

**Expression of Interest (EOI) for
Empanelment of Intellectual Property Firms for Handling of
C-DOT IP Applications and Other IP Related Work
for the period 1-04-2019 to 31-03-2024**

ACRONYMS

C-DOT	- Centre for Development of Telematics
CRI	- Computer Related Inventions
EOI	- Expression of Interest
IP	- Intellectual Property
IT	- Information Technology
ICT	- Information and Communication Technology
LLP	- Limited Liability Partnership
Ltd	- Limited
PCT	- Patent Cooperation Treaty
PoA	- Power of Attorney
SOC	- Schedule of Charges

1. Expression of Interest

C-DOT wishes to set up a new panel of attorneys to predominantly handle C-DOT's patent applications and also for other forms of IP in India and Abroad and invites expression of interest. The selection and empanelment of the IP firm will be based on an internal evaluation process. C-DOT reserves the right to shortlist firms at any point of assessment of their credentials for the empanelment. The advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment on the part of C-DOT for the empanelment. C-DOT reserves the right to reject any EOI if it is not in the given format, at any time, a material misrepresentation is made or uncovered, or the firm does not respond promptly and thoroughly to requests for supplementary information required for the evaluation of the EOI.

2. Eligibility criteria

1. The responding IP firm must be registered under Indian Law and should have good standing for at least a period of 5 years or more as on 1st Jan 2019.
2. Firm must have filed patent applications for more than 100 inventions abroad (including PCT applications) for clients based in India.
3. The Indian IP firm should possess professional expertise specially in handling patent applications in the field of engineering preferable telecommunications, electronics & computer related inventions/ technologies.
4. The applying firms and its counterpart foreign associates should be able to provide services for Filing, prosecution, maintenance, opposition, litigation, revocation, restoration and any other proceedings in respect of patents and all other forms of IP related work comprising services for copyright matters, design, trademark, layout design etc.
5. The applying firms and its counterpart foreign associates should be able to provide services for other IP related work comprising drafting of agreements, MOU, Freedom to operate searches, assistance in licensing and other IP management matters like IP audit, IP valuation, commercialization strategy and opinion/advice relating to IP matters.
6. The firm must have the requisite infrastructure and be financially sound.
7. It should have an established network of top leading foreign attorney firms worldwide who can handle the assigned work with respect to C-DOT's patent applications and other forms of IPs.
8. Preference will be given to firms having either a corporate office / branch office in Bangalore or Delhi.
9. Responses to EOI to be invited only from IPR law firms, and strictly not from the individual IPR experts and / or Non IPR law firms.

A write up about C-DOT and its products is available under corporate profile in our website. The following forms are available in www.cdote.in . Interested attorney firms may download forms and submit the same to the address mentioned here by post/courier by 5 pm, 13th Feb 2019. The application form and all the enclosures should be substantiated with relevant documents and must be signed by an authorized person of the firm.

- A. Application form
- B. Profile and Business Competencies of the firm
- C. Schedule of charges
- D. Information and Instructions for Applicant
- E. Terms and conditions of C-DOT

C-DOT will not be held responsible for the delay in postal/courier service and you are requested to take care of acknowledgement.

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