



कोच्चिन विशेष आर्थिक क्षेत्र प्राधिकरण
COCHIN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (CSEZA)
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
भारत सरकार/GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
काक्कनाड/KAKKANAD
KOCHI – 682 037.
CSEZA GST No.32AAAGC0659L1ZL

No. CSEZ-CSZA0E(17)/1/2026-SEZ Cochin

Dated the 24th August 2026

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

Subject: Invitation of Quotations from CERT-In Empanelled Information Security Auditing Organisations for Security Audit of the Materials Movement Tracking System of CSEZ – reg.

1. The Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority (CSEZA) invites sealed quotations from CERT-In empanelled Information Security Auditing Organisations for carrying out a comprehensive Information Security Audit of its Materials Movement Tracking System, a web-based application developed for the digital management and monitoring of material and vehicle movements within CSEZ.
2. The selected agency shall conduct the security audit in accordance with the latest applicable CERT-In guidelines/advisories, OWASP Top 10, Government of India information security standards, and other applicable security best practices.
3. **Important Dates:**

1.	Name of the work	Security Audit of Materials Movement Tracking System of Cochin SEZ
2.	Location	CSEZ, Kakkanad, Cochin, Kerala
3.	Tender Document	The Tender document can be downloaded from www.csezaauthority.in www.eprocure.gov.in from 24.08.2026 06.00 P.M. onwards The technical details of web modules to be audited will be provided only on requisite by the empanelled agencies.
4.	Validity of Tender	60 days
5	Last date and time of Submission of Tender	10.09.2026 at 3.00 PM
6	Pre Bid Meeting date and Time	Pre-Bid meeting will be conducted through virtual mode on 03.09.2026 3.00 PM. All parties shall send their name, and e-mail id's before 02.09.2026 01.00 PM to the e-mail secretarycseza@gmail.com CC: sunilsubramaniam@gmail.com for getting the link for pre-Bid VC link. Pre Bid Queries may be sent to the above email id on or before 02.09.2026 01.00 PM.

7	Date and Time of opening of Technical Bids	10.09.2026 at 03.30PM
8	Date and Time of opening of Financial Bids	Will be intimated to the bidders separately who have successfully qualified in the Technical Bids
9	Contact Person for queries	Secretary, Cochin SEZ Authority, CSEZ PO Kakkanad Ernakulam secretarycseza@gmail.com CC: sunilsubramaniam@gmail.com
10	Submission of Proposal to be addressed to	The Chairperson, CSEZ Cochin Special Economic Zone, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, Administrative Building Kakkanad, Cochin-682 037
11	Period of completion of Work	The audit is expected to be completed within 15 days from the date of award of the work.

4. Scope of Work

The selected agency shall, inter alia:

- i. Conduct Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) of the web application.
- ii. Conduct **source code review**, wherever required.
- iii. Assess authentication, authorization, session management and access control mechanisms.
- iv. Verify protection against OWASP Top 10 vulnerabilities and other common web application security risks.
- v. Assess security of APIs, database interactions, file uploads, logging and audit mechanisms.
- vi. Review server and application security configurations.
- vii. Validate SSL/TLS implementation and secure communication mechanisms.
- viii. Conduct re-testing after rectification of identified vulnerabilities.
- ix. Submit a detailed Security Audit Report containing:
 - a) Executive Summary
 - b) Vulnerabilities identified with severity classification
 - c) Risk assessment
 - d) Recommendations for remediation
 - e) Final Security Compliance Certificate after successful closure of observations.

The following details of the work will be provided only to the empanelled agencies who are will to participate, Those agency shall sent email to contact person mentioned in Sl.No. 3 or collect in person from this office.

Category	Information to provide
Website	URL /domain, technology
Web applications	Application name, URL/IP, purpose
Mobile applications	Android/iOS, as applicable
APIs	Number/type of APIs and endpoints
Servers	OS, number of servers, Internet-facing/internal
Databases	DB type and version
Network device	Firewall, router, switches, VPN etc

Cloud services	Cloud platform and relevant services
Email	Mail server/domain etc
Endpoints	Approximate number, required to carry out VAPT
CCTV/VMS, IoT, access control, etc.,	Details will be provided

Eligibility

The bidder shall:

- Be currently empanelled with CERT-In as an Information Security Auditing Organization.
- Possess demonstrable experience in conducting information security audits/VAPT of Government web applications, portals or similar systems.
- Submit a copy of the valid CERT-In empanelment certificate along with the quotation.
- Submit details of relevant previous assignments, preferably for Government Departments/Organization/PSUs.

Submission of Quotation

Interested agencies may submit their quotation in a sealed covers containing:

Envelope A:

- a. Copy of valid CERT-In empanelment.
- b. Company profile and relevant experience.
- c. Tentative schedule for completion of the audit.
- d. Non Black Dist or Debarment certificate.
- e. Other Documents mentioned in this NIT

Envelope B:

- a. Financial quotation (inclusive of all taxes and incidental charges).

1. The Tender document can be downloaded from www.csezauthority.in, www.eprocure.gov.in. All costs & expenses associated with the submission of Tender shall be borne by the company for submitting the application and the CSEZA shall have no liability in any manner in this regard or if it decides to terminate the process of short-listing for any reason whatsoever. While submitting the tender, the bidder shall ensure that the bidder meets the conditions of eligibility described in the tender document. Failure to comply with the requirements spelled out in the tender Document shall make the proposal liable to be rejected.
2. The bid must be accompanied by a letter on firm's letter head showing the full registered name(s) and registered office address of the bidder. It should be signed by a person of suitable authority to commit the bidders to a binding contract.
3. CSEZA reserves the right to verify all statements, information, and documents submitted by the applicant in response to the Tender Document.

Failure of the CSEZA to undertake such verification shall not relieve the applicant of its obligations or liabilities hereunder nor will it affect any rights of CSEZA there under.

4. The Tender document shall be submitted by the bidder duly signed on each page of the document. In case the proposal is submitted as per the document downloaded from the official website, the applicant shall be responsible for its accuracy and correctness as per the version uploaded by CSEZA and shall ensure that there are no changes caused in the content of the downloaded document. In case of any discrepancy between the downloaded or photocopied version of the Tender document and the original Tender document issued by CSEZA, the latter shall prevail.
5. The Organization should submit their Proposal with Covering Letter in two separate envelopes marked as ENVELOPE-A and ENVELOPE-B.
 - a. Covering Letter: - The covering letter must clearly mention the name, address, telephone and email id of the authorized person who will serve as the primary point of contact for all communication. The person who is signing the covering letter and the proposal should have authorization.
 - b. Envelope-A: - One Hard Copy of Technical Proposal, in original, with signature of authorized personnel and stamp/ seal of the organization. The sealed envelope should be superscribed with the wordings **"Security Audit of Materials Movement Tracking System of Cochin SEZ"**
 - c. Envelope - B: - One Hard Copy of Financial Proposal, in original with signature of authorized personnel and stamp/seal of the organization. The sealed envelope should be superscribed with the wordings **"Security Audit of Materials Movement Tracking System of Cochin SEZ"**.
 - d. Each document in the two envelopes of Proposal should be a complete document and should be bound as a volume separately. Each of the document should be page numbered and appropriately flagged and contain the list of contents with page numbers. Different copies must be bound separately. The deficiency in documentation may result in the rejection of the Proposal. This envelope shall be sent to the Chairperson, Cochin Special Economic Zone, CSEZ Administration Building, Kakkanad, Kochi – 682 037.
 - e. The Technical and Financial Proposals must be delivered at the submission address on or before the time and date stated above. Any Proposal received after the closing time for submission of proposals shall be returned unopened. CSEZA does not take any responsibility for the delay and any explanation for the same.
 - f. The sealed cover should also clearly indicate the name, address, and telephone number of agencies to enable the proposal to be returned unopened in case it is declared "Late".
 - g. The proposal should contain all the documentary evidences to substantiate the

claim for Eligibility criteria mentioned above.

