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Sub: Empanelment of CA/ICWA for audit of Service Tax assessees.

Sir/Madam,

The Service Tax department proposes to order for conduct of special audit of Service Tax assessees by the Chartered Accountants and the Cost Accountants under Section 14AA of the Central Excise Act, 1944, as made applicable to Service Tax under Section 83 of the Finance Act, 1994. For this purpose, it is proposed to make a panel of practicing CA/ICWA who may be assigned the task of audit.

In this connection, please find enclosed herewith a Notice for "Expression of 2. Interest" from the interested and eligible practicing Chartered Accountants / Cost Accountants. It is requested that wide publicity may be given to your members for

making applications. It is requested that publicity by sending E-mail, SMS and publishing in your magazine etc. may be undertaken. The last date of receipt of application is 2nd December 2011.





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NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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Attention of practicing Chartered Accountants and Cost Accountants is invited to the provisions of Sec 14AA of the Central Excise Act, 1944 as made applicable to Service Tax under Sec 83 of the Finance Act, 1994. The Service Tax Commissionerate, New Delhi, proposes to prepare a panel of Chartered Accountants and Cost Accountants so as to nominate them to conduct special audit of accounts of Service Tax assessees as envisaged under the said Section.

Eligibility : In order to be eligible to be nominated for said audit, a person/ 2. firm should fulfill following conditions. The applicant firm/person should:

be a member of the ICWAI/ICAI and should have valid full time (i) Certificate of practice issued by the respective institutes;

possess experience of at least five years of practice in the field of (ii) Service Tax matters;

not have been held guilty of any professional misconduct under the (iii) Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959 (as amended) or Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 (as amended) during past five years or penalized under Chapter V of Finance Act, 1994 or Customs Act, 1962 or Central Excise Act, 1944;

(iv) not be facing any investigation or enquiry by the CBEC or any of its subordinate offices for any violations under the Service Tax Law or Customs Act or Central Excise Act.

3. <u>Selection procedure</u> : The Selection procedure will be as follows :-

(i) All the applications received up to the last date shall be scrutinized by a Committee appointed by the Commissioner in terms of guidelines issued in this behalf. The basic criteria for selecting the applicant would be the experience in audit/consultancy/representation in the Service Tax matters. The selected candidates shall be called for an interview/discussion by a Committee of 3 officers for final empanelment. The final panel shall be notified and may be modified as and when required.

(ii) Out of empanelled candidates, audits would be allotted to the firms/

person as and when required by the department. Their performance would be

monitored by examining the audit reports submitted by them.

(iii) The panel so made above shall normally be in force for a period of two years. However, in case of necessity, new persons can be added in the panel by following the prescribed procedure.

4. **Duties and Obligations** : The person so nominated to act as special auditor shall have the following duties and obligations :

(i) The audit shall be conducted as per the Terms of Reference

communicated by the Commissioner of Service Tax.

(ii) The auditor may be required to visit the offices including branch office/ head office of Service Tax assessees to conduct the audit. They would be issued the requisite authorization by the office of Service Tax to call for and

examine the required documents.

(iii) The audit shall be conducted in coordination with the departmental officers. In other words, the departmental officer shall also join the audit team of the nominated CA/ICWA to conduct the audit.

(iv) The auditor, within the period specified by the Commissioner of Service Tax, shall submit a report of such audit duly signed and certified by him. The audit report shall provide full details of audit, including the audit plan, details of documents verified, result of verification, short levy/wrong availment of Cenvat Credit etc., duly quantified and with their observations. Photocopies of sample documents shall also be enclosed with audit report for taking further action by the department.

(v) The nominated person/firm shall not have represented or advised in any manner the assessee whose audit is ordered by the department in any

area like maintenance of accounts, auditing, tax consultancy, any other consultancy, representation, etc. This aspect would be verified while assigning a particular assessee for audit and a certificate in this regard would be submitted before accepting the special audit.

(vi) On receipt of audit report, department may call the auditor for seeking any clarification or ask them to complete audit, if it is found that particular area has not been examined properly.

5. Application Particulars : The persons desiring to be empanelled for such

special audit shall apply in the annexed Proforma. The Expression of Interest may be

addressed to "The Commissioner, Service Tax Commissionerate, 17-B, IAEA House, I. P. Estate, New Delhi – 110 002".

6. <u>Schedule of Fees</u> : The Chartered Accountant/Cost Accountant so nominated is entitled to a fee depending upon the size of the unit under special audit. As per the present guidelines of CBEC, the amount of such fee payable is mentioned below:

S No	Service Tax paid by the unit in 2010-11	Fee Amount
(i)	Up to Rs 10 Crores	Rs. 15,000/-
(ii)	Rs. 10 Crores to Rs. 100 Crores	Rs. 25,000/-
(iii)	Rs. 100 Crores to Rs. 200 Crores	Rs. 35,000/-
(iv)	Rs. 200 Crores and above	Rs. 50,000/-

The nominated person is also entitled for re-imbursement of travelling expenses as per the instructions in force. The Chartered Accountant/Cost Accountant shall submit his bills within one month from the date of submission of audit report.

7. General

(i) It is the sole discretion of the Commissioner, Service Tax, New Delhi to select any of the Chartered Accountant/Cost Accountant for conducting the Special audit.

(ii) The Commissioner reserves the right to remove name of any of the Chartered Accountant/Cost Accountant from the panel so made, after makings enquires as deemed fit by him. His decision would be final.

The last date of receipt of application is 2nd December, 2011.



Annexure

PROFORMA OF APPLICATION FOR EMPANELMENT AS SPECIAL AUDITOR IN SERVICE TAX

- 1. Name and address of the person/firm. In case of firm, please also provide total number of partners and names of partners who will be engaged in this assignment.
- 2. PAN Permanent Account Number.
- 3. Membership Number of ICWAI/ICAI along with the date of becoming member of the Institute.
- 4. Date of Birth in case of individual and Date of Incorporation in case of firm.
- 5. Address for correspondence including contact number/mobile No. and e-mail ID.
- 6. Educational Qualification of member, who would be engaged in this assignment.
- 7. Experience in handling Service Tax issues like advisory, audits, representational experience, etc., in the past 5 years. Please give write up.
- 8. Number of cases/articles with respect to Service Tax matter published in Journals/Newspapers etc.
- 9. Gross receipt from professional practice during 2010-11.

Verification

do hereby declare that above mentioned information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated:

Place:

Signature