



**Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Ministry of Defence
Chennai-600054, India**

Inviting

**Expression of Interest
for Selection of
Technology Partner for Development of
Armoured Fighting Vehicle-
Future Ready Combat Vehicle (AFV-FRCV)
for the Indian Army**

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Part I- General Information

1. About AVNL

Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL) is one of the seven DPSUs carved out of erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), one of the largest defence production organization, under Ministry of Defence, Government of India. AVNL comprises of 05 Manufacturing Units and 03 Non-Production units. AVNL is the current market leader in the Armoured Combat Vehicles segment in India with the expertise and capabilities to fulfill the requirements of the armed forces. AVNL is the world class manufacturer of various Main Battle Tanks (MBTs) such as Ajeya, Bhishma, Arjun, Infantry Combat Vehicle (Sarath), Armoured Personnel Carrier, Combat Support vehicles (BLT, MPV, AERV etc.) and defence mobility solutions (Stallion, LPTA etc.) to Indian Armed Forces. AVNL has established state of the art infrastructure facilities sufficient to develop and manufacture Armoured Fighting Vehicles with full combat solution and life time sustenance.

AVNL endeavors to develop Armoured Fighting Vehicle (AFVs) indigenously with all its world class manufacturing, inspection, testing and overhauling facilities and capabilities.

For more details please visit: www.avnl.co.in.

2. Brief on FRCV and the development program:

Indian Army released an invitation for Expression of Interest (Eoi) under the Make-I category of DAP 2020 (Buy Indian-IDDMM Category) for **AFV-FRCV** for the Indian Army in December 2024.

The Main Battle Tank (MBT) remains the pivot of modern warfare to cater for present and emerging threats. Tanks are inevitable elements in the land warfare, offering mobility, fire power, & protection thereby undermining the opponents defence.

Considering the threats and the modern warfare scenarios, Indian Army (IA) needs to induct a futuristic MBT, known as Future Ready Combat Vehicle (FRCV), by integrating the state of the art technologies on the tank platforms. To keep the technology contemporary, to cater for technological pace and changes and to ensure ability to attempt suitable upgrades, Indian Army (IA) plans to develop a total of 1770 FRCVs by following a spiral development approach in three phases (590 FRCVs in Phase-I, 590 FRCVs in phase - II & 590 FRCVs in phase- III). Requirement of quantity 590 FRCVs in Phase-I is a firm requirement.

For the latest version of DAP 2020 (Buy Indian-IDDMM), please visit website of Ministry of Defence-India: <https://mod.gov.in/dod/en/defence-procurement-proc-dap>

3. Objective of EOI

This Expression of Interest (Eoi) seeks interest from prospective Technology Partner(s)/Original Equipment Manufacturer(s) who are willing to make long-term partnership with AVNL to address the requirements of the development of AFV-FRCV for the Indian Army under Make-I program of DAP 2020.



4. Timeline of EOI

Sl No	Activity	Time in Weeks
1.	Issue of Expression of Interest	W0
2.	Submission of Queries	W0+1
3.	Pre-response meeting to address the queries	W0+2
4.	Eoi response submission	W0+3



Part-II
Prequalification Criterion & Eol Process

The Technology Partner shall meet following qualification requirements as on the date of submission of Eol (to be supported by a documentary proof):

1. The Technology Partner(s)/OEM(s) should have designed, developed, manufactured and commissioned similar tracked AFVs (*Indicative technical specifications at Annexure-A*) and such equipment should be in-service as on date of closing date of Eol submission.

OR

2. The Technology Partner Partner(s)/OEM(s) should have designed & provided integration support for an Armoured Fighting Vehicle, where such vehicle should be in-service as on date of Eol submission.

OR

3. The Technology Partner(s)/OEM(s) either on its own or along with its consortium partner (s) should have designed/manufactured and supplied:

3.1 Turret & Weapon system (or)

3.2 Chassis & Automotive System (i.e. Hull Assembly)

where such system should be in-service as on date of Eol submission.

4. Eol Process: Interested technology partner(s)/OEM(s) having proven technology and meeting the above Pre-qualification requirements are requested to submit a response along with the following documents (in hard/soft copy).

