



Request for Empanelment (RFE)

EMPANELMENT OF ENROLLING AGENCIES

**FOR UNDERTAKING DEMOGRAPHIC AND
BIOMETRIC DATA COLLECTION FOR UID
ENROLMENT**

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

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1. INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

To,

Dated: 08th June, 2012

1. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) invites requests for Empanelment of Enrolling Agencies (EA) for carrying out the enrolment functions for the Unique Identification (UID) project of Government of India. Existing empanelled Enrolment Agencies desirous of renewal and up-gradation may also apply.
2. Private Companies, Government Companies, PSUs, Semi-Government Organizations, NGOs, Not-for-Profit Organizations, Microfinance institutions etc. are eligible to participate in this empanelment process
3. The Request for Empanelment (RFE) includes the following sections:
 - a. Invitation for Empanelment/re-empanelment
 - b. Scope of Work
 - c. Process for Empanelment/ re-empanelment
 - d. Application Form
 - e. Terms and Conditions for Empanelment/ re-empanelment
4. The "Request for Empanelment" is available on the website <http://uidai.gov.in/> for free download. All interested parties are requested to submit their proposal **on or before 09th July, 2012 - 3 p.m** with all supporting documents at the address for communication given below :
Address for Communication:
To
The Assistant Director General
Registrar on Boarding Division
Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI),
Planning Commission, Govt. of India (GoI),
3rd Floor, Tower II, Jeevan Bharati Building,
Connaught Circus,
New Delhi - 110001.
5. Amendments in RFE: At any time prior to the deadline for submission of proposal, UIDAI may for any reason, modify the RFE. The modifications will be notified on UIDAI's website and such amendments shall be binding on the applicants.
6. The Director General, UIDAI reserves the right to accept/ reject any request and to annul the empanelment-process and reject all requests at any time prior to empanelment without, thereby, incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s) or UIDAI or any obligation to inform the affected applicant(s) of the ground for such decision.
7. Clarification on request Submitted: During evaluation, UIDAI may, at its discretion, ask the applicant(s) for clarification on their request. The applicant(s) are required to respond within the time frame prescribed by UIDAI.

1.1 Definitions and Acronyms

1. **AADHAAR** – Brand name associated with UIDAI.
2. **Authentication** – The process of verifying the UID number of a resident along with other attributes (including biometrics) with data or information available in the CIDR with respect to the Resident.
3. **Authority** – Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
4. **Biometric Data** – refers to the facial image, iris scan and fingerprints collected by the Enrolment Agency from the enrolees based on the standards prescribed by the UIDAI and by following the process laid down for the purpose. The data collected is passed on to the UIDAI as per the process prescribed.
5. **CIDR**: Central Identities Data Repository
6. **CSC** – Common Service Centres operating as franchisees of Service Center Agency (SCA) within a State, as part of the CSC Scheme of the National E-Governance Plan of India.
7. **DDSV** – Demographic Data Standards and Verification Procedure.
8. **De-duplication** – the process of using the Demographic and Biometric data collected from an enrolee to check against data so as to avoid duplicate enrolments.
9. **Demographic Data** – refers to the personal information collected or verified by the Enrolling Agency based on the data fields prescribed by the UIDAI and by following the process laid down for the purpose. The data collected is passed on to the UIDAI as per the process prescribed.
10. **DIT** – Department of Information Technology.
11. **Enhancement / Upgradation** – refers to request for upgradation of Technical & Financial status of existing empanelled Agencies based on their technical and financial capacities.
12. **Enrolling Agency/ Enrolment Agency** – The Agency appointed by the Registrar for collection of the Demographic and Biometric data in the area assigned by the Registrar.
13. **Enrolment** – refers to the exercise of collection of demographic data after verification, collection of biometrics, and the allocation of the UID number after de-duplication.
14. **Successful Enrolment** – Enrolment that results in Aadhaar number generation
15. **Enrolment Centre** – refers to the premises located in the area where the enrolment is being carried out. One Enrolment Centre can host multiple Enrolment Stations.
16. **Enrolment Station** – refers to an individual enrolment booth/enclosure inside the Enrolment Centre. The capture of Demographic and Biometric data is done in this Station.
17. **KYC** – Know Your Customer.
18. **KYR** – Know Your Resident.
19. **KYR+** - details for Verification beyond identification (KYR)
20. **Financial Year** – From April 1st to March 31st
21. **Manual** – Resident Enrolment Process Document
22. **MoU** – Memorandum of Understanding.
23. **NGO** – Non Government Organization.
24. **NPR** – National Population register.
25. **Operator** – the person employed by the Enrolment Agency and engaged in the capture of Demographic and Biometric Data.

26. **ORGI** – Office of Registrar General of India.
27. **PoA** – Proof of Address.
28. **PoI** – Proof of Identity.
29. **Registrar** – Any Organization / Department/Local Body / Corporate Body / NGO with whom the UIDAI has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for covering issues related to the implementation of the UID Project.
30. **Renewal**: Renewal of empanelment of existing empanelled EAs.
31. **Resident** – Normal resident of India.
32. **RFP** – Request for Proposal.
33. **RFQ** – Request for Quotation.
34. **UID** – Unique Identification.
35. **UIDAI** – Unique Identification Authority of India.
36. **UNICODE** – Globally accepted standard definition of local language characters in a computer system. Character sets defined by Unicode Consortium.
37. **UTF-8** – Unicode Transformation Format, most widely used storage encoding for any UNICODE data.
38. **VARCHAR** – Variable character string as represented in a database. Unlike the fixed size character type, VARCHAR does not store any blank characters at the end, reducing the size of a database when the full length of the field is not used.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Government of India (GoI) has embarked upon an ambitious initiative to provide Aadhaar Number, a Unique Identification (UID), to every resident of India and has constituted the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) for this purpose. The scale of the UID initiative is unprecedented and its implementation will involve active participation of Central, State, and Local Governments, as well as public and private sector agencies across the country. The UID has been envisioned as a means for residents to easily and effectively establish their identity, to any agency, anywhere in the country, without having to repeatedly produce identity documentation to agencies. The Aadhaar number would thus ensure that residents across India – including the poorest and the most marginalized – are not denied access to the benefits and services that are meant for them for lack of identity. More details on the UIDAI and the strategy overview can be found on the website: <http://www.uidai.gov.in>
- 2.2 The widespread implementation of the Aadhaar project needs the reach and flexibility to enrol residents across the country. To achieve this, the UIDAI proposes to collaborate with a variety of agencies and service providers (acting as Registrars, Sub-registrars and Enrolling Agencies) to enrol residents for Aadhaar.
- 2.3 In this context, the UIDAI plans to offer a scheme for empanelment of Enrolment agencies for carrying out the various functions and activities related to Aadhaar enrolment. The enrolments will be done by the Enrolment Agency on behalf of the Registrars/Sub-Registrars but strictly in adherence to the processes, guidelines, instructions and software issued by UIDAI. The purpose of this empanelment is to facilitate selection of the Enrolment Agencies by the concerned Registrars/Sub-Registrars through a separate RFQ. Empanelment does not tantamount to allotment of Enrolment work to the Applicants. The terms Enrolling Agency and Enrolment Agency used interchangeably hereafter mean the same. AADHAAR is the brand name associated with UIDAI and is synonymous with UID.

3. SCHEME FOR EMPANELMENT OF ENROLMENT AGENCIES

Through this scheme, UIDAI intends to empanel a mix of organizations to enroll residents from the entire spectrum of the Indian population and to ensure that the enrolment activities are rolled out in the remotest villages of India and to the marginalized section of society. This RFE invites applications from organizations for empanelment to undertake enrolment work.

The RFE is open to all eligible organizations (including Govt./Semi-Govt./ Private/ NGOs/ Not-for-Profit/ Microfinance Institutions), which are (i) registered and operating in India for the last three years and (ii) having an average annual turnover/grants-in-aid of at least INR 50 lac in case of NGOs/ Not-for-Profit OR a Net Worth of at least INR 50 lac in case of Commercial Organizations/ PSUs/ Govt. companies/ Autonomous bodies, in each of the last three (3) financial years (2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-12).

Sub-Contracting of Enrolment Work is not allowed for private/ commercial Organizations /PSUs /Govt. Companies /Autonomous bodies. However, field level manpower such as enrolment operators and supervisors can be hired through third parties. EAs will be required to provide details of the companies from which they are going to hire this manpower to their

Registrars before commencing enrolment operations. Government Organizations may choose to franchise enrolment work to CSCs/ Local Government bodies.

It is advised that staff of the EA wears uniform at enrolment centre so that if residents need help, they can easily identify employees by their attire. All field operators deployed for collecting pre-enrolment data must carry identity card, and letter of authority from the concerned Registrar. EA must ensure compliance to Labour laws and all statutory provisions in various Labour regulations such as EPF, ESI, Industrial Disputes Act, Contract Labour Act, Minimum Wages etc.

4. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 4.1 A Single company/ organization (e.g. Govt./ Semi-Govt./ Private/ PSU/ NGO/ Not-for-Profit/ Microfinance Institution) or Consortium of companies/ organizations (maximum of 4 members) registered in India and in existence for at least three (3) years as on 31.3.2012, are eligible to submit proposals for empanelment for the project.
- 4.2 In case of a Consortium, one of the members of the consortium should act as the Prime Agency and shall be solely responsible to the Registrar for executing the enrolment activities and contractual obligations, if selected for carrying out enrolment activities. The Prime Agency should submit the Request for Empanelment proposal on behalf of the Consortium.
- 4.3 The applicant (single agency/ all consortium members) must be incorporated or registered in India under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 (including Section – 25 of the Act)/ Partnership Act, 1932 / Societies Registration Act 1860/ the Indian Trusts Act 1882/ it's equivalent in the respective States OR must be Proprietorship entities having a PAN number.
- 4.4 The applicant in case of Private/ PSU/ Govt. Company/ Commercial Organization/ Autonomous Body (single agency/ Prime Agency in case of a consortium) should have had a Net Worth of at least INR 50 lac in each of the last three financial years ending 31st March 2010, 2011 and 2012 as evidenced by the audited accounts of the organization.
- 4.5 The applicant in case of NGOs/ Not-for-Profit organization (single agency/ Prime Agency in case of a consortium) should have had an average annual turnover/ grants-in-aid of at least INR 50 lac in each of the last three financial years ending 31st March 2010, 2011, 2012 as evidenced by the audited accounts. However, the NGO/ Not-for-Profit organization must be non-political and non-denominational organization with no affiliation to any political parties or religion.
- 4.6 The applicant, except NGOs and Not for-profit organisations, should have reported profits, in at least 2 (two) of the last 3 (three) Financial years, i.e. 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 as declared by audited account / certified balance sheet of financial statement reported in India.
- 4.7 The applicant (single agency/ consortium members) should not have been blacklisted by Central, or any State/ UT Government. The applicant (single agency/ consortium members) shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt financial practices.
- 4.8 The applicant (single agency/ consortium members) should not have their field enrolments currently suspended by UIDAI/ their Registrars, and/or refused empanelment on account of performance in the Aadhaar project in the past, by UIDAI.

4.9 Only those applicants /existing EAs, who meet the eligibility criteria specified above, will be eligible to respond to this RFE. The applicant's request should be submitted on the prescribed form, with the relevant information & supporting documents to substantiate the eligibility of the applicant vis-à-vis the minimum eligibility criteria.

5. MANDATORY LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

5.1 Covering letter in Annexure-I of this RFE signed by the Director/Authorized Personnel of the applying agency (prime agency in case of consortium).

5.2 Application Form as given in Annexure II.

5.3 The soft copy of the Application form in CD should also include information in prescribed excel sheet format as below:

EA Code No.	Name of EA Contact Person	Address for Communication	Contact Nos./Fax/ Email ID.	Capacity as per RFE 2012		States/UTs requested for allotment
				Financial	Technical	
(this column is for Existing EAs only)						

5.4 Fees for Request for Empanelment/Renewal /Enhancement (in separate envelope).

5.5 Certificate of Incorporation from Registrar of Companies (RoC) or Certificate of Registration/ Evidence of legal status of applicant (Single Agency/ all Consortium members) only in case of new Applicants. **Those seeking renewal/upgradation of empanelment need not submit this.**

5.6 Letter of Association in case of Consortium and certified true copy of the Consortium agreement between the Prime applicant and the other members of the consortium, describing the respective roles and responsibilities of all the members, in meeting the overall scope and requirements of the proposed Project.

5.7 Auditor certified financial statements for the financial years 2011-12, 2010-11 and 2009-10 (Please include the sections on P&L, Turnover, Assets and Balance Sheet) should be provided by all types of applicants.

5.8 In case, the audited certified financial statements for the financial year 2011-12 is not available, a certificate from the Auditor authorised to audit the financial statements of the organisation, specifying the Net worth and Turnover/ Grants-in-aid of the organization as of 31.3.2012 should be provided for the same. **Existing empanelled EAs should only submit accounts/Auditor's certificate for 2011-12.** However, they should provide information for all 3 years on the Application Form. To calculate Net worth, refer Annexure for Application Form for Empanelment.

5.9 Proof for Organization PAN Number, VAT/ Service Tax number is required only in case of new Applicants. Those seeking renewal/up-gradation of empanelment need not submit this.

5.10 Profile of the Organization giving relevant details of nature of work, experience, infrastructure, resources etc. only in case of new Applicants. Those seeking renewal/up-gradation of empanelment need not submit this.

- 5.11 In case of renewal, brief details of the contract(s) signed with the Registrar /activities undertaken for UIDAI exercise. Details of Bids made be included in case no contracts were awarded.
- 5.12 Certificate of satisfactory performance from the Registrar concerned in case of EAs which have commenced enrolments.
- 5.13 Applications which do not contain the above may be rejected for non-compliance of RFE requirements without any further opportunity.

6. SCHEME OF CATEGORIZATION

The scheme aims to categorize enrolment agencies on the basis of their Technical Capability as well as Financial Capacity for undertaking enrolment functions. While the technical capability addresses the maturity of an organization to undertake enrolment functions in the Aadhaar landscape in terms of number of trained operators and experience in biometric enrolment, the financial capacity addresses the capacity of an organization to undertake enrolment activities in multiple States.

The Technical Capability of an organization shall be assessed at a 3-Level maturity continuum while the Financial Capacity shall be assessed based on a 4-Tier structure, as given below:

6.1 Technical Capability

The technical capability of an enrollment agency shall be assessed at 4 levels as given below:

I. Level T1 – Entry:

All organizations (single agency/consortium) interested in undertaking enrolment activities for the UIDAI project shall be empanelled under Level T1, provided they meet the minimum eligibility criteria.

II. Level T2 – Skilled:

Organizations (single agency/ consortium) can progress from Level T1 to Level T2 if the organization (single agency/ consortium) has completed 1 Lac Aadhaar enrolments which has resulted in issuance of Aadhaar number in the last -3 financial years.

III. Level T3 – Experienced:

Organizations can get empanelled / **progress** to Level T3 on completing 10 Lac successful Aadhaar enrolments, which has resulted in issuance of Aadhaar numbers.

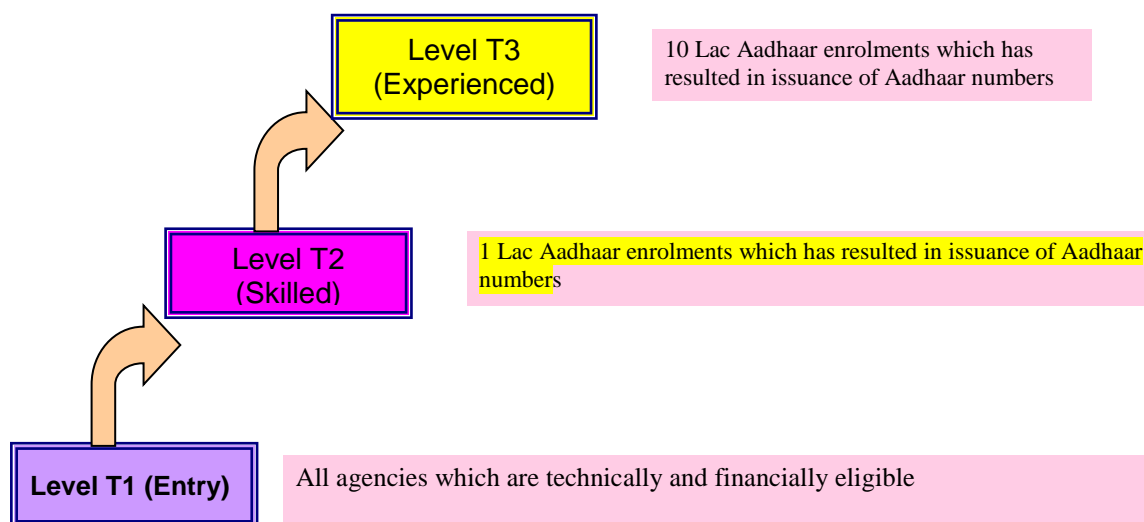


Fig. 1: Snapshot of Technical Capability Levels and Criteria

6.2 Financial Capacity

I. Tier F1:

- Commercial Organizations (Single Agency/ Prime Agency in case of a consortium) which have a Net worth between INR - 50 Lac and not exceeding INR 2 Crores as of 31.3.2012 shall be eligible for 'Tier F1' empanelment.
- NGOs/ Not-for-Profit Organizations which have an annual turnover/ Grants-in-aid between INR 50 Lac and not exceeding INR 2 Crores as of 31.3.2012 shall be eligible for 'Tier F1' empanelment.
- Organizations which are eligible for empanelment under Tier F1 can evince interest in undertaking enrolment work in a **maximum** of 2 States/ UTs. Tier F1 organizations can take upto **maximum** of 25 Lac Aadhaar Enrolments in a year.

II. Tier F2:

- Commercial Organizations (Single Agency/ Prime Agency in case of a consortium) which have a Net worth above INR 2 Crores and not exceeding INR 5 Crores as of 31.3.2012 shall be eligible for 'Tier F2' empanelment.
- NGOs/ Not-for-Profit Organizations which have an annual turnover/ Grants-in-aid above INR 2 Crores and not exceeding INR 5 Crores as of 31.3.2012 shall be eligible for 'Tier F2' empanelment.
- Organizations which are eligible for empanelment under Tier F2 can evince interest in undertaking enrolment work in a **maximum** of 4 States/ UTs. Tier F2 organizations can take up a **maximum** of 50 Lac Aadhaar Enrolments in a year.

III. Tier F3:

- Commercial Organizations (Single Agency/ Prime Agency in case of a consortium) which have a Net worth above INR 5 Crores and not exceeding INR 20 Crores as of 31.3.2012 shall be eligible for 'Tier F3' empanelment.
- NGOs/ Not-for-Profit Organizations which have an annual turnover/ Grants-in-aid above INR 10 Crores and not exceeding INR 20 Crores as of 31.3.2012 shall be eligible for 'Tier F3' empanelment.

- c. Organizations which are eligible for empanelment under Tier F3 can evince interest in undertaking enrolment work in a **maximum** of 8 States/ UTs. Tier F3 organizations can take up a **maximum** of 250 Lac Aadhaar Enrolments in a year.

IV Tier F4:

- a. Commercial Organizations (Single Agency/ Prime Agency in case of a consortium) which have a Net Worth greater than Rs 20 Crores as of 31.3.2012 shall be eligible for 'Tier F4' empanelment.
- b. NGOs/ Not-for-Profit Organizations which have an annual turnover/ Grants-in-aid greater than INR 20 Crore as of 31.3.2012 shall be eligible for 'Tier F4' empanelment.
- c. Organizations which are eligible for empanelment under Tier F4 can evince interest in undertaking enrolment work. Tier F4 organizations can take up a **maximum of 500 Lac** Aadhaar Enrolments in a year.

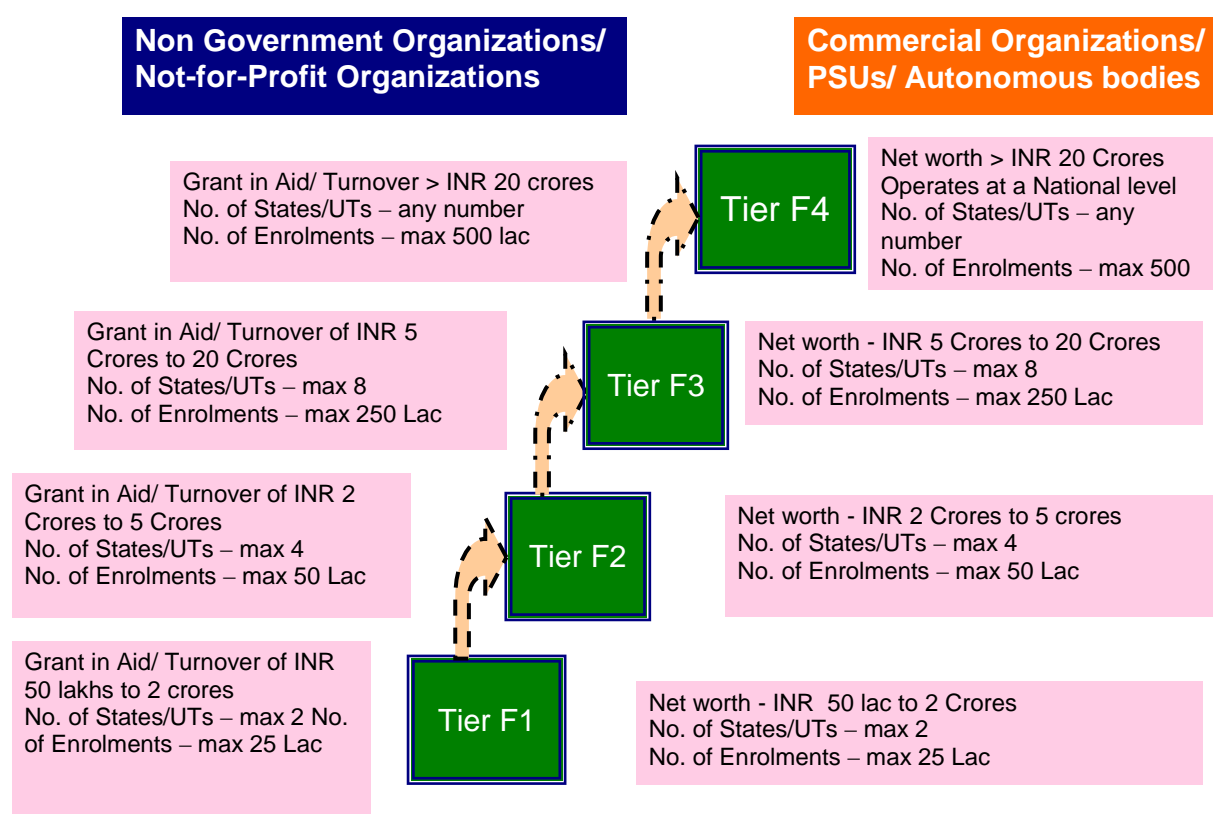


Fig 2: Snapshot of Financial Capacity Tiers and Bid Capacity in terms of maximum number of States and maximum number of Aadhaar enrolments in a year.

7. SALIENT POINT FOR EMPANELMENT

- a) The empanelment shall be done annually by UIDAI.
- b) Applicants shall select between Level T1, T2 and T3 based on their technical capability.
- c) Applicants shall select between Tier F1 to Tier F4 based on the financial capacity of the Applicant (single agency/ prime agency in case of consortium) and shall accordingly mention the names of the States/UTs in which the Applicant is interested in undertaking enrolment work, in the Application Form.

In case the applicant evinces interest in more number of States/UTs than what the applicant is eligible for, under the Tier the applicant falls under,

- (i) the first eight States/UTs cited shall be considered for Tier F3 applicants
 - (ii) the first four States/UTs cited shall be considered for Tier F2 applicants and
 - (iii) The first two States/UTs cited shall be considered for Tier F1 applicants.
- d) **Request for change in Technical Tier and Financial capacity will not be entertained during the year.**
- e) **It may be noted that evincing interest in a particular State does not in any way guarantee the allocation of enrolment work in that State either in part or in whole. The discretion of work allocation within a State lies solely with the respective Registrar.**
- f) Consortium partners' experience shall be evaluated only for assessment of Technical Capability and shall not be considered for assessment of Financial Capacity of the applicant.
- g) Only one request for change in the State/UT allocated to an Enrolment Agency shall be entertained from an Enrolment Agency, only up to December 31, 2012 and duly considered. No change request will be entertained thereafter nor will multiple requests for change be entertained.

