

**Subject: Minutes of the Pre-Bid Meeting regarding Global Tender Enquiry for Procurement of Web-Based Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS) /Tool at the INFLIBNET Centre**

**Date: 07.07.2023**

The INFLIBNET Centre has floated an online tender inquiry on the e-Procurement system of CPP Portal for Procurement of Web-Based Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS)/Tool with Tender ID: 2023\_INFLI\_759126\_1 (Tender Ref. No. INF/PUR/RE-GTE/PDS/350/2023) dated 23.06.2023. The pre-bid meeting for the same was held offline as per the schedule on 05.07.2023 at the INFLIBNET Centre. The proceedings of the same are appended below.

**The following were present in the Meeting:**

Staff of the INFLIBNET Centre	Bidders
Shri Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-E (CS) – Indenter	01. Mr. Jayanna B M & Mr. Kailash Balani for M/s. DrillBit SoftTech India Pvt. Ltd. 02. Mr. Bhargav Yagnik for M/s. Turnitin India Pvt. Ltd. 03. Mr. Prakash Sarda & Mrs. Nisha Sarda for M/s. e-Galactic Pvt. Ltd.
Shri Ashok Kumar Rai, Scientist-E (CS)	
Shri Yatrik Patel, Scientist-E (CS) - Could not attend due to pre-occupation	
Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)	
Shri Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan, Scientist-D (LS)	
Shri Divyakant Vaghela, Scientist-C (CS)	
Shri Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)	
Shri Harish Chandra, Administrative Officer Grade-I	
Shri Shyam T Yadav, OA-II (In-charge P&S Division)	

M/s. DrillBit SoftTech India Private Limited				
Sr. No.	Query reference as per Tender Document		Query submitted by the Bidder	Clarification made by the Centre
	Pg. No.	Tender Clause No. / Details		
1.	21	Mandatory Technical Requirements, Annexure-T-I B  Is the software used in at least 10 countries across the globe? OR Does the software been used in at least 100 sites in India during the last three years?	In the original tender, both requirements were separate, but they have now been combined into one. This consolidation enables foreign players to participate without any prior experience in India, which we believe creates an unfair playing field for Indian companies. We kindly request that you revert to the original tender which prioritize Indian companies/startups.	No change
2.	23	PART-B, Plagiarism/similarity Checker Database (Total 100 Marks) (Weightage: 50%)	In the original tender, the weightage was 40%, but it has now been changed to 50%. This change is favouring foreign companies and making it difficult for startups/Indian companies. We kindly request a 10% relaxation for startups in India as part of the prior experience criteria. This would support Indian startups.	No change



3.	23	PART-B, Plagiarism/similarity Checker Database (Total 100 Marks) (Weightage: 50%) Sl. No. 1, 2, 3, 4	Please clarify that database is of English language only.	No change
4.	28	Technical Evaluation QCBS model based on 80% (Technical) and 20% (Financial).	<p>In the original tender, the QCBS model consisted of 70% weightage for technical evaluation and 30% weightage for financial evaluation. The minimum threshold for qualifying the technical criteria was set at 60 marks. However, in the revised tender, the weightage has been changed to 80% for technical evaluation and 20% for financial evaluation. The minimum threshold for qualifying the technical criteria is now set at 70 marks.</p> <p>We believe that this change is favouring foreign companies and making it difficult for companies in India. Therefore, we kindly request a 10% relaxation for startups in India. This relaxation would help mitigate the challenges faced by Indian startups and ensure a more equitable evaluation process.</p>	No change
<b>M/s. Globe Publication Pvt. Ltd.</b>				
5.	35	Annexure - T-IX (Page No.35)- Financial Turnover of OEM	As per the format, the amounts should be mentioned in INR. But. in case the OEM is foreign principal company, the amounts will be in the original currency. Please confirm the same.	Text/Literature of any supporting documents in a foreign language other than English shall be translated into English and the Original Currency shall be converted into Indian Rupee (INR) as on the closing date of the respective Financial Year.
6.	19 & 35	Financial Turnover of OEM	This should be submitted on OEM's letterhead or Bidder's letterhead? On Page No.19, Sl.No.13-mentioned as letterhead of OEM and but in Annexure T-IX (Page No.35), mentioned as letterhead of Bidder.	<b>Accepted &amp; Amended</b> Annexure T-IX (Page No. 35) <b>In place of:</b> Letter head of Bidder <b>To be Read as:</b> Letter head of OEM
<b>M/s. eGalactic (OEM Antiplagiat)</b>				
7.	5 & 21	Page No 5, 1.1 and Page 21, Annexure T-I B	Can bid be submitted as a consortium between Indian bidder, Foreign OEM, and Indian partner of foreign OEM wherein a "Make in India" solution is being provided by Foreign OEM though the Indian partner. The "Make in India" solution uses the base platform of foreign OEM. In addition to above, would the number of customers and number of countries of operation be considered as the base platform of foreign OEM for evaluation?	No Change





8.	29	Annexure TIII	Point 3, includes criteria 1.1.i of page 5.	No Change
9.	19	Annexure T-I-A, Point 2	Indian representative / reseller prior experience on behalf of foreign principal is considered for Indian bidder	No Change
<b>M/s. Turnitin India Private Limited</b>				
10.	05	Chapter 2, Clause 1.3 (Contract Period)	Kindly let us know if the extension clause can be removed by an amendment done to the Contract Period clause 1.3 of the tender document and limit the contract period to 1 year by issuing a Corrigendum.	No Change



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