NATIONAL CULTURE FUND
MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Selection of Heritage Conservation Architect for Preparation of DPRs and Technical Documentation for Identified Conservation Components at Hampi, Karnataka, World Heritage Site

1. Background

(A) The National Culture Fund (NCF), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, proposes to undertake an integrated conservation planning exercise for identified heritage components at Hampi, Karnataka. The proposed exercise broadly covers conservation works proposed under two separate funding components, namely:

i. conservation works proposed with support from HAL's CSR contribution of ₹18.10 crore (FY 2026-27: Rs 5.35 crores, FY 2027-28: Rs 750 lakhs, FY 2028-29: Rs 525 lakhs); and
ii. conservation works proposed under MPLADS. An amount of approximately ₹4.40 crore is proposed under MPLADS for the current year, and further MPLADS support of approximately ₹15 crore has also been proposed for taking up additional conservation works in subsequent years i.e. till March, 2030.

(B) Accordingly, the total funds proposed to be made available for conservation and development works at Hampi through the above two sources would amount to approximately ₹37.50 crore for the period mentioned in paras (i) and (ii) above.

(C) The two funding components shall remain separate in terms of funding, sanction, expenditure, accounting and implementation. The purpose of the present exercise is to ensure that the conservation planning and technical treatment of the identified components are undertaken in a coordinated and consistent manner and that duplication of works is avoided.

(D) NCF has a panel of 14 Heritage Conservation Architects (HCAs) for undertaking heritage conservation-related consultancy services empanelled vide Order dated 25th March, 2026. NCF proposes to select one suitable HCA from amongst the empanelled HCAs for preparation of DPRs and undertaking related technical, architectural and heritage conservation consultancy for the identified Hampi components.

2. Objective of the RFP

(A) The objective of this RFP is to select a suitable Heritage Conservation Architect for

undertaking an integrated conservation planning exercise for the identified components at Hampi.

(B) The selected HCA shall undertake detailed documentation, condition assessment, conservation planning and preparation of DPRs and associated technical documentation required for taking up the identified works in a technically sound, coordinated and phased manner.

(C) The exercise shall also facilitate clear identification and demarcation of the works proposed under the respective funding components.

3. Identified Components

The proposed Hampi components presently identified for the exercise are as follows:

3.1 North Bazaar side of Virupaksha Temple

The North Bazaar has a total length of approximately 700 metres. The portion proposed to be covered under the present conservation planning exercise shall be identified and finalised in consultation with ASI.

3.2 South Bazaar side of Virupaksha Temple

The South Bazaar has a total length of approximately 700 metres. The portion proposed to be covered under the present conservation planning exercise shall be identified and finalised in consultation with ASI.

3.3 Collapsed Mandapa located on the western side of Sri Bhashyakara Gudi near VijayVittala temple complex

Conservation/restoration of the identified collapsed mandapa near Sri Bhashyakara Gudi.

3.4 Jain Temples, Hemakuta Hill

Conservation/restoration of the identified Jain Temple component at Hemakuta Hill.

3.5 Saraswathy Temple, Singanathanahalli

Conservation/restoration of the identified Saraswathy Temple component at Singanathanahalli.

The precise physical extent, scope and treatment of the above components shall be verified and finalised in consultation with NCF and the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

4. Integrated Conservation Planning

(A) The HCA shall ensure that the DPRs for the identified components are developed within an overall coordinated conservation framework, with particular attention to:

1. consistency of conservation methodology;
2. continuity of treatment between adjoining areas;
3. appropriate sequencing and phasing of works;
4. compatibility of materials and interventions;
5. identification of interfaces between different components;
6. avoidance of duplication; and
7. clear physical and technical demarcation of works proposed under different funding components.

(B) The integrated planning exercise shall not result in pooling or merging of the respective funding sources. The HAL CSR and MPLADS components shall remain separately identifiable in terms of scope, sanction, funding, expenditure, accounting and implementation.

5. Deliverables

The selected HCA shall complete and submit, at a minimum, the following deliverables:

1. Inception report and work plan;
2. Detailed site documentation;
3. Existing-condition drawings and documentation;
4. Condition assessment report;
5. Heritage/conservation assessment;
6. Conservation approach and methodology;
7. Component-wise DPRs;
8. Detailed drawings and technical documentation;
9. Technical specifications;
10. BOQs and detailed cost estimates;
11. Phasing and implementation plan;
12. Integrated conservation planning document; and
13. Any other technical documentation considered necessary by NCF/ASI.

6. Timelines

The selected HCA shall complete and submit all deliverables specified under Clause 5 of this RFP within two (2) months from the date of signing of the Contract. The stipulated timeline shall be binding unless extended in writing by NCF.

7. Payment Schedule

The professional fee shall be released against the following milestones:

1. 30% upon submission and acceptance of the Inception Report, work plan, site documentation and condition assessment.
2. 40% upon submission and acceptance of the draft DPRs, drawings, technical specifications, BOQs, cost estimates and other required deliverables.
3. 30% upon submission, incorporation of observations/comments, and final approval and acceptance of all deliverables by NCF.

8. Funding and Implementation

i. The present RFP is limited to selection of a Heritage Conservation Architect for preparation of DPRs and related technical/conservation consultancy.
ii. The engagement of the HCA shall not, by itself, constitute approval or commitment for execution of any particular work.
iii. The HAL CSR and MPLADS funding components shall remain separate and shall not be pooled.
iv. The HCA shall accordingly maintain component-wise documentation, estimates and technical deliverables so that the scope attributable to each funding component can be clearly identified.