Sl No	Description	Remarks
1	Technology partner/OEM background	
2	Product catalogue	
3	Completed copies of Annexure A to H	
4	Latest three years annual audited financial statements including auditor's report	

Based on the responses received, discussions will be held with shortlisted parties to finalise the scope of the technology partnership.



Part III: Procedure for submission of response to the EoI

The response to the EoI shall be submitted as per FORMATS enclosed at various Annexures to the EoI.

1. Guidelines for Submitting EoI Responses.

- (a) Interested Technology Partner(s)/OEM(s) having proven technology and meeting the Pre-qualification requirements as specified in part II are requested to submit a response along with the following documents (in hard and soft copy).
 - (i) Responses to Indicative Technical Specification **Annexure 'A'** in the given format
 - (ii) Technology Partner/OEM's Experience in AFVs (as per the format given in **Annexure 'B'**)
 - (iii) List of products pertain to AFVs(tracked) (**Annexure 'C'**)
 - (iv) Certifications and undertakings as listed below: -
 - (aa) Confidentiality Agreement (**Annexure 'D'**)
 - (ab) Non-Disclosure Agreement (**Annexure 'E'**)
 - (ac) Correctness Certificate (**Annexure 'F'**)
 - (ad) EoI Compliance Certificate (**Annexure 'G'**)
 - (ae) Declaration by the Entity/Firm/Company (**Annexure 'H'**)

2. Address for Response. The filled form should be dispatched to the under mentioned address: -

The EoI respondent shall submit response to the EoI (Hard and Soft copies). Each page of the response will bear the signature of the authorised signatory of the company. No amendment / change in response to EoI will be accepted once the EoI response is submitted.

The envelopes shall be addressed as under: -

Chief General Manager
Heavy Vehicles Factory
A unit of Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited,
A Govt. of India Enterprise,
Ministry of Defence, Avadi,
Chennai – 600054, India
Phone: +91 044-26843460
Email: gm-hvf@ord.gov.in

- 3.** The response to this EoI must be submitted by **1000 hrs on 20th May 2025** at the address mentioned above. AVNL at its discretion can extend this deadline for the submission of responses to EoI and the same shall be notified in writing.



4. Multiple proposals from the same interested Entity/Firm/Company should not be submitted.
5. **Language:** Reply to this EoI and further communication on the case, including equipment description, training and documentation are to be made in English language only, provided that any printed literature furnished by the Prospective Technology partner(s) may be written in another language, as long as such literature is accompanied by a translation of its pertinent passages in English language in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the bid, the English translation shall govern. The compliance table to all aspects are required to be provided in editable format (preferably Microsoft Excel).
6. Restrictions on Specified Transfer of Technology with an entity from a country which shares a land border with India.
 - a. Respondent from a country which shares a land border with India will be eligible to respond to this EoI only if Respondent is registered with Competent Authority (Registration Committee constituted by the Department of Promotion of Internal Trade (DPIIT) of Govt. of India). Such registration should be at least valid for the entire period of EoI due date or any extension thereof.
 - b. Respondent from a country which shares a land border with India means:
 - a) An entity incorporated, established or registered in such country; or b) A subsidiary of an entity incorporated, established or registered in such country; or c) An entity substantially controlled through entities incorporated, established or registered in such country; or d) An entity whose beneficial owner is situated in such a country; or e) An Indian (or other) agent of such an entity; or f) A natural person who is a citizen of such a country; or g) A consortium or joint venture where any member of the consortium or joint venture falls under any of the above.
7. **General Terms:**
 - a. **Right to accept or reject any or all Applications.**
 - a. Notwithstanding anything contained in this EoI, AVNL reserves the right to accept or reject any application and to cancel the EoI Process and reject all applications at any time without any liability or any obligation for such acceptance, rejection or annulment and without assigning any reasons therefore. In the event that AVNL rejects or annuls all the applications, it may, at its discretion, invite all eligible OEMs/suppliers to submit fresh applications.
 - b. This EoI is being invited with no financial commitment on the part of the AVNL and AVNL reserves the right to reject any applicant during or after completion of the EoI process; if it is found there was a false statement or material misrepresentation by any such applicant or the applicant fails to provide, incorrect or misleading claims in their responses to this EoI, within the specified time, supplemental



information sought by AVNL. The AVNL also reserves the right to disqualify any company should it be so necessary at any stage on grounds of national security.

- c. AVNL reserves the right to verify all statements, information and documents submitted by the applicant in response to the EoI. Any such verification or lack of such verification by AVNL shall not relieve the applicant of his obligations or liabilities hereunder nor will it affect any rights of AVNL.
- d. Companies currently blacklisted by any Indian Govt Agency/ AVNL are ineligible for participation. Any such information not disclosed but revealed at a later stage would render the technology partner ineligible for further participation. In case, it is revealed at a stage when full or part of Govt of India/AVNL funds have been disbursed to the technology partner, Govt of India/ AVNL shall recover the funds as per the prevailing deposit rates of Reserve Bank of India (RBI). An undertaking, enclosed as Annexure-H, to be submitted along with EOI response.
- e. The issue of this EoI does not imply that AVNL is bound to select and shortlist any or all the EoI participants. Even after selection of suitable Entity/Firm/Company as technology partner/DDA, AVNL is not bound to proceed ahead with Entity/Firm/Company and in no case be responsible or liable for any commercial and consequential liabilities in any manner whatsoever.

b. Confidentiality Agreement

In case the technology partner is shortlisted after evaluation of EoI responses, a Non-Disclosure Agreement '(NDA)' will be signed. This will also include all technology partners (foreign as well as Indian) wherein the requirement of signing the NDA will be decided by AVNL on a case-to-case basis.

c. Governing Laws & Jurisdiction

The EoI process shall be governed by and construed in accordance with, the laws of India and the Courts in Chennai (India) shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all disputes arising under, pursuant to and/ or in connection with the EoI process.

Note.

The OEM giving false / misleading information will be barred from participation for the development of AFV-FRCV.



Part IV: Queries and clarifications

8. Following aspects are highlighted in case of any queries by the OEM: -

(a) Technology Partner(s)/OEM(s) may submit written queries/ clarifications / amplifications on specific issues within 7 days of the issue of EoI. Consolidation and examination of the queries received will be carried out by the HVF/AVNL and clarification will be given to all the empanelled industries during the pre-response meeting.

(b) **Pre-Response Meeting.** A pre-response meeting will be held 14 days (tentative) from the date of issue of EoI to clarify the issue / queries raised by the empanelled industries to facilitate submission of response.

(c) If deemed necessary, a written reply may be given to all respondents after the meeting.

(d) This EoI is being invited with no financial commitment on part of the HVF/AVNL, HVF/AVNL reserves the right to withdraw or change or vary any part thereof at any stage. The AVNL & MoD, Govt of India also reserves the right to disqualify any company should it be so necessary at any stage on grounds of national security.

9. Respondent would be subject to disqualification if they make false, incorrect, or misleading claims in their responses to this EoI.

10. All the queries shall be addressed to:



Annexure-A

Indicative Technical Specification of AFV-FRCV

Sl. No.	Parameters	Desired Value-FRCV	Respondent's Claim Value (RCV) / information	
			<u>Response Yes/No</u>	<u>RCV</u>
1.	No. of Crew	Four (4)-Driver, Commander ,Gunner, Combat Operator.		
2.	Operating Temperature Range	-20° C to + 45° C.		
3.	Weight	55 ± 5% tons (Full Combat weight)		
4.	Power pack	Minimum 1500 horsepower (HP)		
5.	Power to Weight Ratio	Not less than 27:1(HP/Ton).		
6.	Nominal Ground Pressure	Not more than 0.90 kg/cm ² .		
7.	Dimensions	a) Minimum ground clearance of 450mm. b) Dimensions should allow transportability by in-Service rail, road, air and sea.		
8.	Fire power	(a) Caliber of main armament should be minimum of 120 mm. (b) Angle of firing as Minimum 08°(depression) & Minimum 20° (Elevation). (c) Missile firing capability (d) Automatic Target Tracker/Lock on Launch System. (e) Coaxial machine Gun of 7.62mm calibre. (f) Remote Controlled Weapon System of 12.7mm calibre. (g) Loiter Munitions (LM) incorporated within the platform. (h) Capability to cater Ammunitions such as APFSDS, HEAT, ATGM, Loiter Munitions (LM). (i) Provision for ammunition storage		



Sl. No.	Parameters	Desired Value-FRCV	Respondent's Claim Value (RCV) / information	
			<u>Response Yes/No</u>	<u>RCV</u>
9.	Mobility	a) Fording Capability b) Transmission System: Automatic Transmission System or Continuous Variable Transmission with Mechanical Redundancy. c) Suspension: Rugged suspension to provide a stable firing platform & smooth drive for cross-country speed up to 50 kmph. d) Self-Recovery: Suitable arrangements for Self Recovery e) Speed (with Environment control unit ON): i) Forward: Minimum 50 kmph cross country & Minimum 70 kmph on road ii) Reverse: Minimum 20kmph with multiple reverse gear ratios.		
10.	Communication	Radio Communication: (i) The SDR should have the facility to carry out the diagnostic facility & active noise cancellation facility. (ii) Interoperability with In-service Radios. (iii) SDR headgear should have Quick Release Mechanism (QRM) and de-stressing mechanism. External communication- The facility to communicate with other outstations on the external radio network should be available to all crew members. Inter –Communication It should have a digital Inter-Crew Communication System for all the crew members.		
11.	Niche Capabilities	(a) Human-machine Teaming & Integrated Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance (ISR) Capability. (b) Integrated Battle Management System and Identification of Friend or Foe System		



Sl. No.	Parameters	Desired Value-FRCV	Respondent's Claim Value (RCV) / information	
			<u>Response</u> <u>Yes/No</u>	<u>RCV</u>
		(c) BLOS Strike Capability (d) 360° Vision (e) Navigation (f) Cyber Warfare & Electronic Warfare(EW) Capability. (g) Vetronics (Condition Based Monitoring System to display health of the platform)		
12.	Fire Control System	(a) Automatic Target Detection & Tracking System (ATDTS). (b) Hunter Killer Mode. (c) Killer-Killer Mode. (d) Auto Muzzle Reference System (MRS) for final correction by suitable sensor.		
13.	Survivability	1. Passive Protection: a) Suitable solutions in the frontal arc and light weight solutions for all round protection. b) Belly of tank must be able to survive Improvised Explosive Device & mine blasts c) Spall liners in crew compartments d) Provision for counter-mine attachment. e) Provision of Explosive Reactive Armour & Non-Reactive Armour. 2. Active Protection System with soft kill and hard kill system. 3. Missile Warning System. 4. Chemical biological radiological nuclear (CBRN) protection. 5. Instant Fire Detection and Suppression System. 6. Stealth and Signature Management. 7. Smoke Grenade Dischargers. 8. BLOS strike capability.		
14.	Ammunition Loading Provision	Autoloader with provision for Semi-automatic and Manual Loading.		
15.	Ammunition Stowage	a) Bustle loader with Blow-off panels to ensure crew protection. b) Cater for Storage of Missile and LM		



Sl. No.	Parameters	Desired Value-FRCV	Respondent's Claim Value (RCV) / information	
			<u>Response Yes/No</u>	<u>RCV</u>
16.	Maintainability & Ergonomics	a) Environment control unit b) Cold start capability c) Gun control system: All electric drive d) Auxiliary Power Unit		

Note:

Respondent may also furnish any other additional information / specification showing enhanced features of their equipment and systems offered for qualification against this EOI.



Annexure-B

Technology Partner's Experience in AFVs

Sl. No.	Requirement	Remarks
a)	Is the Technology Partner an OEM/supplier of Armoured Fighting Vehicles?	
b)	Has the Technology Partner/OEM (independently or with consortium partners) designed, manufactured, and supplied Tracked Armoured Fighting Vehicles & is currently in active service as of the EoI submission date?	
c)	Has the Technology Partner/OEM designed and provided integration support for Armoured Fighting Vehicles currently in active service as of the EoI submission date?	
d)	Has the Technology Partner/OEM(independently or with consortium partners) designed, manufactured, and supplied: a. Turret systems (including Main Gun System and Sighting System with Fire Control) for Armoured Fighting Vehicles, or b. Hull assemblies (including superstructure, Integrated Power Pack, Transmission, and mobility systems) for Tracked Armoured Fighting Vehicles, with these systems being in active service as of the EoI submission date?	
e)	Does the Technology Partner/OEM own IPRs for the proposed technology, or possess unencumbered rights to sub-license third-party IPRs (if applicable)? If yes, List of IPR shall be enclosed.	
f)	Whether the Technology Partner/OEM confirm the joint development with AVNL for full-cycle Armoured Fighting Vehicle capabilities (design, engineering, manufacture, assembly, supply, testing, quality control, retrofit , overhaul and lifetime assistance)?	
g)	Is the Technology Partner/OEM willing to assist AVNL in establishing Design, manufacturing/assembly, integration, and testing facilities?	
h)	How many Armoured Fighting Vehicles/Systems has the Technology Partner/OEM supplied to date, and what was the induction year of its latest product?	
i)	Has the Technology Partner/OEM exported/licensed Armoured Fighting Vehicles to other countries?	
j)	Does the Technology Partner/OEM have experience establishing or owning Maintenance Repair & Overhaul(MRO) facilities for Armoured Fighting Vehicles?	
k)	Does the Technology Partner/OEM have experience providing training systems and technical instruction for Armoured Fighting Vehicle operators?	
l)	Is the Technology Partner/OEM currently blacklisted/banned by Government of India or any government department as of the EoI submission date?	
m)	Have company background details and product catalogues been enclosed?	
n)	Has a detailed reference list been enclosed?	
o)	Have audited financial reports for the last 3 years been enclosed?	
p)	Has a summary of experience and references been enclosed?	

Note: The technology partner(s)/OEM(s) may submit the necessary documents to substantiate the experience claimed as per the Annexure-B.

(Signature)



Annexure-C

List of product (Relevant to AFVs)

The Technology partner(s)/OEM(s) shall submit a summary of their product reference as detailed below for major supplies.

Sl.	Year of Supply	Customer Name	Description of System/sub-system	Remarks
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				



Annexure-D

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

The company understands the security and sensitivity of documents and no information pertaining to the equipment under development shall be discussed and shared with third party without prior permission of AVNL. The company do understand that failure to observe this agreement will lead to disqualification from the project.

Signature with Name, Capacity & Seal



Annexure-E

NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Under EoI No.

This agreement made this.....day of.....Month.....Year between Armoured Vehicle Nigam Limited through the Chief General Manager, Heavy Vehicles Factory Avadi, (HVF) hereinafter referred to as "First Party" on the one part and the.....(Firm Name with address) ("Second Party") hereinafter referred as "Receiving Party" which expression shall unless it be repugnant to or inconsistent with subject or context thereof, include and be deemed to include their Heirs, Executors, Successors or Administrators and permitted assigns on the other part.

Hereafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" or individually as the "Party".

WHEREAS, First Party/Unit/Estt. (Disclosing Party) possess certain sensitive and confidential information and desires to disclose it to the Firm (the Receiving Party) to further co-development relationship between the Parties subject to the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

NOW IT IS AGREED AND DECLARED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:

1. IDENTIFICATION: When Confidential information is disclosed in writing or other tangible form, the information shall be marked "**CONFIDENTIAL**" or with similar legend on each page containing Confidential information. When Confidential information is disclosed orally, visually or in any other intangible form, such information shall be identified as confidential at the time of disclosure, subsequently summarized and confirmed in writing within Thirty (30) days from the initial disclosure, referring the date of disclosure.

2. STANDARD OF CARE: The Receiving Party shall protect the confidential information disclosed by the First Party with appropriate care.

- a. Receiving Party shall communicate to First Party in writing the list of nominated persons for receiving confidential information.
- b. Confidential information should not be communicated through phone, fax, or email. Confidential information should be exchanged only through signed letters.
- c. When confidential information is received by Receiving Party, the Receiving Party should acknowledge the receipt of confidential information in writing.
- d. Receiving Party should not discuss the confidential information disclosed by First Party with any Third Party, within Government Organizations or outside Government Organizations without the prior written approval of Chief General Manager/First Party. The Firm agrees to promptly notify First Party of any misuse/misappropriation/loss/comprise of the confidential information.

3. Either Party's failure to enforce any provision, right or remedy under this agreement shall not constitute a waiver of such provision, right or remedy.

4. This Agreement will be construed in, interpreted and applied to accordance with the laws of India.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY PERIOD: For the term of this Agreement and Ten (10) years thereafter, the Receiving Party shall neither disclose the First Party's confidential information to any Party other than its Employees who have express need to know in the context of the relevant co-development.



6. EXCEPTIONS: No obligation shall be imposed regarding confidential information if the Receiving Party can demonstrate that the confidential information:

- (a) is or becomes thereafter available to the public through no breach of this Agreement;
- (b) is disclosed pursuant to governmental or judicial order requirement.

7. RETURN OF MATERIALS: The Returning Party shall return to the First Party, or at the discretion of the first Party certify the destruction of all copies of the First Party's confidential information upon written request of First Party.

8. NO LICENCE: Nothing herein constitutes a licence or other transfer of rights in respect of either Party's interest in any Confidential information disclosed pursuant to this Agreement.

9. TERM: The term of this agreement is Five (5) years from the effective Date. However, those Sections 5, 6, 8 and 11 hereof shall survive even after expiration or termination hereof.

10. ASSIGNMENT, MODIFICATION AND WAIVER: No assignment, modification or waiver of any Term of this Agreement shall be effective unless set forth in writing and signed by an Authorized Representative of each Party. No failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall be construed as Waiver.

11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION: Difference of opinion, if any, arising during the period of this Agreement, concerning the execution of the responsibilities will be settled on the basis of mutual consultation by the signatories or their designated nominees. The parties will make best possible efforts to resolve the dispute and in case of their failure to do so and reconciling the dispute mutually, the same shall be referred for Arbitration.

12. ARBITRATION: As per EOI Terms & Conditions.

13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties with respect to the matters covered by this Agreement, supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect thereof, and may only be amended in writing signed by both Parties.

14. BINDING EFFECT: This Agreement shall be binding and inure to the benefit of the undersigned Parties, their Successors and Assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement to be executed as the effective date

written above when signed below by their duly authorized representatives.

For Unit/First Party

Name

Designation

Address

Date

For Firm / Second Party

Name

Designation

Address

Date



Annexure -F

CORRECTNESS CERTIFICATE

It is certified that information submitted in the documents as part of the response to Expression of Interest for the project FRCV is correct and complete in all respects. It is acknowledged that the company will be disqualified from further participation if any information provided is found to be incorrect.

Signature with company Seal



Annexure -G

EOI COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

It is certified that all the aspects mentioned in the Expression of Interest for the procurement of Armoured Fighting Vehicle – Future Ready Combat Vehicle for Indian Army are being complied to. It is acknowledged that the company will be disqualified from further participation if any aspect mentioned in Expression of Interest is not complied with.

(Signature with Company Seal)

Note: -

1. All submissions must be on printed copy of Appendices and should be supported by referenced documents duly authenticated.
2. Any input with incorrect or missing reference will not be assessed.



Annexure -H

{to be submitted on Company letterhead}

DECLARATION BY THE ENTITY/FIRM/COMPANY

This is to certify that _____ (Name of the Entity/Firm/Company) has not been banned / black listed / debarred from Trade by any HVF / Central / State Govt. Dept. / Autonomous Institution / DPSUs/PSUs in India at the time of bid submission.

I / we hereby certify that all the information given above are true and correct.

Signature with date of Authorized signatory

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Company Seal: _____