December 31, 2017

To all Participants

Re: Invitation to participate in the Pre-Qualification stage of a Public Tender for the Supply of Current Research Information System (CRIS) and Request for Information

Addendum No. 1

1. The Israeli Inter University Computation Center ("**IUCC**") issues this Addendum in accordance with the Invitation issued on October 13, 2017 (the "**Invitation**"). This Addendum forms an integral part of the PQ documents and shall bind each of the Participants in relation to the process in reference for any matter and purpose. All capitalized terms shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Invitation.

2. The attention of all Participants is hereby drawn to the clarifications and answers to the Participants' questions regarding the Invitation, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sigal Lahav Scher
IUCC

Appendix A

	Section	Question	Answer
1.	2.3.5	Please clarify what other languages need to be supported by the system and provide further clarification on bi-directional content editing.	The system should support all languages for its stored content, using Unicode data encoding. Content editing should support both right-to-left and left-to-right editing and searching of the Unicode content.
2.	2.3.6	Please clarify what is meant by "student administration" and confirm if a graduate module through which you can administer the complete graduate student lifecycle, from admissions through study plans, on-program management, thesis submission, and graduation fulfils the requirement.	This PQ/RFI is not intended for the purchase of a student or graduate administration module or system. The CRIS in question should be able to automatically gather data from such systems using software interfaces.
3.	2.3.7	Whilst we agree in principle, we are unable to commit to future interoperability when the specific systems are not defined.	Section 2 of the Invitation includes general description of the system, the requirements and needs of the IUCC. Following this RFI and PQ process, the IUCC will issue a specifications document for the Tender, that will clearly define the interface and interoperability requirements.
4.	2.4.1	Please confirm if there is a scheduled report to the PBC would be enough to comply with this requirement and if you have any defined template or if this should be defined at implementation stage. In case the report is not what you had in mind, could you clarify the requirements on the data and method you had in mind to transfer from the Supplier to the PBC?	The response to the RFI should include a description of all reporting capabilities that exist in the system, as well as other suggested methods for providing reports and statistics via 3rd party integration.

5.	2.4.4	Please define if search features require a non-English function. This is specifically with regards to "The System will provide the infrastructure for creating a national database of research output metadata and, in due time, of full documents, accessible to the institutions, the CHE and the public."	The search features should be able to perform a query on all content, including non-English content.
6.	2.5	It is requested to clarify the Client's requirements with respect to the implementation of the System as one system that will serve all universities or individually in each of the participating universities, since each alternative entail different costs and implications.	The purpose of this RFI and PQ process is to select the Eligible Participants who will participate in the subsequent competitive Tender process, and to gather more information regarding the capabilities and solutions offered by the participating suppliers. Reference is made to section 5 in Appendix B, in which the Participants are required to share their views and provide non-binding information regarding their capabilities and the capabilities of their system, among other things, with respect to implementation of ONE CRIS versus local separate installations. The Participants are therefore requested to relate to each alternative and its implications, including cost implications (regardless of which alternative is selected). The IUCC will choose and define its preferred alternative in the Tender, and the bidders will be required to provide their solution based on that alternative.
7.	5.4.4	Please clarify if the Supplier will be able to sell through a sales vendor in Israel (for tax and residency purposes).	The terms and conditions for the engagement shall be set in the Tender Documents. In principle, there

			shouldn't be a reason not to allow the sale through a sales vendor in Israel, subject to the terms that will be set in the Tender.
8.	8.1	What does the participation fee relate to?	The reference is due to a clerical error. The words "*and delivered to all the Participants who paid the Participation Fee, through the means the Client shall deem fit. Participants shall be required to acknowledge receipt of any such Addendum*" shall be deleted from this section.
9.	Reference Requirements	Would it be acceptable if we provide institution names only at this stage as we do not have agreement from these customers to provide personally identifiable details such as name and contact details	A full list of institutions names will suffice at this stage.
10.	Appendix B 6	Can you confirm that you are referring to the meta-data needing to be provided in a multi-lingual nature rather than the system interface? If not, what other languages need to be supported by the system? Who will be doing the translations?	The content of the system should be multi-lingual. The system interface should be bi-lingual and bi-directional for the support of both English and Hebrew. The responsibility for the translation and its maintenance are not defined at this stage.
11.	Appendix B 15	If the Supplier were to host, would there be any sites you would prefer to avoid?	Please specify in your answer all of your hosting sites which reside in a location other than western European countries, so we can define if there are any sites we should avoid.
12.	General	A number of the scenarios you have requested can be fulfilled in both ways suggested. However, it would be helpful to know more about your top line goals and ambitions for the project	At this stage all communications will be carried out digitally – Vendors are welcome to detail the various solutions they can provide.

		(cost vs timescales vs flexibility, etc). Would you be open to an additional scoping call ahead of our response construction to cover some of these goals?	
13.	General	Could you provide us with details on how pricing will be prioritised in the evaluation of the final solution?	The manner in which the proposals to the Tender will be evaluated will be specified in the Tender Documents.