

RFQ039/2025: QUESTION AND ANSWER:

RE-ADVERT_ APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO PEER REVIEW THE RESEARCH OUTPUTS OF THE KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH UNIT

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1. This bid was advertised earlier this year, any reason for readvert?	No service provider qualified in terms of the bid evaluation criteria
2. Can we use the combined individual research publications experience from the team's perspective as the service provider's experience?	Yes, per criterion 1, Annexure A Table A is to be completed indicating 'successfully completed relevant peer review projects,' which will include the project leader and the team member(s).
3. Can we use published research outputs in journals as evidence instead of reference letters	No, reference letters pertaining to 'research and/or peer review activities locally and/or internationally,' are required. This requirement shall not be relaxed.
4. Follow up to enquiry for references, Can the references be on individual team members, or it is strictly required from the service provider/company.	The references can be for the individual team members. However, bidder cannot provide a reference letter for each other as individuals. The references must come from independent people/entities not part of the peer review team.
5. It is acceptable to include reference letters obtained by our team members in their personal capacity, rather than under the bidding entity. This is because, in some cases, they were engaged directly for peer review work as individuals and not through the company. Please advise if such references may be included in support of our proposal	The references can be for the individual team members. However, bidder cannot provide a reference letter for each other as individuals. The references must come from independent people/entities not part of the peer review team.



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