

Tender No. KPCL/COSTAUDIT/002

Dated: 30.06.2026

Sub: Notice inviting bids from Practicing Cost Auditors/ Firm of Cost Accountants for carrying out Cost Audit of Karnataka Power Corporation Limited from Financial Year 2026-27. (For one year, extendable by another two years viz 2027-28 to 2028-29, one year at a time).

Karnataka Power Corporation Limited registered under the Companies Act 1956 is a major electricity generating company with an installed capacity of 7138 MWs consisting of Thermal Plant of 3,420 MWs, Hydro Station of 3679 MWs, Wind farm of 5 MWs and Solar of 34 MWs. The existing thermal plants are located in Raichur district with 7 Units of 210 MWs each, 1 unit of 250 MW and two units of 500MW each and one unit of 700MW installed capacity in Bellary District. The hydro stations are located in 15 different locations across the Karnataka State.

As at 31st March, 2025, the Issued, Subscribed and Paid-up Capital of the Company is Rs.5307.01 Crores which is held by the Government of Karnataka. The FY 2024-25 ended with a Profit before Tax of Rs.927.95 crores with a turnover of Rs.12260.12 crores. As at the end of the Financial Year 2024-25, the capital employed is at Rs.16268.70 crores.

As per provisions of Companies (Cost Records and Audit) Rules, 2014, KPCL is subject to maintenance of cost records and to get the cost records audited by the Cost Auditor, being appointed in accordance with the provisions of section 148 of the Companies Act, 2013.

As per Companies (Cost records and Audit) Rules, 2014 (issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs vide Notification No. GSR 425 (E) dated 30th June, 2014); KPCL has to appoint cost auditor in its Board Meeting and file a notice of such appointment with the Central Government through electronic mode, in Form CRA-2 within a period of 30 days of the Board meeting.

KPCL intends to invite quotations from reputed Practicing Cost Accountants (PCA)/Firm of Cost Accountants having 10 or more years of experience and having Head Office at Karnataka as Cost Auditors initially for a period of one financial year extendable by another two years (one year at a time), to conduct Cost Audit of the Company starting from Financial Year 2026-27 onwards, till 2028-29 with terms of appointment and remuneration remaining the same. Financial bids are invited from eligible Practising Cost Accountant/ Firm for conducting the Cost Audit for the financial year 2026-27.

1. SCOPE OF WORK

The cost auditor has to audit the cost accounts of generation activities of KPCL and submit the report in prescribed formats as required by Companies (Cost Records and Audit) Rules, 2014. In addition, uploading of cost information to the portal of Ministry of Corporate Affairs within the due date is also the responsibility of cost auditors. The minimum time required for the Cost Audit is around 30 days.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SUBMISSION OF TECHNICAL BID:

- The Lead Partner/Proprietor/Individual, under whose supervision the Cost Audit of KPCL will be carried out, should have minimum post Qualification experience of 10 years as a practicing cost accountant. The cut –off date for ascertaining experience will be 31.03.2025 (40 Points);
- The Practicing Cost Accountant (PCA)/ Firm should have conducted or in-hand Cost Audit of at least one Company engaged in the activity of generation/ transmission or distribution of electricity (30 points);
- The Practicing Cost Accountant (PCA)/ Firm should have conducted or in-hand Cost Audit of at least one Company having Paid up Capital of Rs.100 crores or more in the financial year 2021-22 or later (20 points); and
- Should have Headquarter or Branch in Bengaluru (10 points).

The cost accountant firm should get a minimum of 80 points in the technical bid evaluation to qualify for opening of their financial bids.

3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- (i) **Validity of Appointment:** The validity of appointment will initially be for a period of one financial year starting from 2026-27 for conducting Cost Audit. The Company at its sole discretion may extend the validity with the approval of Competent Authority of the Company, for another two years, (one year at a time).

- (ii) **Financial Bids for conduct of Cost Audit:** Financial bids of those Cost Accountant firms/ Cost auditors will be opened, if they qualify in the Technical bid round.
- (iii) **Place of Audit:** The cost audit has to be conducted at the Corporate Office of the Company at No.82, Shakti Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru and at all relevant project locations of KPCL.
- (iv) **Payment Terms:** Payment will be released within one month from the date of submission of bill by the Practising Cost Accountants/Firm after issuance of Cost Audit Report to the satisfaction of KPCL. No advance payments shall be made for conduct of Cost Audit. Out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed at actuals after production of necessary vouchers and documents subject to the maximum of 10% of the professional fees, excluding GST.
- (v) **Minimum fees for Cost audit as per decision of ICAI Council:** Attention is invited to the Guidelines issued by the Council of ICAI vide Gazette Notification CWA/1/2017 dated 19.04.2017 relating to responding to the tenders by the members in practice. Accordingly, minimum fees of **Rs.2,50,000/-** (exclusive of GST) is prescribed for the cost audit assignment.
- (vi) **Appointment based on the lowest quote criteria:** It is to intimate that the appointment of cost auditor is based on L1 (Lowest quote) criteria. In case of more than one L-1 bidder, the selection of the successful bidder will be made on the basis of “**Highest Experience Criteria**” i.e., the oldest registered firm (based on firm/COP registration date mentioned in certificate issued by CMA institute). No future objections in this regard will be entertained.
- (vii) **Dispute:** In case of any dispute relating to contract terms and Conditions, decision of MD, KPCL will be final and binding on both the parties to the Contract.
- (viii) The Company has uploaded this notification on e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka with copy transmitted to the Bengaluru Chapter of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India for information of its members and Practising Cost Accountants.
- (ix) **Separate Upload of Technical and Financial Bids:** Technical Bid and Financial Bid are to be signed by Authorised Signatory on each page of

