



Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board

NOTICE FOR INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR EMPANELMENT OF INVESTIGATION CONSULTANTS

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board desires to empanel Investigation Consultants, to assist the Investigating Officer of the Board to investigate in terms of the provisions under Section 26 of the PNGRB Act, 2006 and Chapter IV of PNGRB (Conduct of business, receiving and investigation of complaints) Regulations, 2007. To begin with the Board intends empanelling consultants for the States of A.P., Gujarat, Maharashtra, U.P. and Delhi. The details of Expression of Interest, including the Scope of Work and other eligibility criteria are available at www.pngrb.gov.in. The details can also be obtained in person from the Office of Secretary, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board, Scope Minar, Core – 2, Tower – 2, 8th Floor, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi- 110092 upto 5 pm on 5.6.08.

The individuals fulfilling the conditions may submit their Expression of Interest together with requisite documents upto 5 p.m. on 6.6.08 to the Secretary, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board, Scope Minar, Tower – 2, Core - 2, 8th Floor, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi- 110092, super scribing the envelope with “Empanelment of Investigation Consultants”.

(Ajay Tyagi)
Secretary



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The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 (19 of 2006) hereinafter referred to as the "Act" was enacted by the Parliament and received the assent of the President on 31.03.2006. The objectives of the Act as stated in its Preamble are as follows :-

An Act to provide for the establishment of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board to regulate the refining, processing, storage, transportation, distribution, marketing and sale of petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas excluding production of crude oil and natural gas so as to protect the interests of consumers and entities engaged in specified activities relating to petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas and to ensure uninterrupted and adequate supply of petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas in all parts of the country and to promote competitive markets and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. Government of India, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas have appointed the first day of October, 2007 as the date on which the provisions of the said Act, except Section 16, shall come into force vide their notification dated 01.10.07. The Central Government have also notified the establishment of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) with immediate effect vide their notification dated 01.10.07.

3. Section 26 of the PNGRB Act, 2006 deals with the power of the Board to investigate. Further, under regulation 38 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Conduct of Business, Receiving and Investigation of Complaints) Regulations, 2007, the Board may at any time, direct the Secretary or any one or more officers of the Board or consultants or any other person as the Board considers appropriate to study, investigate or furnish information with respect to any matter within the purview of the Board under the Act. In accordance with these provisions,

the Board desires to empanel consultants to assist the Investigation Officer of the Board in any investigation.

4. To begin with, PNGRB has decided to give priority to the development of CGD infrastructure and natural gas pipelines in the country and the regulations are being finalized keeping this in mind. It is expected that for the time being, the investigation work may be concentrated in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi. Thus, to begin with, the Board is looking for empanelling consultants in these States. However, the empanelled consultants might also be deputed to other States as per the requirements.

5. The Investigation Consultant should be a retired Government servant, not below the rank equivalent to the Director to Government of India with background in handling cases relating to investigation, enforcement, civil supplies, distribution of essential commodities, tax departments etc. For each of the States mentioned above, the Investigation Consultant should normally reside in that State.

6. The Investigation Consultant shall be entitled to a consolidated fee of Rs 20,000 per month subject to the condition that the fee plus pension plus dearness pensions should not exceed the last pay drawn plus dearness pay. In addition, TA/DA would be reimbursable for the travel relating to investigation work at rates applicable to any serving officer of an equivalent rank in the Government of India. Those who are desirous to express their interest in the above assignment may submit their Curriculum Vitae (Biodata) giving details of their experience relevant for the job. The following documents are also required to be submitted along with the EOI.

- i. Acknowledgment from the IT Department in respect of IT return filed for the last three years;
- ii. List of major investigation, enforcement, enquiries, cases etc., carried out in last three years and the contact persons in the concerned organizations along with their contact particulars.

- (iii) Document to show that the applicant normally resides in the concerned State.

7. All costs and expenses associated with submission of EOI shall be borne by the applicants submitting the EOI and the Board shall have no liability in any manner in this regard. Based on the response received, the Board may prepare a panel of investigation consultants for the year 2008-09. The decision of the Board to empanel or not to empanel any consultant shall be final and binding on the participating applicants. During the course of the year 2008-09, the Board may choose from amongst the empanelled consultants for a State for any investigation work in that particular State or any other State as may be decided by the Board. The Board reserves the right to terminate the empanelment at any time without assigning any reason. The number of Investigation Consultants in the panel of any State shall be determined by the Board from time to time based on the requirement and the quantum of work. As the empanelment is initially for a period of one year, the Board would undertake a review of all the empanelled Investigation Consultants as on 31st March 2009 and may decide to either retain the empanelled consultants for further period or go in for the issuance of a fresh Expression of Interest.

(Ajay Tyagi)
Secretary