8. SCOPE OF WORK

- a) The scope of work of the Enrolling Agency (EA) includes the following:
- i. Procure enrolment hardware, software including Biometric Devices as per UIDAI specifications; Upgrade to latest requirements as per process/technology changes from time to time
 - ii. Hire & Train Manpower for Enrolment; supervise the enrolment process at the field level to ensure that the enrolments are in accordance with prescribed processes and guidelines of UIDAI
 - iii. Enrol Operator/Supervisors; Certify, Register and Activate them at UIDAI
 - iv. Software Installation, Configuration and Registration
 - v. Setting up of Enrolment Centre(EC) and Enrolment Stations (ES)
 - vi. Set up a Help Desk at Enrolment Centre for Crowd Management and addressing Resident Grievances
 - vii. Help Create Awareness
 - viii. Capture Demographic and Biometric Data using UIDAI enrolment client
 - ix. Data Transfer to UIDAI
 - x. MIS
 - xi. Ensuring Data Privacy and Security
 - xii. Document Management as per UIDAI guidelines
- b) To understand the complete scope of work of an Enrolment Agency, refer the following documents available in the "Process Manuals and Guidelines" section on UIDAI website <http://www.uidai.gov.in/registrar-link-2.html>:
- i) EA roles and responsibilities – for activities that an EA needs to undertake during the Aadhaar Enrolment Program

- ii) Checklist for Setting up Enrolment Centre version 2.0 or later – for hardware and software requirements and specifications at enrolment centre and station level that the EA needs to arrange/procure
- c) For Hiring and Training of Manpower, refer following documents:
 - i) Operator roles and responsibilities – for Operator hiring
 - ii) Supervisor roles and responsibilities -for Supervisor hiring
 - iii) Capability Building Framework – for training of EA personnel
- d) In addition applicants must familiarize themselves with the following documents for understanding of Aadhaar process and requirements:
 - i) Resident Enrolment Process Document version 2.0 or later
 - ii) EA Checklist for Refresh Phase
 - iii) Suspension Policy
 - iv) Data Quality Policy
 - v) Data Protection and Security Guidelines for EA

UIDAI accords highest priority to quality of data and will impose penalties for Demographic and Process errors.

EA must apprise itself and ensure compliance with the latest versions of policy /process/technology requirements and guidelines issued by UIDAI from time to time.

9. PROCESS OF EMPANELMENT

9.1 How to Apply for Empanelment with UIDAI

UIDAI will publish this document on their website <http://uidai.gov.in/> for the benefit of interested parties to empanel with UIDAI. The following is a description of the procedure for submission of application:

- a) Interested parties are required to read the document completely to ascertain that they fulfill all the eligibility criteria. They are also advised to go through various process documents available on UIDAI website including the ones referred to in the section for “Scope of Work”.
- b) Fill the Cover Letter in **Annexure I** and the Application Form completely as given in **Annexure II**. Cover Letter must be signed by the Director/ authorized personnel. Applications with incomplete/ ambiguous information and lacking mandatory documents will be rejected and no correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
- c) The Proposal and all associated correspondence shall be written in English and shall conform to prescribed formats. Any interlineations, erasures or over writings shall be valid only if they are initialed by the authorized person signing the Proposal.
- d) Please write ‘**APPLICATION FOR NEW EMPANELMENT or RENEWAL OF ENROLMENT AGENCIES**’, as the case may be, and the name of the applicant on the outer envelope.
- e) Hard copy of application with empanelment fees in the form of Demand draft and necessary supporting documents as well as 1 CD of the hard copy should be submitted **on or before 09th July, 2012 - 3 p.m.** at the following Address :

To
Assistant Director General,
Registrar on Boarding Division
Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI),
Planning Commission, Govt. of India (GoI),
3rd Floor, Tower II, Jeevan Bharati Building,
Connaught Circus,
New Delhi - 110001.

9.2 Pre- Application Queries

Prospective applicants, requiring any clarification on the RFE may post their queries to the following email ID < kkipgen@uidai.gov.in > by 18th June, 2012. UIDAI shall attempt to provide responses to all such queries on-line within 5 working days.

9.3 Renewal of Empanelment

Those EAs who are already empanelled with UIDAI and desirous of renewing their empanelment with UIDAI may submit following information along with supporting documents wherever necessary along with the application-

- A. Empanelled agencies who did not get any work orders:
- (i) Name of States/UTs for which they were eligible to undertake work as per terms and conditions of empanelment but the Company did not submit bids, giving reasons.
 - (ii) Name of States/UTs for which they are eligible and wherein the Company submitted bids vis-à-vis their financial categorization (F1, F2, F3 and F4).
 - (iii) Work order received but cancelled later on.
- B. Empanelled agencies who received work orders:
- (i) Certificate of satisfactory performance from their Registrars.
 - (ii) Brief details of the contract signed with the Registrar /activities undertaken for UIDAI exercise.

9.4 Fees for Request for Empanelment

The RFE is available to be downloaded online, free of cost. However at the time of submission of RFE, applicants are required to pay INR 10000/- towards Request for Empanelment Fees in the form of Demand Draft drawn in favor of "Pay and Accounts Officer (PAO)", UIDAI, New Delhi" payable at New Delhi. This RFE Fees should be included along with the Application in a separate cover and this fee is Non-Refundable.

Those EAs who are already empanelled with UIDAI and desirous of renewing their empanelment with UIDAI may submit their request in the prescribed proforma (Annexure-II) along with a fee of INR 2500/- drawn in favour of Pay and Accounts Officer (PAO), UIDAI, New Delhi.

The empanelment shall be valid for a period of one year subject to compliance of all requirements. After one year, the Enrollment agency shall pay the prescribed fees for renewal of empanelment at the time of next RFE.

"The selected applicants shall be required to furnish an unconditional and irrevocable Bank Guarantee equivalent to INR 200000/-, from a scheduled commercial bank in India valid for the entire period of empanelment. The Bank Guarantee shall be drawn

in favour of PAO, UIDAI, New Delhi. The Bank Guarantee should be submitted within 30 days of the date of communication of the acceptance of the request for empanelment as Enrolment Agency with UIDAI.” Validity of Bank Guarantee should last at least 60 days beyond the normal term of empanelment. Breach/default of the Terms and Conditions of the said Empanelment, and non-compliance with directions to rectify in given time frame will result in invoking of the Bank Guarantee. The existing EAs seeking renewal of empanelment have the option to get their existing Bank Guarantees extended suitably for the new term.

9.5 Evaluation for Empanelment based on Technical Capability

The process of evaluation for Empanelment of Enrolling Agencies shall be as given below:

9.5.1 Evaluation for Empanelment at Level T1

Evaluation for empanelment at Level T1 involves the assessment of the applicant organization through documentary evidence for its nature of business, stated competence, financial turnover and organization background and its suitability for UIDAI enrolment activities. This stage of evaluation requires:

- a) Cover Letter in prescribed format in Annexure I signed by the Director/Authorized Personnel
- b) Application Form in prescribed format, given at Annexure II
- c) Demand Draft of Request for Empanelment Fees along with the Application
- d) Registration details of the organization
- e) Brief write-up on organization's activities, nature of business, locations, number of employees
- f) Annual Turnover/Grants in Aid/Net Worth details & supporting documents for last three financial years
- g) PAN number and VAT/Service Tax number proof verification
- h) States/ UTs in which the applicant is interested to work
- i) Details as in points d, e and f above of each Consortium Members, in case of a consortium bid

UIDAI may also conduct a background check of the applicant, wherever deemed necessary, and shall have the complete right to disqualify an applicant, in case the information provided by the applicant is found to be incorrect.

The applicants have to satisfy the General Eligibility Criteria and submit all the mandatory list of documents irrespective of the tiers that they are applying for. UIDAI, upon successful verification and evaluation of these details, shall consider empanelling the applicants at Level T1, T2, and T3.

9.5.2 Evaluation for Empanelment at Level T2 & Level T3

For Level T2 / T3, the Enrolment Agency should submit the information on the name, EA code and the number of Enrolments which have resulted in successful Aadhaar generation. UIDAI shall verify these details with the information generated by the Management Information System (MIS). On successful verification, the Enrolment Agency shall be empanelled/ elevated to Level T2 /T3 status depending upon eligibility.

9.6 Evaluation for Empanelment based on Financial Capacity

The Enrolment Agencies shall be empanelled under Tier F1, Tier F2, Tier F3 or Tier F4 based on the Net Worth (for Commercial Organizations) as on 31.3.2012 OR Annual Turnover/ Grants-in-Aid (for NGOs/ Not-for-Profit Organizations) as on 31.3.2012. Empanelled Enrolment Agencies may progress to a higher tier only during the next round of empanelment/renewal of empanelment.

9.7 Letter of Empanelment

After scrutinizing the complete details, UIDAI will empanel the applicants indicating the level of technical capability, States/UTs in which to undertake enrollment work, and bid capacity. The empanelled agencies will be issued a letter of empanelment which will also include the terms and conditions of the empanelment. Refer Annexure IV for Draft Terms and Conditions of Empanelment.

9.8 Disqualifications

UIDAI may, at its sole discretion, and at any time during the evaluation of proposal, disqualify any application received for empanelment, if the applicant has:

- a) Submitted the application after the response deadline.
- b) Not submitted Cover letter and/or Application Form.
- c) Incomplete/ Inconsistent information in application form/ cover letter with respect to the documents provided / financial details of the applicant organization.
- d) Made misleading or false representations in the forms, statements and attachments submitted as proof of the eligibility requirements.
- e) Exhibited a record of poor performance such as abandoning works, not properly completing the contractual obligations, inordinately delaying completion or financial failures, etc. in any project in the preceding three years.
- f) Submitted a proposal that is not accompanied by required documentation or is non-responsive.
- g) Failed to provide clarifications within requisite timeframe, related thereto, when sought.
- h) Net worth certificate submitted is not signed by a certified auditor in case of Private organizations and NGOs.
- i) Non-submission of certificate of satisfactory performance from the Registrar concerned in case of EAs which have commenced enrolments.
- j) If Agency has submitted more than one proposal, then only the first one will be considered
- k) Prosecuted for corrupt and fraudulent practices in any court of law.
- l) Blacklisted by any Government of India / State / UT Government or declared ineligible by the Govt. of India/State/UT Adm. for corrupt and fraudulent practices
- m) Agencies undertaking certification of Operator /Supervisors/ Master Trainers for UIDAI project will not be eligible for empanelment as Enrolment Agency or vice versa.
- n) Non-adherence to UIDAI prescribed processes, instructions, guidelines, in case of already empanelled agencies.
- o) Non-performance or poor performance during phase-I of the project which ended on 31.3.2012, in case of already empanelled agencies.

9.9 Termination or cessation of Empanelment

- a) Without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have, either party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving one month advance notice in writing to the other party.
- b) UIDAI reserves the right to withdraw/ terminate empanelment of applicant in any of following circumstances:
1. Submission of false particulars/fake documents for securing empanelment.
 2. Information provided to UIDAI is found to be incorrect.
 3. Evidence of Sub-contracting of enrolment work
 4. Empanelment conditions are not met within the specified time period.
 5. Applicant becomes insolvent, bankrupt; resolution is passed for the winding up of the applicant's organization.
 6. Significant changes to the organization leading to change of management, or in the course being conducted, are not notified to UIDAI.
 7. Non co-operation during audits/inspections by UIDAI/Registrars/auditing agencies empanelled/ appointed by these.
 8. Conditions arising from audits are not met within the specified time period.
 9. Misleading claims about the empanelment status are made.
 10. Clear evidence is received that empanelled agency is in breach of copyright.
 11. Non-adherence to the UIDAI enrolment processes and guidelines, which includes use of latest enrolment client version, timely client sync and upload of resident data packets.
 12. Poor quality of biometrics and demographics data
 13. Poor performance reports/Complaints received against the Enrolment Agency.
 14. Usage of biometric devices which are not approved by UIDAI.
 15. Deploying Enrolment Operators/supervisors who either do not have their Aadhaar generated and/or are uncertified and /or inactive as per UIDAI activation protocols.
 16. Mismanagement of the enrolment centers
 17. Not maintaining the confidentiality of the documents, data collected or any other violation of UIDAI data security guidelines for Enrolment Agencies
 18. Non-provision of necessary infrastructure at the enrolment centers
 19. Undertaking enrolment operations at locations without valid agreement /approval of the Registrars
 20. Soliciting information outside the scope of work
 21. Any other reasons deemed fit by UIDAI

10. POST EMPANELMENT PROCESS AND AWARD OF WORK**10.1 Compilation of Database of Empanelled Enrolling Agencies**

- a) Upon completion of the RFE process, UIDAI will intimate successful applicants. The empanelled agencies will be issued a letter of empanelment which will also include the terms and conditions of the empanelment. The successful Applicants will have to

accept and return a signed copy of the terms and conditions of empanelment in token of their acceptance of the terms and conditions. They will also submit a Bank Guarantee, as prescribed by UIDAI, within 15 days of Letter of Empanelment, failing which the offer of empanelment will be treated as withdrawn without any further correspondence.

- b) The UIDAI will compile a database of all the eligible and qualified Enrolling Agencies (EA) and categorize them as per the Level and Tier classification described above.
- c) The UIDAI will make available the list of all empanelled enrolling agencies (as per the indicative format and details shown above) to Registrars who wish to engage enrolling agencies for UID enrolment work. This list will be published on UIDAI portal <http://www.uidai.gov.in/registrar-link-2.html>
- d) Using the above information, Registrars will be able to access details of the technical capability (Levels T1 to T3) and bid capacity (Tiers F1 to F4) for the enrolling agencies.
- e) The information contained in this list shall be subject to revision at frequent intervals based on updated information provided by EAs, Registrars, and information obtained from the UID Management Information System (MIS).

10.2 Award of Enrolment Work to Empanelled EAs

The Empanelment of an Enrolment Agency requires an Acceptance of the terms and conditions of enrolment and submission of the Bank Guarantee.

No agreement / contract will be signed by the Enrolment Agency with UIDAI, nor does the empanelment of an enrolment agency commit any enrolment work to the agency. The empanelled agencies have to compete and seek enrolment work from the Registrars alone, who will sign appropriate contracts with them on acceptance of their bids.

11. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions are of a general nature, and are given here only for the information of the prospective enrolling agencies. Every project and assignment shall be awarded subject to the specific terms and conditions applicable to that project which will be imposed through specific contracts and agreements to be signed for that project. UIDAI will not sign any contract directly with the empanelled enrolling agencies.

11.1 Nativity: The organization must be registered and audited statement must be declared in India.

11.2 Relationship:

Nothing mentioned herein shall be construed as relationship of master and servant or of principal and agent as between the 'UIDAI and 'the applicant. No partnership shall be constituted between UIDAI and the applicant by virtue of this Empanelment nor shall either party have powers to make, vary or release contractual obligations on behalf of the other party or represent that by virtue of this or any other Empanelment a partnership has been constituted, or that it has any such power. The applicants shall be fully responsible for the services performed by them or on their behalf.

Neither party shall use the other parties name or any service or proprietary name, mark or logo of the other party for advertising or promotional purpose without first having obtained the other party's prior written approval.

11.3 Right to accept the application:

UIDAI reserves the right to accept or reject any request for empanelment and to annul the empanelment process and reject all such requests at any time prior to empanelment, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s) or any obligation to inform the affected applicant(s) of the grounds for such decision.

11.4 No obligation:

Empanelment with UIDAI does not guarantee that any or all applicants shall be invited to bid for, or be awarded any project / assignment as a result of this empanelment.

11.5 Performance Assessment:

EA's performance will be assessed during the execution of the project / assignment and any deficiencies and short-falls will be dealt with in accordance of the contract terms associated with the project / assignment. It could also lead to termination/withdrawal of empanelment as well as imposition of penalties in case of demographic data and process errors.

11.6 Fraud and Corruption:

UIDAI requires that the enrolment agencies empanelled through this process must observe the highest standards of ethics during the performance and execution of the awarded contract(s).

11.7 UIDAI will reject the application for empanelment, if the applicant recommended for empanelment, has been determined by UIDAI to having been engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, unfair trade practices, coercive or collusive.

These terms are defined as follows:

- (a) "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of UIDAI or any personnel in contract executions.
- (b) "Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts, in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract, to UIDAI, and includes collusive practice among applicants (prior to or after Proposal submission) designed to establish proposal prices at artificially high or non-competitive levels and to deprive UIDAI of the benefits of free and open competition.
- (c) "Unfair trade practices" means supply of services different from what is ordered on, or change in the Scope of Work which was agreed to.
- (d) "Coercive practices" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in the execution of contract.
- (e) "Collusive practices" means a scheme or arrangement between two or more applicants with or without the knowledge of the UIDAI, designed to establish prices at artificial, noncompetitive levels;
- (d) UIDAI will reject an application for award, if it determines that the applicant recommended for award has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, unfair trade, coercive or collusive practices in competing for the contract in question.

11.8 Confidentiality: Information relating to evaluation of application and recommendations concerning awards shall not be disclosed.

11.9 Governing Language: All contracts and documents shall be written in English Language.

11.10 Applicable Law: Applicable Law means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in India as they may be issued and in force from time to time.

11.11 Legal Jurisdiction: The interpretation validity, and performance of this document,

shall be governed in all respects in accordance with the Indian Laws. All legal disputes between the parties shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts situated in Delhi only.

11.12 Duration of Empanelment: The empanelment under the scheme shall be renewed annually on payment of a renewal fee unless and until the enrolment agency is de-empanelled on account of sub-contracting the enrolment work in violation of UIDAI guidelines, poor performance, non-adherence to UIDAI enrolment processes, consistent bad quality of biometric data capture etc..

11.13 Advertising and Promotion: The advertisement and marketing material (posts, marketing brochure content on the website, emails and postal letters etc.) used by the enrolling agencies shall be in accordance with the guidelines laid down by UIDAI. The enrolling agencies shall not use the Name of UIDAI, its brand name – AADHAAR, and its Logo, to promote their interest in any manner in any programme not connected / related or being undertaken for UIDAI.

11.14 Enrolment guidelines: UIDAI has the discretion to change the prescribed procedure for enrolment, setting up of enrolment station/ centre and the staffing of the enrolment stations/centres without prior notice.

11.15 Indemnity: The applicants will indemnify UIDAI against any misuse of UIDAI Name, Brand Name - AADHAAR and Logo. For any misuse of UIDAI name and logo, the applicant themselves will be held responsible. UIDAI will take necessary actions for such cases. UIDAI will not be responsible for any miscommunication or harm caused to any party because of any misrepresentation of its name and logo by the applicant.

11.16 Conflict of Interest: UIDAI requires that empanelled enrolment agencies shall provide professional and objective services and at all times hold the UIDAI's interests paramount, strictly avoid conflicts of interest with other assignments or their own corporate interests and act without any consideration for future work. The fidelity of the enrolment process and the enrolment data shall be maintained at all times.

Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, applicants, and any of their affiliates, shall be considered to have a conflict of interest and shall not be empanelled, under any of the circumstances set forth below:

(i) **Conflicting relationships:** An applicant (including its Personnel and Sub- Agencies) that has a business or family relationship with a member of the UIDAI's staff who is directly or indirectly involved in any part of:

(a) The preparation of the Terms of Reference of the project/ assignment,

(b) The selection process for such project / assignment

(ii) Applicants have an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts their capacity to serve the best interest of the UIDAI, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Agency or the termination of its Empanelment.

(iii) Applicants shall furnish information on commissions and gratuities, if any, paid or to be paid to agents relating to this application and during execution of the assignment if the applicant is awarded the Empanelment.

(iv) The empanelled enrolling agencies will not be eligible to participate or under-take any activities related to the Testing and Certification or Audit work component of UID project.

11.17 Only one application: An applicant may only submit one proposal on its own. If an applicant submits more than one proposal on its own, all such subsequent proposals shall be disqualified.

11.18 Amendment: At any time prior to deadline for submission of applications, UIDAI may for any reason, modify this document. The amendment document shall be notified through website and such amendments shall be binding on all applicants.

11.19 Right to Inspect and Audit: UIDAI shall have the right to:

- (i) Carry out any inspection, background checks, audits of the empanelled enrolling agencies
- (ii) Verify any allegations made by/ made against the enrolling agencies
- (iii) Carry out scheduled/ un-scheduled visits to any of the enrolment centres/ stations manned by the enrolling agencies by authorized officials/ nominated agencies
- (iv) Oversee the processes and operations of the enrolling agencies
- (v) Impose decisions on empanelment status /empanelment tiers / Renewal request/ Upgrade of empanelment tiers, based on Performance Monitoring at the Enrolment Centres and data analysis

11.20 Disclaimer:

- (i) This Request for Empanelment (RFE) is not an offer by the UIDAI, but an invitation to receive responses from eligible interested applicants for Empanelment of Enrolling Agencies to undertake demographic and biometric data collection for UID enrollment. UIDAI will empanel such applicants who fulfill the eligibility criteria for awarding such work by various Registrars. No contractual obligation whatsoever shall arise from the RFE process.
- (ii) The RFE evaluation shall be strictly based on the information and supporting documents provided by the applicants in the application submitted by them. It is the responsibility of the applicants to provide all supporting documents necessary to fulfill the mandatory eligibility criteria. In case, information required by UIDAI is not provided by applicant, UIDAI shall proceed with evaluation based on information provided and shall not request the applicant for further information. Hence, responsibility for providing information as required in this form lies solely with applicant.

12. Annexure I – Covering Letter

(To be submitted on the Letter head of the applicant)

To,
The Assistant Director General,
Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI),
Planning Commission, Govt. of India (GoI),
3rd Floor, Tower II, Jeevan Bharati Building,
Connaught Circus, New Delhi – 110001.

Dear Madam,

Ref: Request for Empanelment (RFE) Notification No. 4(4)57/127/UIDAI-2012 dated 08th June, 2012.

1. Having examined the RFE document, we, the undersigned, herewith submit our response to your RFE Notification dated _____ for Empanelment of Enrolling Agencies under UID Project, in full conformity with the said RFE document. (in case of consortium, the names of the consortium partners shall be provided here)
2. We have read the provisions of the RFE document; the various process documents referred to in this RFE and familiarized ourselves with them, and confirm that these are acceptable to us. We further declare that additional conditions, variations, deviations, if any, found in our RFE shall not be given effect to.
3. We agree to abide by this RFE, consisting of this letter, the detailed response to the RFE and all attachments, for a period of 60 days from the closing date fixed for submission of proposal as stipulated in the RFE document.
4. We would like to declare that we are not under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt or fraudulent practices.
5. We hereby declare that we have not been blacklisted by any Central/ State/ UT Government /Public Sector Undertaking.
6. We hereby declare that our field enrolments are not currently suspended by UIDAI/ their Registrars and/or have been refused empanelment in the Aadhaar project, in the past by UIDAI for any reason.
7. We hereby declare that we have not been charged with any fraudulent activities by any Central/ State/ UT Government / Public Sector Undertaking.
8. We hereby declare that we are a non-political and non-denominational organization with no affiliation to any political parties or religion (Applicable to NGOs and Not-for-profit organisations).
9. We hereby declare that all the information and statements made in this RFE are true and accept that any misrepresentation contained in it may lead to our disqualification.
10. We understand that UIDAI is not bound to short-list / accept any proposal received in response to this RFE.
11. We understand that Empanelment with UIDAI does not guarantee that every / any of the applicants shall be invited to bid for, or be awarded a project / assignment.
12. In case we are empanelled as an Enrolling Agency, we shall provide all assistance/cooperation required by UIDAI appointed auditing agencies/ UIDAI officials for performing their auditing and inspection functions. We understand that our non-cooperation for the same shall be grounds for termination of empanelment.

13. In case we are empanelled as an Enrolling Agency, we agree to abide by all the terms & conditions of the Letter of Empanelment that will be issued by UIDAI.

We hereby declare that our proposal submitted in response to this RFE is made in good faith and the information contained is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Sincerely,

[Applicant's Name with seal]

Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

13. Annexure-II – Application Form for EMPANELMENT

Sl.No	Information required	Information to be provided by applicants
1.	Whether request is for New Empanelment/Renewal of Empanelment	
2.	Is it Single Agency Bid OR Consortium Bid:	
3.	Name of Single Agency/ Prime Agency (in case of Consortium):	
4.	In case of Consortium Bid, name of Consortium Members: a. b. c.	
5.	Legal Status of Single Agency/ Prime Agency: a. Whether Government/ Semi-Government/ PSU/ NGO/ Not for Profit/ Private etc.: b. PAN number of the Organization c. VAT/Service Tax Registration number of the Organization (Provide these above details for each consortium member, in case of a consortium bid)	
6.	Date of Incorporation of Single Applicant/ Consortium team members; and Name of Certificate of Incorporation	
7.	Brief Write-up on the Organization's activities and Business Areas in case of Private/ Commercial Organization/ PSU/ Govt. Company/ Autonomous Body (include details on each consortium member, in case of consortium bid):	
8.	In case of NGO/ Not for Profit, please provide the following information (include details of each consortium member also separately): a) Principal field(s) of activity/operation b) Principal sources of funding	

