

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)  
FOR SELECTION OF CONSORTIUM PARTNER  
FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING & SUPPORT OF  
GPU-CENTRIC HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING (HPC) CLUSTER  
AT IIT (BHU), VARANASI**

**EOI**

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The Bidder shall bear all its costs associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of its BID including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses associated with any demonstrations or presentations which may be required by the EdCIL (India) Ltd., site visits, investigations, studies or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to its BID. All such costs and expenses will remain with the Bidder and the EdCIL (India) Ltd. shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for the same or for any other costs or other expenses incurred by a Bidder in preparation or submission of the BID, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Bidding Process.

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## 1. NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

EdCIL (India) Limited invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible OEMs/System Integrators for selection as Consortium Partner for the supply, installation, commissioning & support of GPU-centric high-performance computing (HPC) cluster at IIT (BHU), Varanasi. EdCIL shall act as a Lead Bidder.

<b>Reference no.:</b>	EdCIL/DES/IIT(BHU)/AI/2026/01
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<b>Date and Time of Opening of Bids</b>	05-Mar-2026 (5:00 PM)
<b>Security Deposit/ EMD</b>	NIL
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## 2. ABOUT EdCIL (INDIA) LIMITED

EdCIL (India) Limited, a Mini Ratna Category – I CPSE (Central Public-Sector Enterprise) Company, registered at Amba Deep Building, 7th Floor, 14 KG Marg, New Delhi-110001 (India), was incorporated in 1981, under the Ministry of Education. It is an ISO 9001:2015 & 14001:2015 Certified Company. It is a continuously dividend paying and profit-making company and the only PSU (Public Sector Undertaking) under Ministry of Education to serve the education sector.

The company over the four decades of existence and has executed many projects and consultancies across the entire value chain of education. It has a large number of satisfied Clients spanning across Govt. of India, State Governments, Foreign Missions, Autonomous Bodies and Centers of Excellence (IITs, IIMs, IIITs, IISERs etc.).

In the higher education domain, Digital Education Services (DES) establishes AI labs and Centers of Excellence within institutions. Additionally, they deploy AI and HPC-powered data centers.

## 3. BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

The project involves supply, installation and commissioning of a GPU-centric HPC cluster including compute nodes, GPU nodes, InfiniBand networking, Lustre storage, SAN, liquid cooling infrastructure and 3-year warranty support at IIT(BHU) as per the EOI no. IIT(BHU)/CCIS/2025-26/122 dated 16-Feb-2026.

## 4. OBJECTIVE OF THE EOI

To identify a technically and financially competent consortium partner with proven HPC deployment experience, with EdCIL acting as the Lead Bidder.

## 5. SCOPE OF WORK & DELIVERABLES

The scope of work and deliverables shall be governed by EOI No. IIT(BHU)/CCIS/2025-26/122 dated 16-Feb-2026 floated by Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi.

## 6. CONSORTIUM STRUCTURE & TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EdCIL shall act as the Lead Bidder. The selected consortium partner shall serve as the Technology and Implementation Partner. A formal consortium agreement shall be executed prior to the final bid submission, in accordance with the RFP to be floated by IIT (BHU) at a later stage.

- EdCIL reserves the right to cancel or modify the process at any time.
- This identification of consortium partner does not constitute any commitment or promise of business.
- Identification of a consortium partner shall not obligate EdCIL to participate in the subsequent tendering process. EdCIL reserves the right to withdraw at any stage without prior intimation to the identified consortium partner.

- The participating bidders in this EOI shall not associate, collaborate, or participate in any form, in the tendering process against EOI No. IIT(BHU)/CCIS/2025-26/122 dated 16-Feb-2026. This declaration must be submitted on a non-judicial stamp paper of ₹100.

## 7. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The eligibility criteria shall be governed in accordance with EOI No. IIT(BHU)/CCIS/2025-26/122 dated 16-Feb-2026. All deliverables mentioned in the said EOI shall be submitted to EdCIL for evaluation of eligibility.

The documents to be submitted include, but are not limited to:

- Company Profile
- GST Registration Certificate
- PAN
- Certificate of Incorporation
- OEM Authorizations
- Audited Financial Statements
- Details of Past Projects
- Non-Blacklisting Declaration
- Power of Attorney
- Detailed Solution Document, including all deliverables as specified in EOI No. IIT(BHU)/CCIS/2025-26/122 dated 16-Feb-2026.

## 8. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The bidder who fulfilled the eligibility criteria shall be further evaluated as per the following marking matrix:

**Marking Matrix:** In the below table, marking parameters for technical evaluation are mentioned:

S.no	Marking Parameters	Marking Scheme	Maximum Marks	Document required
1.	The bidders shall have minimum Technical manpower strength of 25 persons on its rolls at least for 3 years before the last date of submission of RFP.	>=25 Engineers and <50 Engineers = 5 Marks >=50 Engineers =10 Marks	10	Proof of PF/ESI Documents along with declaration and An Undertaking to be submitted by designated authority (CA/CS) of the organization.
2.	Must have successfully completed at least 2 HPC or GPU cluster deployments of >= Rs 3 Crore each in Indian academic, research, or government institutions in the last 5 years.	2 HPC or GPU clusters = 15 Marks > 2 HPC clusters or GPU clusters = 20 Marks	20	Supporting Documentation (purchase orders, completion certificates, or client references) shall be submitted.
3.	Minimum average annual turnover more than 3 Crore (INR) during the last three financial years.	>3 Crore and <50 Crore = 10 Marks >=50 Crore = 20 Marks	20	Chartered Accountant certificate as proof of turnover.

4.	<p>The firm must have successfully executed at least one such project of comparable complexity within the last five years at an Institute of National Importance (such as IITs, IISc, NITs) or at R&amp;D laboratories under DRDO/ISRO/CSIR/CMET. The bidder shall demonstrate end to end capability.</p>	<p>1 Project = 10 Marks &gt;1 Project = 20 Marks</p>	20	<p>Supporting Documentation (purchase orders, completion certificates, or client references) shall be submitted.</p>
5.	<p>A.) Submission of Solution documents with all the deliverables and documents for evaluating EdCIL to bid further.</p> <p>B.) Technical Presentation - Expert Committee for the Technical Presentation will evaluate</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Value addition to current system</li> <li>2) Resource Planning: the bidder's capability and product quality (Project Team deployment plan, System Configurability and Upgradation, Quality Previous project implementation timelines (From Project kick-off time to Handover date and Time))</li> <li>3) Technical Expertise: technology and other suitability related aspects (Solution Architecture)</li> </ol>		<p>Solution Document Evaluation= 10 Marks</p> <p>Technical Presentation =20 Marks</p>	

	<p>However this list is not the final list and committee may modify it at any later stage.</p> <p>Note- The Technical Presentation will be held at EdCIL (India) Limited, Noida Campus and Bidder will have to make all the arrangements to attend the same according to the notified date and time at their own.</p>			
Total (Maximum)			100	

The bidder securing the highest marks shall be selected as the Consortium Partner.

## 9. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

EOI responses to be submitted in PDF format before the due date.

