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Date 22.11.2024

All bidders are hereby informed that the 'Replies to the Pre-Bid queries' has been uploaded to the e-procurement portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> for their needful reference.

The Bidders are hereby informed that as per the discussion made during the Pre-Bid meeting held on 12-11.2024, Corrigendum is being issued with respect to the Expression of Interest for Empanelment of Publishers for procurement of e-books for Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya Reference No. ReP/2024/50 dated 30/10/2024.

#	Name	Query	Reply	
1	Oxford university Press	1	We provide the e-resources to the customer from our portal and the content is accessible to the customer (may be single or unlimited users) through our platform only. We do not have any option to provide the content hosted on customer platform because of technical difficulties rights transfer issue. So in that case will Rastriya e-pustakalaya consider OUP's content so that we can participate. We are already member with many of the central govt organizations and consortiums as well in this fashion where we sign up an agreement to protect the deal. To name a few (eSS consortium/NKRC consortium/DST consortium/ERMED consortium etc)	The Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya application hosts books directly on its server. The publishers will have to submit the e-books, along with the necessary metadata.
		2	Since this is a national licensing policy, How Rastriya e-pustakalaya will ensure the access limitation outside the country? As we have many other customer outside India and we do not want to Jeopardize that.	Geofencing will be implemented to ensure access of content from India only.

2	Digibook Technologies Private Limited	3	Since you have asked to empanelment of publishers for procurement of ebooks,As we, online aggregators how can we apply for it ? let us know. Since every publishers doesn't have their own platform to provide ebooks, as online aggregators we provide e books from more than 200 publishers india and globally. Our website URL: https://www.kopykitab.com/	Only Publishers can submit the EOI for the empanelment of publishers for procurement of e-books.
		4	Since you asked for ISBN registration, we would like to say that all the publishers we have in our platform have their ISBN registration.	As per the EOI document.
		5	Since you have asked for IP restricted content, which is ISBN, we would like to know how many concurrent users or campuses will be accessing it.	Open access to all users through the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya App and the official website, www.ndl.education.gov.in within India only.
3	A.S.A.P. GLocal E-Books Private Limited	6	Our goal is to supply as many eBooks as possible while delivering exceptional value and service. We kindly request the opportunity to participate in your tender process with a maximum number of books from all our exclusive publishers, therefore we request you to allow us with at least 3000-4000 titles, which is as per the prescribed limits for each publisher.	Only Publishers can submit the EOI for the empanelment of publishers for procurement of e-books.
4	Westland Books / Nasadiya Technology Pvt. Ltd	7	Request for Extension of Date team, we are requesting you to extend the submission timeline by 10-15 more days as work and paperwork is too much	The submission deadline for the Expression of Interest (EOI) has been extended till 03/12/2024, 17:00 hours.
		8	ISBN for E-book clause 3. Scope of work f. of tender document Team, we as a publisher only take ISBN for Paperback or Hardback. For e-book we get the ASIN from Amazon kindle. If we need to submit titles to you we will have to apply ISBN for each e-book which will be a tedious task. Check if we can omit the ISBN clause of e-book.	At the time of submitting the book for consideration, the paperback ISBN will be accepted. However, prior to submission of the book for uploading into the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya platform and signing of the service level agreement, an e-book ISBN will be mandatory.

		9	<p>Exclusivity: Our best seller books are already on various famous platforms like Kindle, Google play book etc. The Books NBT will procure from us are going to be on an exclusive basis, right? (i.e: Do we still have right to sell the book on kindle, google playbook etc other platforms?)</p>	<p>Publishers, authors, and sellers will retain the right to sell their books on any other platforms on a non-exclusive basis.</p>
		10	<p>Best seller Definition clarity: First of all, the number of copies to be considered as best seller is 10k. It should have some time frame attached. Plus, according to us the number itself is too high. Also, the Qty has to be language specific. Example in Hindi even achieving 1000+ copies is difficult in many ways. For Kannada, Bengali etc it is even harder</p>	<p>As per the approved benchmark for the project, a book to be considered a bestseller, it should have sold a minimum number of copies since its first publication, as outlined below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English - 5,000 copies 2. Hindi, Bangla, Assamese, Gujrati, Odia, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Marathi, Kannada and Urdu - 2,000 copies 3. Bodo, Dogri, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Manipuri, Nepali, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santali, Sindhi, Bilingual - 1,000 copies
		11	<p>Out of Copyright books: Every publisher has it's own version of out of copyright books, are we allowed to submit that as well?</p>	<p>Yes. Publishers can submit its own version of out of Copyrights Books.</p>
		12	<p>Digital only books clause missing:</p> <p>We have our own digital platform Pratilipi comics and Pratilipi. Where we have content in digital format and never printed the same. Some of the IP are owned by us only some of the content generated by our Authors. so, can we submit that will it be eligible? What would be your performance metric for a best seller there?</p>	<p>The Publisher needs to submit the printed copy of the digital e-books for evaluation at the following address:</p> <p>Project In-Charge, Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya, National Book Trust, India, 5, Institutional Area, Vasant Kunj, Phase-II, New Delhi – 110070 at their own cost through courier or by speed post on or before 04/12/2024, 17:00 hours by clearly mentioning 'Submission of books for Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya' and the organization name on the packet/ carton box.</p>

		13	Selection of Maximum 50 copies: Since you mentioned you can take max 50 books, so we believe submission should be more than that coz there will be rejections at your end. Whichever 50 you choose should be final. Addon to this if volume is big it will be worth the time publisher will be investing in submitting the details	No change. As per the EOI document.
5	V&S Publishers	14	At present, publishers are limited to submitting 50 titles across different categories. However, we believe that expanding this limit would allow us to better showcase the breadth and depth of our catalog and cater more comprehensively to the diverse needs of readers. We would be grateful if you could consider raising this limit, enabling us to apply with a larger selection of titles across various categories. This would not only support our goals but also enhance the variety of content available on Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya.	No change. As per the EOI document.

The bidders are advised to consider the same before submission of their bids.