- h. The right to suspend the short-listing process or part of the process to accept or reject any or all applications at any stage of the process and/ or to modify the process or any part thereof at any time without assigning any reason therefore is reserved by the Chairperson, CSEZA without any obligation or liability whatsoever.
6. **Language of Bid:** The Bid and all related correspondence and documents relating to the Project shall be in English language only. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the Bidder may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate English translation which shall be certified by a qualified translator. Any material that is submitted in a language other than English and which is not accompanied by an accurate English translation will not be considered.
7. **Currency of Bid:** Bid prices shall be quoted in Indian Rupees (INR). Tender submitted by tenderer shall remain valid for acceptance as mentioned in NIT from the date set for submission of the tender. The tenderer shall not be entitled within the said period to revoke or cancel or vary the tender given or any item thereof, without the consent of CSEZA.
8. **GST Exemption:** CSEZA is the Developer of the Cochin SEZ. As per Sec. 16 (1) (b) of IGST Act, 2017, any supply of goods and services to a Special Economic zone Developer or Unit is "Zero Rated". Therefore, the GST component of the invoice should be Zero percent. The GST Registration Number of CSEZA is 32AAAGC0659L1ZL.
9. Undertaking from the firm that:
 - i) There has not been any disciplinary action initiated or contemplated or pending/ suspension of practice against the entity or debarment from conducting any activity, by RBI/ C&AG or other financial sector regulator / statutory authority during the last five years.
 - ii) None of the partners/ employees of the firm have been convicted of any offence involving moral turpitude or have been found guilty of any economic offence.
 - iii) No appeal/ unresolved dispute/ suit/ case/ application has been pending at any court of law/ Tribunal in India regarding the existence of the business/ right to carry on practice of the firm or any of its partners/ directors.
10. **Conflict of Interest:** Bidders must disclose in their bid, details of any circumstances, including personal, financial and business activities that will, or might, give rise to a conflict of interest. Where bidders identify any should state how they intend to avoid such conflicts. CSEZA reserves the right to reject any bid which, gives rise, or could potentially give rise to, a conflict of interest, including on account of association with any intermediaries registered with CSEZ.

11. The bidders shall sign a declaration under the Officials Secret Act 1923, for maintaining secrecy of the tender documents drawings or other records connected with the work given to them.
12. **Indemnity** :The successful bidder shall exercise reasonable skill, care and diligence in the performance of the assignment and indemnify and keep CSEZ, its members, officers, employees etc., indemnified at all times in respect of any loss, damage, harm or claim whatsoever, arising out of or related to any breach of contract, violation of any law/ rule, breach of statutory duty or negligence by the firm or by its staff, employees, agents or subcontractors, in relation to the performance or otherwise of the Services to be provided under the present tender and Contract thereto.
13. **Assigning to Others:** The successful bidder shall not, without the prior written consent of Chairman, CSEZA assign or transfer or cause to be assigned or transferred, whether actually or as the result of takeover, merger or other change of identity or character of the successful bidders, any of its rights or obligations under present tender and Contract thereto or any part, share or interest therein. Upon any such assignment or transfer, this engagement may forthwith be terminated by CSEZA.
14. **Termination:** CSEZA may, at its sole discretion and at any time, terminate the Contract with the successful bidder/ firm by giving a month's notice, and inform the firm of CSEZA's decision by written instructions to that effect. Termination could also take place on such breaches as may be specified in the Contract. In the event of the Contract being so terminated, the firm shall take such steps as are necessary to bring the Services to an end, in a cost effective, timely and orderly manner, without making any claim of whatsoever nature, against CSEZA or any of its officers, employees, etc.
15. **Validity of Bids:** The Bids submitted shall remain valid for a period of 60 days from the date of bid submission. If the bid validity given in the received bid is lesser than the period specified, the Bid will be rejected as non-responsive. The Successful Bidders should extend the price validity till the completion of the order or as requested by CSEZA.
16. **Modification and Withdrawal of Bids:** The Bids once submitted may not be allowed to be modified or amended or withdrawn at any cost.
17. The Tender should also contain the following documents:
 1. Tender document and with specified documents.
 2. A copy of the Tender Document signed, at the bottom of all pages as a token of acceptance of all terms and conditions.
 3. Certificates, Documents, Self Declaration as per Tender.