9. Eligibility

This RFP is restricted to the 14 Heritage Conservation Architects empanelled with NCF under its approved RFP/empanelment framework. Only the empanelled HCAs are eligible to submit proposals in response to this RFP.

10. Evaluation Criteria

The Technical Evaluation shall be based on the Technical Presentation by each applicant. Only those HCAs securing a minimum of 70 marks out of 100 in the Technical

Presentation shall be considered technically qualified and eligible for opening of their Financial Proposals.

S. No.	Evaluation Criterion	Maximum Marks
1	**Technical Presentation & Interaction – HCAs will be evaluated on the basis of a Technical Presentation which shall comprise of the following components:**	
1(a)	Understanding of Hampi's heritage character, significance and conservation challenges	20
1(b)	Proposed conservation philosophy, principles and methodology for documentation, investigation and condition assessment	15
1(c)	Proposed approach for preparation of DPRs, drawings, specifications, BOQs and cost estimates	15
1(d)	Approach to integrated conservation planning, phasing and coordination of multiple components while maintaining separate funding/scope	15
1(e)	Proposed work plan, site methodology, deliverables, quality assurance and implementation interface with ASI/NCF	15
1(f)	Technical interaction (with proposed key experts), clarity of presentation and ability to respond to questions of the Evaluation Committee	20
Total		**100**

1. All the financial Bids shall then be ranked according to the financial Bid in increasing order with the Bidder quoting the least amount shall be ranked as L1 Bidder or Lowest Bidder ("**L1 Bidder" or "Lowest Bidder**"), Bidder quoting next higher figure as L2 and so on.
2. The Letter of Award (LoA) shall be issued to the respective Bidder whose Financial Bid is determined as L1.
3. If two more bidders quote same lowest price, such lowest bidders can be asked to submit sealed revised offer, and the revised offer should not be higher than their original quoted price. The lowest offer can be decided on the basis of revised offer. If the revised offer is again found to be equal, then the lowest bid of these bidders shall be decided by draw in presence of authorized representative of bidders.
4. The Bidder whose bid is adjudged as responsive in terms hereof and who quotes the lowest aggregate bid price to be paid by the Authority shall ordinarily be declared as the selected bidder (the "**Selected Bidder**").

11. Technical Presentation

The Technical Presentation shall be prepared specifically for this Hampi assignment and shall address the aspects specified under Clause 10. The date, time, venue and other instructions relating to the Technical Presentation shall be communicated separately by NCF to the participating HCAs after the last date of submission of proposals.

12. Financial Proposal

(A) The participating HCA shall submit its Financial Proposal separately as per **Annexure-I**. The consultancy fee shall be quoted as a lump-sum professional fee, exclusive of applicable GST, which shall be indicated separately.

(B) The financial quote shall cover all professional fees, staff costs, site visits, documentation, meetings, travel and other expenses required for completion of the assignment, unless otherwise specified by NCF.

13. Ownership and Use of Documents

(A) All DPRs, drawings, reports, photographs, technical documentation, estimates, and other materials prepared under the assignment shall be submitted to NCF and shall be available for use by NCF and other competent authorities for the purposes of the project.

(B) The HCA shall not use or publish project documentation for any commercial or other purpose without prior written permission of NCF.

14. General Conditions

1. NCF reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason.
2. NCF may seek clarification from any participating HCA during the evaluation process.
3. NCF may modify the scope of services, if considered necessary, after consultation.
4. Participation in the RFP shall not confer any right on the HCA for award of the consultancy assignment.
5. The selected HCA shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, conservation principles and directions of the competent authorities.
6. NCF reserves the right to cancel or modify the RFP process at any stage, if required.

15. Indicative RFP Schedule

Activity	Tentative Date
Issue of RFP	06.11.2026
Last date for submission	21.11.2026
Technical Presentations	30.11.2016
Technical Evaluation	04.12.2026
Financial Evaluation	10.12.2026
Finalization of HCA	14.12.2026
Commencement of assignment	Immediately after issue of work order

16. Submission of Proposals

(A) Interested Heritage Conservation Architects empanelled with NCF are invited to submit their **Financial Proposals** as per **Annexure-I**, in response to this RFP.

(B) The Technical Presentation shall be scheduled separately by NCF. The date, time, venue and other instructions for the presentation shall be communicated to the participating HCAs after the last date of submission of proposals. The Technical Presentation shall form the basis of technical evaluation in accordance with Clause 10 of this RFP.

(C) The Financial Proposal shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope, duly superscribed **"Financial Proposal – Hampi Conservation Project"**, and shall not be opened until completion of the technical evaluation.

Addressed to:

The Member Secretary
National Culture Fund
Ministry of Culture, Government of India
Puratatva Bhawan, 5th Floor, D-Block, GPO Complex,
INA, New Delhi – 110023.

ANNEXURE-I

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Name of HCA / Firm: _____

Assignment: Preparation of DPRs and Technical Documentation for Identified Conservation Components at Hampi, Karnataka.

Particulars	**Amount (₹)**
Lump-sum professional consultancy fee (inclusive of all professional fees, staff costs, site visits, travel, accommodation, documentation and incidental expenses)	
GST, as applicable	
Total Financial Quote (inclusive of GST)	

Amount in words: _____

Declaration

We hereby confirm that the above financial quote covers all expenses necessary for completion of the assignment in accordance with the scope and terms and conditions of the RFP. We further confirm that the financial proposal shall remain valid for the period stipulated in the RFP.

Place:
Date:

Signature of Authorised Signatory:

Name:

Designation:

Name and Seal of HCA/Firm: