EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

For Open EOI and Subsequent Invitation of RFP to Responsive Respondents for Development / Implementation of the RDIF Financial Management Portal

OPEN EOI – RFP TO BE ISSUED ONLY TO ELIGIBLE EOI RESPONDENTS

Particular	Details
EOI Issuing Authority	Research Development and Innovation Fund (RDIF)
EOI Reference No.	Portal/09/2026
Date of Issue	21/09/2026
Last Date for Submission	05/10/2026
Mode of Submission	Email
Contact for the submission of EOI	Consultant-it@anrf.gov.in

1. Background

RDIF is establishing an end-to-end digital platform to support the administration, monitoring and financial management of its funding arrangements through Second Level Fund Managers (SLFMs) and related stakeholders. The post-scrutiny stage requires specialised financial-management functionality, including fund flows, drawdowns, investment and loan tracking, reporting, controls, audit trails and integration with other systems.

ANRF/RDIF intends to invite expressions of interest through an open, publicly advertised EOI to identify potential solution providers and obtain industry inputs before finalising the Request for Proposal (RFP). The subsequent RFP, if issued, will be sent only to respondents who submit a timely, eligible and substantially responsive EOI under the conditions stated herein.

2. Purpose of this EOI

- To identify the range and nature of vendors / solution providers capable of developing, customising, implementing and supporting a robust financial-management platform for RDIF. It will also include, analysis of information and presentation on relevant dashboards.
- To understand available product-based, configurable-platform, custom-development and hybrid implementation approaches.
- Change request (CR) mechanism to be shared in the EOI to be submitted by the vendor/s.
- To obtain industry inputs on architecture, integration, security, hosting, scalability, implementation timelines, support models and indicative commercial structures.
- To enable ANRF/RDIF to identify eligible EOI respondents for invitation to the subsequent RFP and refine the vendor-neutral functional, technical and service requirements.

IMPORTANT: This is an openly invited EOI forming the first stage of the proposed procurement. Only entities that submit an EOI response by the prescribed deadline and meet the objective EOI eligibility and responsiveness requirements in Section 5

will be invited to submit bids against the subsequent RFP, if issued. Entities that do not respond to this EOI will not be invited to or eligible to participate in that RFP. No contract will be awarded, and no binding financial bid is sought, at the EOI stage.

3. Indicative Functional Scope

The detailed scope and evaluation requirements will be prescribed in the subsequent RFP. Respondents should indicate their capability in relation to the following indicative areas:

- Integration with existing RDIF application / scrutiny modules through secure APIs and configurable data exchange.
- SLFM onboarding, user administration, role-based access and maker-checker / multi-level approval workflows.
- Drawdown requests, approvals, disbursement tracking, utilisation monitoring and return / recall of unutilised amounts.
- Tracking of equity, debt, convertible and other permitted instruments, including loan schedules, interest accrual, repayments and cash flows.
- Fund / investment accounting support, reconciliation and integration with RDIF / ANRF accounting or other designated systems.
- Portfolio and investee monitoring, including financial, operational, technology / RDI, compliance and other configurable parameters.
- MIS, dashboards and scheduled / on-demand reports, including periodic statutory / management reports.
- Audit trails, concurrent-auditor / reviewer access, compliance workflows, document management and evidence repository.
- Configurable business rules, sectors, approval matrices, workflows and reporting parameters without hard-coding.
- Cyber security, data protection, logging, backup, disaster recovery, business continuity and data-residency requirements.
- Deployment options such as on-premises / government cloud / SaaS, along with migration, portability and exit support.
- Implementation, system integration, testing, UAT, training, handholding, warranty, AMC / support and SLA management.

4. Information Requested from Interested Respondents

Interested entities are requested to submit concise information in the format at Annexure A, covering the following:

- Organisation profile, legal status, year of incorporation, registered office and primary business areas.
- Experience in developing / implementing financial-management, fund-management, investment-management, lending, treasury or similar transaction-intensive platforms.
- Experience with Government, regulators, financial institutions, banks, AIFs, fund-of-funds, DFIs or other comparable institutional users, where available.
- Details of comparable live implementations, including broad scope, scale, deployment model and client references that may be contacted with the respondent's consent.
- Proposed solution approach: existing configurable product, custom development, hybrid model or other approach, with a brief explanation.

