

Expression of Interest (EoI) for Consultancy Services for Legal Advice of a Funded Project

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Indian Institute of Technology Dharwad invites Expression of Interest from Indian citizens for undertaking consultancy work related to technical activities of a funded project.

This EoI Document containing the details of the eligibility criteria, submission requirements, brief scope of work, and selection procedure etc. can be downloaded from the Institute website www.iitdh.ac.in.

Last date for submission of EoI is 10th February 2022, 2300 hrs. The EOI may be submitted using a form available at:

Date of publication of EoI	03 rd February 2022
Last Date of Submission of EoI	10 th February 2022, 2300 hrs
Date of Intimation to the Short-Listed Candidates	11 th February 2022
Date of Interviews for Selection	14 th February 2022

Note: IIT Dharwad reserves the right to cancel this request for EoI and/or invite afresh with or without amendments, without liability or any obligation for such request for EoI and without assigning any reason. Information provided at this stage is indicative and IIT Dharwad reserves the right to amend/add further details in the EoI.

1. Brief Description of the Work

The project focuses on the ethical and legal issues that might arise in the case of Autonomous Vehicle Technologies (Self Driving Cars) in Indian context. Human driving agency transference to AI systems is the essential point that makes both ethical and legal matters relevant in the case of Autonomous Vehicles. Owing to such agency transference, most of the ethical and legal questions that are directed to human drivers now in principle could be pointed towards the aspect of AI of Autonomous Vehicles. Therefore, both ethical and legal aspect with regard to Autonomous Vehicles becomes extremely relevant. The assignment involves providing inputs purely focusing on the legal scenario. This will require the consultant to look into the Indian regulatory framework concerning motor vehicles and research on how the relevant Acts of Parliament needs to be amended to support the adoption of Autonomous Vehicles. The consultant is also expected to look into the liability distribution that might arise during the Autonomous Vehicle related disputes.

The interested individuals are required to submit the following documents along with the Expression of Interest form available at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qUaeXC-yXjPDliyvCQe0ApHVEysk3QppPyTbxqBC5bA/edit>

- a) Resume
- b) Identity Proof
- c) Document of Qualification and Relevant Experience

Short-listing will be done after verification of the documents and credentials by the selection committee constituted by IIT Dharwad.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Bachelor of Law

3. Emoluments

There are four objectives for this project from the legal aspect. Payment is made towards addressing the issues mentioned in these four objectives. For each objective emoluments will be ₹20,000/-. The timeframe for each objective can vary from 15 to 45 days and the total tenure shall be Co Terminus with the project.

1. (a) Exploring the current regulatory framework and the relevant existing laws that are to be taken into account for the introduction of Autonomous Vehicles and (b) providing legal definition for the entity Autonomous Vehicles/Self-driving cars.
2. Suggestions, justifications and details for the Amendments on currently followed Motor Vehicle Act to accommodate Autonomous Vehicles in Indian roads

3. Exploring the possible disputes that might emerge in the case of Autonomous Vehicles.
4. Distribution of Liability in the case of Autonomous Vehicles.

4. Selection of Consultant

Final selection of the consultant will be based on the interviews of the short-listed applicants conducted by the selection committee. The decision of the selection committee will be final and no communication regarding the same would be entertained. The selected applicant will be informed via email.

Any effort on the part of the applicant or his agent to exercise influence or to pressurize the selection committee would result in rejection of his application. For any further queries please contact: kedark@iitdh.ac.in or joliethoms@iitdh.ac.in