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	c) Managing Committee/ Governing Body/ Office Bearers																														
9.a	Contact Details of the CEO/Chairman/Managing Director. Name Designation Address Email Phone /FAX numbers																														
	Contact Details of the nodal person for Aadhaar project. Name of Nodal Person Designation Address Email Phone /FAX numbers																														
9.b	In case of renewal, brief details of the contract signed with the Registrar /activities undertaken for UIDAI project. Details of Bids made be included in case no contracts were awarded.																														
9.c	Give reasons, if any, for non- participation in RFQ floated by Registrars																														
10.	In case of renewal whether certificate of satisfactory performance from Registrars is submitted by EA.																														
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12.	<p>Turnover of Single Agency/ Prime Agency in each of the previous 3 financial years ending 31st March 2010, 2011 and 2012, in case of Private/ Commercial organization/ PSU/ Govt. Company/ Autonomous Body, duly certified by the Auditor and as evidenced from the provided Financial.</p> <p>Existing empanelled EAs should only submit accounts/Auditor's certificate for 2011-12. However, they should provide the information for all 3 years in this form.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="790 201 1069 309">Financial Year</th> <th data-bbox="1077 201 1428 309">Turnover in INR Lac</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="790 320 1069 421">2009-10</td> <td data-bbox="1077 320 1428 421"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="790 432 1069 533">2010-11</td> <td data-bbox="1077 432 1428 533"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="790 544 1069 645">2011-12</td> <td data-bbox="1077 544 1428 645"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Financial Year	Turnover in INR Lac	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12						
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15.	Locations where the organization and consortium members have offices:															
16.	In case of Organization that wish to empanel into Level T2/T3, number of successful Aadhaar enrolments completed (Provide State wise information)															
17.	Names of States/ UTs in which the Agency is interested to undertake															

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	enrolment work: (This information is mandatory. Please note that the number of the States/ UTs provided here should match with the Tier F1, Tier F2, Tier F3 and Tier F4 specifications given for assessment of financial capacity i.e. in terms of number of States)	
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I/We hereby declare that our request, in response to this RFE, is made in good faith and the information contained is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Sincerely,

[Applicant's Name with seal]

Signature:

Place

Name:

Dated

Designation:

The applicant should submit information in the above format and should mandatorily provide all supporting documents as mentioned, in hard copies, and should send them at the following address:

To
The Assistant Director General,
Registrar on Boarding Division
Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI),
Planning Commission, Govt. of India (GoI),
3rd Floor, Tower II, Jeevan Bharati Building,
Connaught Circus,
New Delhi - 110001.

14. Annexure-III – Letter of Bank Guarantee

Dear Sirs,

Guarantee No. _____
Amount of Guarantee _____
Guarantee cover from _____
Last date for lodgment of claim _____

This Deed of guarantee executed by the(name of Bank) having its Central Office at and amongst other places, a Branch at _____

(hereinafter referred to as 'the Bank') in favour of _____ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Beneficiary ') for an amount not exceeding Rs _____ (Rupees _____) at the request of _____

(hereinafter referred to as 'the Contractor/s').

This Guarantee is issued subject to the condition that the liability of the Bank under this Guarantee is limited to a maximum of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____) and the Guarantee shall remain in full force up to _____ (Date of expiry) and cannot be invoked otherwise than by a written demand or claim under this Guarantee served on the Bank on or before the _____ (last date of the claim).

BANK GUARANTEE

To
(name and address of purchaser)

Dear Sir,
BANK GUARANTEE
WHEREAS

.....(Company name), a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 having its registered and corporate office at, hereinafter referred to as "our constituent", Which expression, unless excluded or repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, includes its successors and assigns), agreed to enter into a Contract dated _____ (Herein after, referred to as "contract") with (name of the purchaser) as detailed in the said contract.

We are aware of the fact that as per the terms of Empanelment,(Company name) is required to furnish an unconditional and irrevocable Bank Guarantee in your favour

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for an amount INR (in words) and guarantee the due by our constituent as per the Empanelment and do hereby agree and undertake to pay any and all amount due and payable under this bank guarantee, as security against breach / default of the said Empanelment by our Constituent. In Consideration of the fact that our constituent is our valued customer and the fact that he has entered into the said Empanelment with you, we (Name and Branch of Bank) have agreed to issue this Bank Guarantee.

Therefore, we (Name and Branch of Bank) hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee you as under:

In the event of our constituent committing any breach/default of the Terms and Conditions of the said Empanelment, and which has not been rectified by him in given timeframe, we hereby agree to pay you forthwith on demand such sum/s not exceeding the sum of INR (Amount in words) without any demur.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, as contained in the said Empanelment, we agree that UIDAI's decision as to whether our constituent has made any such default(s) / breach(es), as aforesaid and the amount or amounts to which you are entitled by reasons thereof, subject to the terms and conditions of the said Empanelment, will be binding on us and we shall not be entitled to ask you to establish your claim or claims under this Bank Guarantee, but will pay the same forthwith on your demand without any protest or demur.

We bind ourselves to pay the above said amount at any point of time commencing from the date of the issue of this Bank Guarantee till (date) _____ as per said Empanelment.

We further agree that the termination of the said Agreement, for reasons solely attributable to our constituent, virtually empowers you to demand for the payment of the above said amount under this guarantee and we would honor the same without demur.

We hereby expressly waive all our rights:

- (i) Requiring beneficiary to pursue legal remedies against(Company name) for notice of acceptance hereof any action taken or omitted in reliance hereon, of any defaults under the Empanelment and any resentment, demand, protest or any notice of any kind.

We the Guarantor, as primary obligor and not merely Surety or Guarantor of collection, do hereby irrevocably and unconditionally give our guarantee and undertake to pay any amount you may claim (by one or more claims) up to but not exceeding the amount mentioned aforesaid during the period from and including the date of issue of this guarantee through the period.

We specifically confirm that no proof of any amount due to you under the Empanelment is required to be provided to us in connection with any demand by you for payment under this guarantee other than your written demand.

Any notice by way of demand or otherwise hereunder may be sent by special courier, telex, fax, registered post or other electronic media to our address, as aforesaid and if sent by post, it shall be deemed to have been given to us after the expiry of 48 hours when the same has been posted.

If it is necessary to extend this guarantee on account of any reason whatsoever, we undertake to extend the period of this guarantee on the request of our constituent under intimation to you.

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This Bank Guarantee shall not be affected by any change in the constitution of our constituent nor shall it be affected by any change in our constitution or by any amalgamation or absorption thereof or therewith or reconstruction or winding up, but will ensure to the benefit of you and be available to and be enforceable by you during the period from and including the date of issue of this guarantee through the period.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein above, our liability under this Bank Guarantee is restricted to INR(Amount in words) and shall continue to exist, subject to the terms and conditions contained herein, unless a written claim is lodged on us on or before the aforesaid date of expiry of this guarantee.

We hereby confirm that we have the Power/s to issue this Guarantee in your favour under the Memorandum and Articles of Association/Constitution of our bank and the undersigned is/are the recipient of authority by express delegation of power/s and has/have full power/s to execute this guarantee under the power of Attorney issued by the bank in your favour.

We further agree that the exercise of any of your rights against our constituent to enforce or forbear to enforce or any other indulgence or facility, extended to our constituent to carry out the contractual obligations as per the said Contract, would not release our liability under this guarantee and that your right against us shall remain in full force and effect, Notwithstanding any arrangement that may be entered into between you and our Constituent, during the entire currency of this guarantee.

Any payment made hereunder shall be free and clear of and without deduction for or on account of taxes, levies, imports, charges, duties, fees, deductions or withholding of any nature imposts.

This Bank Guarantee must be returned to the bank upon its expiry. If the bank does not receive the Bank Guarantee within the above-mentioned period, subject to the terms and conditions contained herein, it shall be deemed to be automatically cancelled.

This guarantee shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Indian Laws and we hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of courts of Justice in India for the purpose of any suit or action or other proceedings arising out of this guarantee or the subject-matter hereof brought by you may not be enforce in or by such count.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein:

Our liability under this Bank Guarantee shall not exceed INR(Amount in words).

This Bank Guarantee shall be valid only up to _____(date)

We are liable to pay the guaranteed amount or part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only and only if we receive a written claim or demand on or before _____(date).

Dated _____ this _____ day _____ 2008

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of the _____ Bank,

(Signature)

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(Address of the Bank)

Note: This guarantee will attract stamp duty as a security bond.

A duly certified copy of the requisite authority conferred on the official/s to execute the guarantee on behalf of the bank should be annexed to this guarantee for verification and retention thereof as documentary evidence.

15. Annexure-IV – Draft Terms and Conditions of Empanelment

1. Purpose

Empanelment of Enrolling Agencies (EA) for undertaking demographic and biometric data collection for UID enrolment.

2. Name of Empanelling Authority

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

3. Period of Empanelment

The period of empanelment is 1 year from the date of issuance of the empanelment letter or as extended as per the discretion of UIDAI.