- High-level solution architecture, interoperability / API capability, integration approach and ability to coexist with existing applications.
- Cyber-security and information-security capabilities, including relevant certifications / standards, VAPT approach, data residency, backup and disaster-recovery arrangements.
- Available deployment models (on-premises, cloud, SaaS or hybrid), licensing approach and indicative commercial model (for example, enterprise, user-based, subscription or perpetual licence). No binding financial quote is required at the EOI stage.
- Indicative implementation methodology and broad timeline for requirement study, design / configuration, integration, testing, UAT, go-live and stabilisation.
- Support, maintenance, SLA and exit / transition capability, including data portability and knowledge transfer.
- Any key suggestions for structuring the proposed RFP so as to ensure a robust, scalable and vendor-neutral solution.

5. EOI Participation, Eligibility and Subsequent RFP Invitation

- This EOI will be openly advertised. All respondents submitting a timely, eligible and substantially responsive EOI will be invited to the subsequent RFP, if issued;
- For this purpose, the EOI response must: (i) identify a legally constituted entity with an authorised contact; (ii) include the completed Annexure A and the declaration; (iii) provide a brief description of relevant financial-management or comparable transaction-intensive digital-platform experience and capability to deliver and support the proposed services; and (iv) declare any conflict of interest and any applicable debarment or blacklisting.
- ANRF/RDIF will record the basic eligibility and responsiveness check against the criteria above and may seek clarifications of minor deficiencies on a fair and consistent basis. Detailed technical qualification, technical scoring, price evaluation and final vendor selection will take place only under the RFP.
- The RFP will be sent only to the eligible and substantially responsive EOI respondents. Non-respondents and entities submitting responses after the EOI deadline will not be eligible for that RFP; however, participation in the EOI does not assure award of a contract.
- RDIF may seek clarifications or hold presentations with EOI respondents for market understanding. A subsequent shortlisting of vendors on the basis of internally prepared scoring mechanism may take place, post which the shortlisted entities shall be invited to the RFP. Merely submitting an EOI, does not ensure that the participant shall be invited to the RFP. Material information relevant to bid preparation will be shared on an equal basis with all entities invited to the RFP.

6. Submission Instructions

1. Responses must be received in PDF format/Word Format, together with the completed Annexure A and declaration, by the date and time specified above; late submissions will not be considered for RFP invitation.
2. The response should ordinarily not exceed [20] pages excluding supporting credentials / brochures, unless otherwise permitted by ANRF/RDIF.
3. Respondents should clearly mark any proprietary or confidential information. RDIF may use non-confidential inputs for preparation of the RFP and related procurement documents.

4. No bid security, EMD or financial bid is required for this EOI.
5. All costs relating to preparation and submission of the EOI response shall be borne by the respondent.

7. General Conditions

- ANRF/RDIF may verify EOI particulars, seek clarification or find a response ineligible or non-responsive against the criteria in Section 5, recording the reason for such decision.
- This EOI does not create any contractual, financial or other obligation on ANRF/RDIF and shall not be construed as a commitment to procure any product or service.
- The detailed technical and financial bid requirements, evaluation methodology, contractual conditions and commercial terms will be specified in the subsequent RFP, which will be issued only to eligible and substantially responsive EOI respondents.
- The final RFP requirements will be framed on a functional and vendor-neutral basis and will not be limited to any particular proprietary product, architecture or vendor-specific feature unless objectively required and duly justified.
- ANRF/RDIF may amend, extend, withdraw or cancel this EOI, or decide not to proceed with the RFP, in accordance with applicable procurement requirements.
- Respondents shall disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest relevant to the proposed engagement.

ANNEXURE A – RESPONSE FORMAT

Information Required	Respondent's Input
1. Name of Respondent	
2. Legal Status / CIN / Registration Details	
3. Registered Office and Contact Details	
4. Year of Incorporation	
5. Brief Organisation Profile (max. 200 words)	
6. Relevant Financial / Fund / Investment Management Platform Experience	
7. Comparable Government / Financial Institution Implementations	
8. Proposed Solution Approach (Product / Custom / Hybrid)	
9. Deployment Options Offered	
10. API / Integration Capability	
11. Cyber-Security / Certifications / Data Residency	
12. Indicative Implementation Timeline	
13. Support / AMC / SLA Model	
14. Indicative Commercial Model (no binding quote)	
15. Client References (up to 5)	
16. Key Suggestions for RDIF RFP	
17. Conflict of Interest and Debarment / Blacklisting Declaration	

Declaration

We confirm that the information furnished in this EOI response is true to the best of our knowledge. We understand that only eligible and substantially responsive respondents to this EOI will be invited to the subsequent RFP, if issued; non-participation in this EOI will make an entity ineligible for that RFP. We also understand that EOI participation does not constitute an assurance of award or a commitment by ANRF/RDIF to proceed with procurement.

This is with the approval of the Officer -Incharge, RDIF.