4. If the envelope is not sealed and marked as instructed above, the office of CSEZA assumes no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the contents of the Proposal submitted. CSEZA is not responsible for the non-receipt or delayed receipt of tender document send through courier or post. Or Delay in collecting the details of the web module to be audited.

18. Note:

- a. The Proposal shall be made in the Forms specified in this Tender Document. Any attachment to such Forms must be provided on separate sheets of paper and only information that is directly relevant should be provided. This may include photocopies of the relevant pages of printed documents.
- b. Tender received by the CSEZA after the specified time on the due date shall not be eligible for consideration and shall be summarily rejected.
- c. In exceptional circumstances, the office of CSEZA may request the bidder's consent for an extension to the period of bid validity. The request and the response thereto shall be made in writing. A bidder accepting the request and granting an extension will not be permitted to modify his bid.
- d. CSEZA is not bound to accept any tender and reserves the right to accept or reject any tender, and reserve the right to annul the selection process and reject all tender at any time before the award of the selection without assigning any reason(s) whatever and without thereby incurring any liability towards the affected participant(s) on this ground.

Sd/-
(Mahesawriamma R)
Asst. Development Commissioner &
Secretary-in-Charge

The OWASP Top 10 List

- A01: Broken Access Control: Restrictions on what authenticated users are allowed to do are not properly enforced. (Server-Side Request Forgery is included here). [\[1\]](#)
- A02: Security Misconfiguration: Security controls are misconfigured, left insecure, or implemented with default settings. [\[1\]](#)
- A03: Software Supply Chain Failures: Vulnerabilities involving insecure or compromised software dependencies, build systems, or packages. [\[1\]](#)
- A04: Cryptographic Failures: Failures related to cryptography (formerly sensitive data exposure) that lead to the exposure of sensitive data. [\[1, 2\]](#)
- A05: Injection: Untrusted data is sent to an interpreter as part of a command or query, such as SQL or cross-site scripting. [\[1\]](#)
- A06: Insecure Design: Flaws and missing controls in the design and architectural phase of the software lifecycle. [\[1, 2\]](#)
- A07: Authentication Failures: Weaknesses in confirmation of user identity, authentication, or session management. [\[1\]](#)
- A08: Software or Data Integrity Failures: Code or infrastructure that does not protect against integrity violations, such as unverified updates. [\[1\]](#)
- A09: Security Logging and Alerting Failures: Insufficient logging, detection, monitoring, or active alerting during incidents. [\[1\]](#)
- A10: Mishandling of Exceptional Conditions: Flaws in how an application handles unexpected conditions, errors, or edge cases

Annexure-II
Financial BID Format

(In the letter head of the firm)

GSTIN: _____

Sl. No.	Description of Service	Amount (₹)
1	Security Audit of Materials Movement Tracking System of Cochin SEZ	
	GST @ 0 %	0.00
	Total Amount	

Total Amount in Words: Rupees _____ only.

We hereby undertake to provide the above services as per the requirements and scope specified in the tender/quotation.

Date: _____

Place: _____

Signature of Authorised Signatory: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Seal of the Agency

FORMAT FOR UNDERTAKING REGARDING BLACKLISTING/NON-DEBARMENT

[On the letterhead of the Organization]

Name of work: “Security Audit of Materials Movement Tracking System”

To

The Chariman
Cochin SEZ Authority,
CSEZ Admin. Building, Kakkanad,
Cochin, Kerala--682037

This is to certify that we have taken the cognizance of Blacklisting Policy of Government of India Further, we hereby confirm and declare that we, M/s _____, is not blacklisted/ De-registered/ debarred by any Government Department/ Public Sector Undertaking/ Private Sector/ or any other agency for which we have Executed/Undertaken the works/Services during the last 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

Date:

(Signature, name and designation
of the Authorized signatory)

Place:

Name and seal of Bidder