

CORRIGENDUM (Dated 08/03/2021)

Reference - Tender No T002227956 dated 25/02/2021

Subject: Appointment / selection of Agency for facilitating publishing of Management & Technology related MSME case studies in reputed journals

The following are the requests/queries and proposed amendment / changes made under the captioned tender. **Rest all other terms and conditions of said tender / RfP shall remain unaltered.**

Sl. No.	Clause / Page no. & details as per RfP / earlier corrigenda	Queries / Clarifications / Suggestions / Request	Clarification/ amendment / changes, if any
1	Scope of work (Sl. No. 6, pg 16) – To tie-up with professors /academicians /researchers etc. of 7-8 top academic institutions/universities like IITs, IIMs, Private Universities / Institutions of repute, etc. SIDBI shall then constitute a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) including SIDBI officials	The Institutional tie-up is not required in this case as TAG would comprise individuals. The TAG would constitute senior dignitaries from academia, regulatory bodies like AICTE, UGC, industry representatives and SIDBI officials. The agency would support SIDBI in constituting the TAG. The criteria for qualifying to be a part of the TAG would be devised by the agency in association with SIDBI. SIDBI would also provide letters of invitation to the TAG members mentioning their role in the process as every TAG member would have to obtain NOC from their respective institutes/ organizations to be a part of the TAG.	Clause stands modified as: The agency shall support SIDBI in constituting the TAG which shall comprise of senior dignitaries from academia, regulatory bodies like AICTE, UGC, industry representatives and SIDBI officials. The criteria for qualifying to be a part of the TAG would be devised by the agency in association with SIDBI. SIDBI would also provide letters of invitation to the TAG members mentioning their role in the process as every TAG member would have to obtain NOC from their respective institutes/ organizations to be a part of the TAG.
2	Scope of work (Sl. No. 6, pg 16) – To assist the selected professors/ academicians/researchers in preparing the caselets by helping them get connected with the relevant stakeholders for data collection etc. in due consultation with SIDBI	This is not required as the agency would be responsible in preparing the case lets.	Clause stands modified as: The agency shall be responsible for preparing the case lets. However, the agency shall obtain inputs / suggestions from professors/ academicians / researchers/TAG, etc. and incorporate the same in caselets.
3	Scope of work (Sl. No. 6, pg 16) –	Publishing responsibility cannot be undertaken by the agency. In such a situation, conforming	The clause stands modified / rectified as:

	To assist the selected professors/ academicians in publishing the finalized/approved caselets in reputed journals	with the quality will always remain a challenge. What needs to be understood is that, practically for publishing any article in a reputed, ranked journal (as mandated by the UGC) there is a huge turnaround time which is not even in control of the publishing house. There is generally a long queue for publication in top-ranked peer-reviewed journals. The time required may go even upto one year for publication. In such a situation, SIDBI may come out with its own publication (similar to MSME Pulse) and maintain its quality by keeping a proper editorial board, peer reviewers, etc. Through TAG, SIDBI can get its journal incorporated in the AICTE and UGC approved list of journals and also propose to put it as a reference in the curriculum as required. This is the only way that would ensure mass adoption of this journal by several institutions since they follow and are bound by the UGC and AICTE mandated curriculum.	The agency shall assist SIDBI through TAG in publishing at least 20 finalized / approved caselets in reputed journals & including the same in course curriculum through AICTE & UGC.
4	Scope of work (Sl. No. 6, pg 16) - To facilitate publishing minimum 20 caselets	Same as above sl. No. 3	The clause stands deleted.
5	Scope of work (Sl. No. 6, pg 16) - To involve the top Indian institutions in propagating/ including the use / published caselets in their course curriculum (at least 5 institutions and 10 caselets)	This is practically impossible as all the institutions are guided by the UGC and AICTE mandated curriculum at the UG and PG level in India.	The clause stands deleted.
6	Scope of work (Sl. No. 6, pg 16) - To complete the entire process for publication of caselets in various journals (to be decided by TAG) so that the same may be used in various institutes.	As mentioned, if the publication responsibility is bestowed with the agency, practically it would take years to complete the assignment. Also, the usage/adoption by various institutes cannot be ensured by the agency since they follow the text and references as mandated by the AICTE and UGC in their prescribed curriculum.	The clause stands deleted.
7	Sl. No. 9.3, page 19 - Technical bid evaluation criteria	Is it necessary that all the case studies be drafted by academic / professional institutions and then	No change

	<p>Experience of agency in similar assignments with academic / professional institutions / universities / research institutions like IITs, Private Universities /Institutions of repute, etc. directly or through tie-ups/partnerships.</p>	<p>published in reputed journals? Could not some, if not all, be published by subject matter experts in the team of the bidder / working with the bidder?</p> <p>In this context, what is the number of profiles of team that could be deployed? In the case of articles drafted by academician etc., is there any honorarium or consultancy fee that should be provided for in the bid document.</p> <p>Team GT has also authored many books and journals through repute institutions like ni-MSME etc.</p> <p>Whether such articles / journals / publications will be considered?</p> <p>Team GT has also published extensively in the print media.</p> <p>In this context, the eligibility criterion could perhaps be made more appropriate as follows- "Every publication in an institutional journal or book publication (including case studies) be considered as equivalent to work with academic / professional / universities etc. directly or through tie-ups partnerships."</p>	
8	<p>Sl. No. 9.3, page 19 - Technical bid evaluation criteria</p> <p>Experience of agency in conducting MSME case studies / related assignments directly or through partners etc.</p>	<p>Whether this refers to only Govt. assignments or private sector assignments too. We suggest that case studies under both Govt as well as private sector should be considered.</p>	<p>The clause stands modified / rectified as:</p> <p>Experience of agency in conducting MSME case studies / related assignments directly or through partners etc. for both Government & Private institutions</p>