4. Relationship

- a) Empanelment shall not be construed as relationship of master and servant or of principal and agent as between the 'UIDAI and Empanelled Enrolling Agency (EA). No partnership shall be constituted between UIDAI and the EA by virtue of this Empanelment nor shall either party have powers to make, vary or release contractual obligations on behalf of the other party or represent that by virtue of this or any other Empanelment a partnership has been constituted, or that it has any such power. The EA shall be fully responsible for the services performed by them.
- b) Neither party shall use the other parties name or any service or proprietary name, mark or logo of the other party for advertising or promotional purpose without first having obtained the other party's prior written approval.
- c) Empanelment shall not guarantee that all EAs shall be invited to bid for, or be awarded any project / assignment as a result of this empanelment.

5. Termination/ Cancellation of Empanelment

UIDAI reserves the right to terminate Empanelment of an EA due to any of the reasons mentioned hereunder:

- i. Submission of false particulars/ fake documents for securing empanelment.
- ii. Non-adherence to the UIDAI enrolment processes and guidelines, which includes use of latest enrolment client version, timely client sync and upload of resident data packets.
- iii. Evidence of sub-contracting of enrolment work
- iv. Consistent poor quality of biometrics and demographic data
- v. Usage of biometric devices which are not certified by UIDAI
- vi. Deploying Enrolment Operators/supervisors who either do not have their Aadhaar generated and/or are uncertified and /or inactive as per UIDAI activation protocols.
- vii. Mismanagement of the enrolment centres
- viii. Non-provision of necessary infrastructure at the enrolment centres
- ix. Poor performance reports/Complaints received against the Enrolment Agency
- x. Information provided to UIDAI is found to be incorrect

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- xi. Non co-operation during audits/inspections by UIDAI/Registrars/auditing agencies empanelled/ appointed by these.
- xii. Conditions arising from audits are not met within the specified time period;
- xiii. Misleading claims about the empanelment status are made
- xiv. EA becomes insolvent, bankrupt, resolution is passed for the winding up of the EA's organization
- xv. Empanelment conditions are not met within the specified time period;
- xvi. Significant changes to the organization leading to change of management, or in the course being conducted, are not notified to UIDAI.
- xvii. Clear evidence is received that empanelled agency is in breach of copyright
- xviii. Not maintaining the confidentiality of the documents, data collected, any other. Violation of UIDAI data security guidelines for Enrolment Agencies
- xix. Undertaking enrolment operations at locations without valid agreement/approval with the Registrars
- xx. Soliciting information outside the scope of work
- xxi. Any other reasons deemed fit by the UIDAI for termination/ Cancellation of empanelment

6. Renewal and Updates to Empanelment

The empanelment shall be valid for duration of one year subject to compliance of all requirements. The EA shall pay the prescribed fees at the time of renewal of empanelment. Updating the list of empanelled EAs shall be done every 12 months or as determined by UIDAI. Updates shall include selection of new agencies for empanelment, up-gradation in Level/ Tier for existing empanelled EAs and dis-empanelment of existing EAs not conforming to UIDAI specified standards/ processes /guidelines for enrolment. However, UIDAI reserves the right to change the renewal terms and duration based on its discretion at any point of time.

7. Performance Assessment

EA's performance will be assessed during the execution of the project/ assignment and any deficiencies and short-falls may impact their empanelment/renewal.

8. Fraud and Corruption

UIDAI requires that the EA/Consortium must observe the highest standards of ethics during the performance and execution of the awarded contract(s). UIDAI will terminate the empanelment, if it determines that the empanelled EA has been engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, unfair trade practices, coercive or collusive practices, directly or indirectly, in competing for a contract, or execution of a contract.

9. Confidentiality

The EA/ Consortium and the personnel of either of them, shall not disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Project, the Services, or the Contract without the prior written consent of the UIDAI. Strict confidentiality of the resident demographic and biometric information shall be maintained at all times.

10. Advertising and Promotion

The advertisement and marketing material (posts, marketing brochure content on the website, emails and postal letters etc.) used by the EAs shall be in accordance with the guidelines laid down by UIDAI. The EAs shall not use the Name of UIDAI, its brand name-AADHAAR, and its Logo, to promote their interest in any manner in any programme no connected / related or being undertaken for UIDAI.

11. Indemnity

The EA will indemnify UIDAI against any misuse of UIDAI Name, Brand Name-AADHAAR and Logo. For any misuse of UIDAI name and logo, the EA itself will be held responsible. UIDAI will take necessary actions for such cases. UIDAI will not be responsible for any miscommunication or harm caused to any party because of any misrepresentation of its name and logo by the EA.

12. Conflict of Interest

UIDAI considers a conflict of interest to be a situation in which the EA has interests that could improperly influence the EA's performance of duties or responsibilities, contractual obligations, or compliance with applicable standards, laws, and regulations, and that such conflict of interest may contribute to or constitute a prohibited corrupt practice. UIDAI requires that EA shall provide professional and objective services and at all times hold the UIDAI's interests paramount, strictly avoid conflicts of interest with other assignments or its own corporate interests and act without any consideration for future work. Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, EA, and any of its affiliates, shall be considered to have a conflict of interest under any of the circumstances set forth below:

- i. The EA and any of its affiliates/ consortium members/ personnel/ that has a business or family relationship with a member of the UIDAI's staff who is directly or indirectly involved in any part of the preparation of the Terms of Reference of the project/assignment, to the selection process for such project/ assignment
- ii. EA shall have an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts its capacity to serve the best interest of the UIDAI, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Agency or the termination of its Empanelment.
- iii. EA shall furnish information on commissions and gratuities, if any, paid or to be paid to agents relating to this application and during execution of the assignment.
- iv. The empanelled EA will not be eligible to participate or under-take any activities related to the Testing and Certification of Audit work component of UID project.

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13. The EA shall not be permitted to sub-contract any part of its obligations, duties, or responsibilities under this empanelment scheme and the ensuring contracts with the Registrars.

14. Rights of use

All rights of use of any process, product, service, or data developed, generated, or collected, or any other task performed by the EA during the execution of the assignment/ project related to demographic and biometric data collection for UID enrolment, would lie exclusively with the UIDAI or its nominated agencies in perpetuity free from all liens, encumbrances and other third party rights and the EA shall, wherever required, take all steps that may be necessary to ensure the transfer of such rights in favour of the UIDAI or its nominated agencies.

15. Right to Inspect and Audit

UIDAI shall have the right to:

- i. Carry out any inspection, background checks, audits of the empanelled enrolling agencies
- ii. Verify any allegations made by/ made against the enrolling agencies
- iii. Carry our scheduled/ un-scheduled visits to any of the enrolment centres/ stations manned by the enrolling agencies by authorized officials/ nominated agencies
- iv. Oversee the processes and operations of the enrolling agencies

16. Intellectual Property Rights

- i. UIDAI reserves intellectual property rights of all processes, standards, software, document, training content or other material, being provided to the EA for performing its duties and obligations towards demographic and biometric data collection for UID enrolment.

17. Privacy & Security

The EA must sure that the data is kept in a very secure and confidential manner and under no circumstances, shall they neither use the data themselves nor part with the data to any other agency other than the UIDAI. Mechanisms to ensure the same have to be put in place by the EA and shall be subject to audit by UIDAI/ its representative from time to time. The EAs must familiarize themselves and strictly adhere and comply with the data security guidelines issued by UIDAI from time to time.

18. General

- i. The terms and conditions of this empanelment between UIDAI and EA shall be treated as confidential and shall not be disclosed without the prior permission of UIDAI. However, this information may be disclosed to person or body with legal right to know the information.
- ii. All contracts and documents shall be written in English language
- iii. No variation to this empanelment letter shall be effective unless and until accepted in writing by authorized signatories of both parties.

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- iv. The interpretation validity, and performance of this document, shall be governed in all respects in accordance with the Indian Laws and the parties hereto hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of Delhi courts.
- v. The EA may be representing the Registrar and UIDAI post selection and appointment by the Registrar. Any work as and when required for smooth and timely execution of the project may be supported by the EA. Registrar and UIDAI may make all possible efforts to provide support and help to the extent possible; however the final responsibility of the same may rest with the EA.

19. Bank Guarantee

Breach/default of the Terms and Conditions of the said Empanelment, and non-compliance with directions to rectify in given time frame will result in invoking of the Bank Guarantee.

We undertake that we have read the above Terms and Conditions carefully and we agree to abide by all the conditions mentioned herein and that with the signing of this letter of acceptance we have bound ourselves to the terms and conditions mentioned herein. We state that we have signed all pages of this document as our acceptance. We further state, that the signing of this acceptance does not give us guarantee to be chosen as the Enrolling Agency for any Registrar.

Sign:

Co Seal:

Name:

Designation:

Date: