



RITES Limited

(Schedule 'A' Enterprise of Govt. of India)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

For

**Empanelment of Experts for Preparation of a Land Use Optimization Study
for the Port of Colombo**

(International and National Experts)

REOI No. RITES/AP/P&WR/EOI/Experts/2026/01

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1. MITES Ltd., a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Railways, Govt. of India is a premier multi-disciplinary consultancy organization in the fields of transport, infrastructure and related technologies.
2. MITES Limited hereby invites Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) from the eligible professionals for empanelment as Experts with MITES Limited under categories mentioned below. The empanelled Experts will be considered for deployment against suitable positions for the Consultancy for Preparation of Land use Optimization Study for the Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka, for which MITES intends to submit a bid. The selection of the particular Expert(s) shall, however, be done from the list of empanelled Experts based on the qualification requirements for the projects and negotiation between MITES and the empanelled Expert(s).

3. About the Assignment:

- 3.1. Sri Lanka Ports Authority (client) has invited proposals to provide consultancy services for the Preparation of Land Use Optimization study for the Port of Colombo. As such, Rites Limited has been shortlisted by the Client for submission of Request for Proposal.
- 3.2. The assignment comprises a land use survey of port and near-port land, followed by a Land Use Optimization Plan for short-, medium- and long-term port and port-related logistics development. It aims to optimize land utilization within the Port of Colombo, improving operational efficiency, logistics integration and future development planning.

List of positions are as under:

- 1) Port Planning Expert (Team Leader/ Project Manager)
- 2) Port Related Logistics Expert
- 3) Transport Planner Expert

4. Qualification Requirements

- 4.1. The Applicant must possess the minimum qualification and experience requirements for proposed Experts as per Annexure-I.
- 4.2. The Applicant age should not be more than 60 years as on the last date of submission of EOI Application.

5. Applicable law, Dispute resolution & Court's jurisdiction

- 5.1. This REOI shall be governed by Applicable Laws which shall mean, all Indian Laws, Byelaws, Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Orders, Ordinances, Guidelines, Codes, Notices, Directions, Judgments, Decrees or other Requirements or Official directives and/or any Statutory Authority, in the Republic of India.

- 5.2. For this REOI, the 'Parties' shall mean RITES and the Expert (either prospective or engaged Expert, as the case may be).

RITES Limited reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend, remove or terminate the empanelment of any Expert at any time without assigning any reason and without incurring any liability whatsoever. The Expert shall have no claim for appointment, deployment, compensation, damages, loss of opportunity or any other benefit arising out of such suspension, removal or termination of empanelment.

- 5.3. This REOI shall be governed by the laws of India and Courts at Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction in respect of any dispute arising out of or relating to this REOI and the empanelment process.

6. Confidentiality

- 6.1. All information, documents, data, credentials, personal information and other materials related to this REOI shall be treated as confidential. The Applicant shall also maintain confidentiality of any & all information received from RITES/client and shall not disclose the same to any third party without prior written consent of RITES, except as required by applicable law.
- 6.2. Any attempt by an Applicant to influence RITES Limited in the evaluation of the EOI Application and resultant decision there from may result in the rejection of its EOI application.

7. Preparation of REOI Application

- 7.1. The Applicants are requested to, first, carefully peruse the contents of this REOI document and submit their EOI Application in conformity with this REOI document. In case of any doubt, the Applicants may seek clarifications.
- 7.2. The EOI Application shall be submitted as per prescribed formats given in **Annexure-II**.
- 7.3. The Applicant must submit following prescribed forms and documents in support of EOI Application failing which the application will be summarily rejected:
- (i) Covering Letter for EOI Application (**Form-I of Annexure-II**);
 - (ii) Specific Details (**Form-II of Annexure-II**) including copy of passport, income tax returns of last 3 return filed;
 - (iii) Detailed Curriculum Vitae (**Form-III of Annexure-II**). It may please be ensured that the format is strictly followed, and the information furnished therein is true and correct. The Curriculum Vitae (CV) must indicate the work in hand and the duration till which the person will be required to be engaged in that assignment. The proof of age and qualification of must be furnished in the EOI Application. Applicant's colour photograph, contact address and phone/mobile number must be furnished in the CV.
 - (iv) Qualification documents such as educational qualification certificates, experience certificates and any other document showing evidence for qualification and experience should be submitted along with the EOI Application.

- 7.4. The EOI Application must be prepared in indelible ink and must be signed by the Applicant on all pages. The EOI Application must contain no interlineations or overwriting except as necessary to correct errors made by the Applicant himself, in which cases such corrections must be initialled by the Applicant.

8. Submission of EOI Application

- 8.1. The complete REOI document can be downloaded from RITES website (www.rites.com) from 30/09/2026.
- 8.2. The Applicants shall submit their EOI Application comprising of all requisite documents including those mentioned under Clause 7 through e-mail under subject: "Empanelment of Experts for Preparation of a Land Use Optimization Study for the Port of Colombo" to sbu.ports@rites.com with copy to eoι.ports@rites.com and bmc.rites@rites.com;
- 8.3. The EOI Application shall be valid for 180 days from the date of submission of EOI Application.
- 8.4. This empanelment of Applicants for Experts is a continuous process and interested Applicants may submit their EOI Applications for empanelment as Experts in response to this REOI at any time. However, first list of empanelment of applicants for Experts shall be prepared based on the EOI Applications received till 08.10.2026, 17:00 hrs. Thereafter, the list of empanelled Experts shall be expanded based on the EOI Applications received after 08.10.2026, 17:00 hrs and evaluated at intervals as decided by RITES Limited.
- 8.5. To assist in the examination and evaluation of the EOI Applications received, RITES Limited reserves the right to and may, at its discretion, ask for a clarification from the Applicants on their EOI applications. The Applicants shall provide clarifications within the time frame conveyed to them by RITES Limited.
- 8.6. RITES Limited will examine the EOI applications to confirm that all requisite documents, as requested in or as required in terms of this REOI, have been provided, and to determine the completeness of each document submitted. RITES Limited will treat the information and documentation supplied by the Applicants, in fulfilment of the engagement criteria, in their EOI applications, as correct & complete, placing reliance on the Applicant's averments, made in their covering Letter and on the EOI Forms, as to their correctness and completeness. RITES Limited shall not, during the evaluation of EOI applications, make any attempt at separate verification/ authentication [from the issuing source] of the aforesaid information and documentation supplied by the Applicant. However, any misrepresentation/deviation (from stated facts/Incorrect statements, if detected in the EOI application submitted by the Applicant, shall result in rejection of the Applicant's EOI application or cancellation/annulment of the Applicant's empanelment or engagement with consequent blacklisting/banning of Business with that Applicant for a period maximum up to three years either from the EOI Application submission date or date of empanelment of Applicant or date of engagement of Applicant in the Project, as the case may be.

9. Evaluation of EOI Applications

- 9.1. RITES Limited, during evaluation of the EOI applications, shall use inputs provided with the EOI application (As per Annexure-II) and clarifications, if any, provided by the Applicant.

- 9.2. Notwithstanding anything stated above or anywhere else in this REOI, RITES Limited reserves the right to assess the Applicant's eligibility i.e., its capability and capacity to perform, should the circumstances warrant such assessment in the overall interest of RITES Limited.
- 9.3. After Evaluation of EOI Applications, the Applicants shall be empanelled and communicated through e-mail.
- 9.4. The empanelment of the Applicant as Expert shall be valid for two years or till such time the Expert continues to satisfy the terms and conditions of this REOI document and there is no material changes from his EOI Application, whichever is earlier.
- 9.5. Please note that mere empanelment of an Expert does not guarantee him/her a job with RITES Limited.
- 9.6. While bidding for a particular Project, CVs of empanelled Applicants as Experts shall be scrutinized by RITES Limited to judge the suitability vis-à-vis Project's RFP requirement so as to score high marks in the evaluation of technical proposals by the Client. RITES shall interact with such shortlisted Experts to obtain their willingness as well as to negotiate their salary expectations for working on the Project with RITES Limited. RITES Limited shall obtain written consent from the shortlisted Experts regarding their willingness and availability for the Project at agreed remuneration prior to submitting the bid for the Project. Once the Project is awarded to RITES Limited, the Experts whose CVs were used at the time of bid, shall be engaged for the Project.

**(SU Head) Ports & Water Resources Subunit
RITES Limited**

Encl: -

- 1. Annexure I –Qualification Requirements of Experts**
- 2. Annexure II – Covering letter for EOI Application**
- 3. Annexure III – CV of Expert**
- 4. Annexure IV – Indicative Remuneration**

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS

S. No.	Position	Education	Experience in Sector (years)	Similar Assignment (years)	Remarks on Education and Qualification Requirements
1.	Port Planning Expert (Team Leader/ Project Manager)	Bachelor's in Civil Engineering	Minimum 15	Minimum 15	- Civil Engineer with Chartered / Recognition from Internationally accepted Civil Engineering related professional body - Expert in port facility planning - Should have at least 15 years of firsthand experience in port infrastructure planning and execution in a major container port
2.	Port Related Logistics Expert	Master's or PG Diploma in Supply Chain management/ Port & Logistics management/ Port & Shipping Management/ Shipping Logistics	Minimum 15	Minimum 5 (after 2015)	- A minimum of 15 years' experience in managing and operating port-related logistics facilities. - Minimum of 5 years of international logistics exposure in major foreign ports with leading container Port Performance Index ranking in a country with LPI ranking less than 35 will be an added advantage. The above-mentioned 5 years of experience shall be maintained after year 2015 – the expert should have sufficient knowledge and experience in the modern logistics trends and markets strategies.

S. No.	Position	Education	Experience in Sector (years)	Similar Assignment (years)	Remarks on Education and Qualification Requirements
3.	Transport Planner Expert	Bachelor's degree in civil engineering / Transport Engineering	Minimum 5	Minimum of 3 successfully completed projects of similar size	Similar size of projects refers to: - The volume of containerized cargo flows through the Indian Ocean includes Europe – Asia – Europe (23 million TEUs in 2024), Trans-Pacific (28.5 million TEUs in 2024) and Trans-Atlantic routes (7.9 million TEUs in 2024) - Sri Lanka handles over 25% of the regional container throughput.

Note: The name and nomenclature of the Bachelor's degree towards educational qualification mentioned above against each key experts may differ with respect to the different countries. RITES reserves all right to decide the fulfilment of this criterion as per the submitted documents.

FORM-I: COVERING LETTER FOR EOI APPLICATION

To

**The Sub Unit Head,
Ports & Water Resources Subunit, AP Vertical**
RITES Limited (A Govt. of India Enterprise)
Shikhar, Plot No. 1, Sector-29,
Gurugram - 122 001, Haryana, India

Sub: Submission of Expression of Interest (EOI)/Application for Empanelment as 'Expert' with RITES Limited

Dear Sir/ Ma'am,

1. With reference to your REOI document RITES/AP/P&WR/EOI/Experts/2026/01 dt. **30.09.2026**, I, having examined the REOI document and understood its contents, hereby submit my EOI Application for empanelment mentioned in captioned subject. The EOI Application is unconditional and unqualified.
2. I acknowledge that RITES Limited will be relying on the data/information/ documents furnished in my EOI Application for qualification of the Applicants for the aforesaid empanelment. I also certify that all information/ data/ documents provided in the EOI Application are true and correct; nothing has been omitted which renders such information/ data misleading; and all documents furnished in EOI Application are true copies of their respective originals.
3. This statement is made for the express purpose of empanelment against the referred REOI.
4. I shall make available to RITES Limited any additional information it may find necessary or requires to supplement or authenticate the EOI Application.
5. I acknowledge the right of RITES Limited to reject my EOI Application without assigning any reason or otherwise and hereby waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, my right to challenge the same on any account whatsoever.
6. I have not been blacklisted/debarred/banned/restricted by any Department of Central Govt./State Govt. /Central or State PSUs as on date of submission of the EOI Application. However, the details of my earlier blacklisting/debarment/ban/restrictions imposed by any Department of Central Govt./State Govt. /Central or State PSUs are given in Form-II.
7. I declare that I have examined and have no reservations to the REOI document, including any addendum issue by RITES Limited.
8. I understand that you may cancel the empanelment process at any time and that you are neither bound to accept any EOI Application that you may receive nor to empanel the Applicant, without incurring any liability to the Applicants.

9. I undertake that in case due to any change in facts or circumstances during the selection process, I am attracted by the provisions of disqualification in terms of the provisions of this REOI document; I shall intimate RITES Limited of the same immediately.
10. I understand that mere empanelment as Expert does not guarantee me a job with RITES Limited and I shall not have any legal claim in this regard.
11. I agree and undertake to abide by all the terms and conditions of the REOI document.
12. In witness thereof, I submit this EOI Application under and in accordance with the terms of the REOI document.

Yours faithfully.

Date:

Place:

(Signature of Applicant)

Name of the Applicant

FORM-II: SPECIFIC DETAILS**1. Positions for which EOI Application has been submitted:**

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Positions</u>
{e.g. Indian}	{e.g. Port Planning Expert (Team Leader)}

2. **Passport No :**_____ (Please attached a self-attested copy of Passport).

3. **Income tax return of last 3 filed returns**

4. **Details of blacklisting/debarment/ban/restrictions imposed by any Department/client:**

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name of the Department</u>	<u>Period of blacklisting/ debarment/ ban/ restrictions</u>	<u>Reason of blacklisting/ debarment/ ban/ restrictions</u>
a)			
b)			
c)			

FORM-III: DETAILED CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Position Title	
Name of Expert:	
Date of Birth:	
Country of Residence:	Citizenship/

Education:

	Name of educational Institutions	Dates Attended	Degree(s) / Diploma(s) Obtained
College/University			
College/University			

Employment record relevant to the assignment:

Period	Employing organization and your title / position. Contact information for references	Country	Summary of activities performed relevant to the Assignment
	Employer : Position Held: Reference : Phone no.		

Membership in Professional Associations and Publications:

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Language Skills: [Excellent/Good/Poor]

Language	Read	Write	Speak
English			
Hindi			
Any other Language			

Publication:

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Trainings:

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Reference to Prior Work /Assignment that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Assigned Tasks: 1. Project Name: Project Cost: Mention Construction Cost of the Project Consultancy Fee: in USD Funding Agency: Government Funds / World Bank / ADB / AfDB / any other (please mention) Project Salient Features: Project Description such as Linear Length / Route km; Lanes / Track km; Area in sqm, Terrain, Tunnels, Bridges, Slope Stabilization, Ground Improvement, Type of Foundation, Buildings, Ports, etc. including use of new technology, Number and details of Structures including special structures, Month and Year: From _____ To _____ (Give duration of your inputs) Location: District, State, Country Client: Position Held: Give Position held in Project instead of Designation in the company Activities Performed: include your roles and responsibilities performed by you in the Project. Software Used:
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2. **Project Name:**

Project Cost: *Mention Construction Cost of the Project*

Consultancy Fee: *in USD*

Funding Agency: *Government Funds / World Bank / ADB / AfDB / any other (please mention)*

Project Salient Features: *Project Description such as Linear Length / Route km; Lanes / Track km; Area in sqm, Terrain, Tunnels, Bridges, Slope Stabilization, Ground Improvement, Type of Foundation, Buildings, Ports, etc. including use of new technology, Number and details of Structures including special structures,*

Month and Year: *From _____ To _____ (Give duration of your inputs)*

Location: *District, State, Country*

Client:

Position Held: *Give Position held in Project instead of Designation in the company*

Activities Performed: *include your roles and responsibilities performed by you in the Project.*

Software Used:

Certification

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience, and I am available, as and when necessary, to undertake the assignment in case of an award. I understand that any misstatement or misrepresentation described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal by the Client, and/or sanctions by the Bank / Funding Agency.

Name	Signature	Date

Attachment Required:

- *Proof of Date of Birth*
- *Proof of Qualifications*
- *Proof of Memberships and Training*
- *Proofs of Experience*

INDICATIVE REMUNERATION OF EXPERT

Sr. No.	Position Interested	Minimum Qualification & Experience Required	Currency (INR/ USD)	Indicative Expected Remuneration of Proposed Expert Rs per Person Month (22 working days/ month) (Excluding GST) on monthly employment Basis
1	<u>{e.g. Port Planning Expert (Team Leader)}</u>	{eg. Bachelor's in Civil Engineering 16+ years firsthand experience in port infrastructure planning and execution in a major container port	INR	Rs. x,xx,xxx/-