of testimonials	
09	Letters of LIE assignments issued by FIs/Banks etc	
10	Sample copies of atleast 03 LIE Reports prepared by the applicant in the past 3 financial years	
11	The individual/proprietor/Partner/Director/ Partnership firm/Company/LLP/ Group Concern should not be delisted/De-empanelled/Blacklisted by any other Bank/FI/IBA/any other Organization/Agency (a declaration in this regard is to be provided in the agency's letterhead)	
12	Undertaking by the applicant- Annexure B	

**(All submitted documents to be self-attested on bottom of every page)**

The aforesaid document list is illustrative and not exhaustive. The Bank may call for such other/additional documents as may be considered necessary for verifying the eligibility or competence of the applicant.

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