offer document, along with duly filled in format enclosed as **Annexure-I & II separately**. The technical and financial bid shall not be clubbed together and any such action shall result in rejection of such offer.

(x) Opening of Technical and financial bid:

The Technical and financial bid shall be opened as per following calendar of events:

Last date of upload to GoK e-portal with time	18 th July, 2026 @ 4:00 pm
Last Date of receipt of Prebid clarifications by e-mail with time	13 th July, 2026 @ 4:00 pm
Date of Technical bid Opening with time	20 th July, 2026 @ 4:00 pm
Date of Financial Bid Opening with time	23 rd July, 2026 @ 4:00 pm

(xi) In case of any clarification required in this regard, please contact @ 9880473511; 9886793567, and information can be availed from:

General Manager (Finance),
Karnataka Power Corporation Limited,
No. 82, Shakti Bhavan,
Race Course Road,
Bengaluru - 560 001
E-mail: karnatakapower@gmail.com

(xii) KPCL reserves the right to cancel/ restrict/ enlarge/ modify/ postpone and /or extend the date of receipt / opening of Bid or withdraw the Bid notice without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever. In such case the bidders shall not be entitled to any form of compensation from the Company.


General Manager (Finance) 30/06/26

Annexure-I

(On letter head of Practicing Cost Accountant/Firm/Company of Cost Accountants)

PROFORMA FOR TECHNICAL BID For conducting Cost Audit of KPCL

General Manager (Finance),
Karnataka Power Corporation Limited,
No. 82, Shakti Bhavan,
Race Course Road,
Bengaluru – 560 001

Sl. No.	Particulars	
1.	Name of the Practicing Cost Accountant (PCA)/Firm of Cost Accountants (Firm): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whether Partnership/ Proprietorship/ Individual• Name of the Lead Partner /Proprietor /Individual /In- charge• Name(s) of the Contact person (s) and the Contact details (Please provide necessary documents issued by CMA Institute, etc)	
2.	I. Year of Commencement of Practice PCA/Firm II. Certificate of Practice Number /Registration Number. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of Certificate of Practice from ICMAI regarding date of Commencement of Practice as Cost Accountant; and /or• Copy of approval letter from ICMAI in respect of Firm's Name. (Please provide necessary documents issued by CMA Institute, etc)	
3.	Details of Headquarter /Branch Office(s) Address Telephone Nos. Email : Website: (Please provide necessary documents issued by CMA Institute, etc)	

Sl. No.	Particulars		
4.	Post Qualification Experience of Lead Partner/ Proprietor / Individual in Practice under whose supervision the Cost Audit will be conducted. -Total Post Qualification Experience (min. 10 years) (Please provide necessary documents issued by CMA Institute, etc)		
5.	PAN No. GST Regn. No. (Please provide necessary documents)		
6. a)	Number of Cost Audits conducted Companies having Paid up Capital of Rs. 100 crores or more. (Please provide copies of work orders, work done certificates, etc etc)	Name of the company	Financial Year for which Cost Audit conducted
b)	PSUs (Please provide copies of work orders, work done certificates, etc etc)	Name of the company	Financial Year for which Cost Audit conducted
7.	Number of active Partners in/ with the Firm having experience of more than 10 years on 31.03.2026. Number of active Partners in/with the Firm having experience of less than 10 years on 31.03.2026. (Please provide necessary documents issued by CMA Institute, etc)		
8.	Any other relevant information.		

Declaration

1. All the information provided above by me/us is/are correct to the best of my /our knowledge & belief.
2. I/We have no objection if enquiries are made about the work listed by me/us in the accompanying sheets/ annexure.
3. I/We have read all the terms & conditions of bid and the instructions and these are acceptable to me/us.

Date:
Place:

Name & Designation of the Authorized Signatory
Stamp of the PCA/Firm:

Annexure-II

(On letter head of Practicing Cost Accountant/ Firm /Company of Cost Accountants) – Not to be uploaded with the Financial Bid

To
General Manager (Finance),
Karnataka Power Corporation Limited,
No. 82, Shakti Bhavan,
Race Course Road,
Bengaluru – 560 001

Sl.No.	Particulars	Amount in Rupees
	Fees for Cost Audit (Excluding GST)	
	<i>(Rupees in words)</i>	

Separate details to be entered as per instruction in e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka.

Signature:

Name & Designation of the Authorized Signatory:

Stamp of the PCA/Firm:

Date:

Place: