



**Centre for Trade and Investment Law
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi**

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Call for Experts

About CTIL

The Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL) was established in the year 2016 by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT). CTIL's primary objective is to provide sound and rigorous analysis of legal issues pertaining to international trade and investment law to the Government of India and other governmental agencies. The Centre has already created a dedicated pool of legal experts who routinely provide technical inputs to various agencies of the Government and work towards enhancing India's participation in international trade and investment negotiations and dispute settlement.

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In year 2024, CTIL is planning to commission a study on the topic **“Study regarding the applicability and coverage of geographical indications for industrial/manufactured goods under India's FTAs”**. Considering this, CTIL intends to create a pool of experts comprising independent experts with relevant experience and expertise in the research area of intellectual property, specifically geographical indications, who can conduct the study on the above-mentioned topic in a timely manner.

Eligibility Criteria

The Centre intends to engage **qualified experts, consultants or agencies** based in India with sufficient experience in areas related to intellectual property law and policy, international trade law and policy, legal frameworks of other countries, and policy analyses. More specifically, the experts/consultants must possess the following:

- (1) Extensive experience in the field of intellectual property law, especially Geographical Indications;
- (2) Proficiency in international trade law and policy; and
- (3) Experience in economics and trade data analysis.

Application Details

In light of the outlined topic for the study, prospective experts are encouraged to submit their applications via email to ctiloffice@iift.edu with the subject line **“Application for Expert: for study on Geographical Indications”** by **27 May 2024 (Monday)** along with Cover Letter, CVs and any other pertinent details for consideration.

The cover letter should indicate the relevant expertise and experience in the field of the study, as well as information on previous work or studies conducted by the expert. The cover letter



should also indicate if the expert(s) will be conducting the study individually or as a firm or a consortium. The cover letter should include name, designation, experience and contact information of persons that applicant intends to engage or who will be engaged in preparation of the study. In case of firms or consortium, CVs of all persons that may work on study must be included.

Further Process

After receipt of applications, CTIL will release the Request for Proposal (comprising of the object, purpose, scope, budget, conditions, etc.) for the study to respective eligible applicants, who will then be required to submit their technical and financial proposal (comprising of technical and financial proposal). Upon evaluation of the technical and financial proposals, CTIL shall issue a Letter of Intent to the selected Consultants. The study is expected to be completed within 02 months from the date of engagement.

Contact Information

For queries and clarifications regarding the study or empanelment modalities, please write an email to ctiloffice@iift.edu with a copy to sunanda@iift.edu.
