CLARIFICATION / ADDENDUM TO THE TENDER DOCUMENT

Subject: Clarifications on the Queries Raised During the Pre-Bid Meeting – Tender for Horticulture and Landscaping Services at IUAC

This is with reference to the tender for providing Horticulture and Landscaping Services at the Inter-University Accelerator Centre (IUAC), published on the Central Public Procurement (CPP) Portal on 28th October, 2026 and the Pre-Bid Meeting held on 19th November, 2026 at IUAC, wherein representatives of following four (04) prospective bidders participated –

Sl. No.	Name of the Representative	Name of Firm/Company
1	Neeraj Kumar	M/s Neeraj Kumar
2	Mohit Kumar	M/s SAS Construction & Engineering Works
3	Amit Kumar	Greenwey creation private limited
4	Satish Kumar	SGSS Services P. Ltd.

During the Pre-Bid Meeting, various queries and representations were raised by the participating prospective bidders seeking clarifications on certain financial eligibility conditions, scope of work, reimbursement of expenses, manpower deployment and other contractual provisions of the tender.

The Committee examined and deliberated upon all the issues raised by the prospective bidders in detail, taking into consideration the applicable Government rules, guidelines and procurement instructions, relevant provisions of the tender document and the specific operational and contractual requirements of IUAC. The clarifications/decisions in respect of the issues raised are as under:

1. Financial Eligibility Conditions – Turnover and Bank Solvency

The Committee considered the representations seeking reconsideration of the prescribed financial eligibility criteria, particularly the requirement of a Bank Solvency Certificate and the suggestion to accept alternative financial documents, such as a Chartered Accountant-certified Net Worth Certificate, liquid assets or available credit facilities, in lieu of or as an alternative to the prescribed solvency requirement.

After detailed examination, it has been observed that the prescribed financial eligibility conditions have been stipulated keeping in view the estimated value, nature and scope of the work, the financial responsibilities associated with execution of the contract and the need to ensure that the selected contractor possesses adequate financial soundness and capacity to discharge contractual obligations, including meeting expenditure towards manpower and other operational requirements, even in situations involving delays in processing/release of payments.

The financial eligibility criteria have been prescribed by IUAC keeping in view its specific requirements and the need to safeguard the uninterrupted and satisfactory execution of the work. The financial criteria adopted in tenders issued by other organisations cannot, by

themselves, be treated as binding or directly applicable to the present procurement, as the nature, scope and financial implications of different contracts may vary.

Accordingly, after due consideration of the representations and the applicable rules and guidelines, the Committee has decided that **the existing financial eligibility conditions, including the prescribed annual turnover and Bank Solvency Certificate requirements shall remain unchanged.** The suggestions for reduction in the solvency requirement or acceptance of alternative financial documents in lieu thereof should not be

accepted.

However, the discrepancy between the amount indicated in figures and words in Annexure-III of the tender document has been noticed. The amount in words shall be read as **"Rupees Seventy-Two Lakh Only (₹72,00,000/-)"**, wherever applicable, and shall be construed accordingly.

2. Manure, Fertilizers and Pesticides

The Committee clarified that IUAC has its own facility for preparing bio-compost using dry leaves, wet kitchen waste collected from staff quarters and other biodegradable waste generated within the campus. Most of the requirement of manure and fertilizers for horticultural activities is met through this in-house bio-compost facility.

Chemical-based fertilizers are rarely required. However, whenever any specific chemical fertilizer or similar item is expressly required by IUAC, the contractor may arrange for its procurement and the actual cost thereof shall be reimbursed by IUAC against submission of the relevant bills, subject to verification and approval by the competent authority.

3. Horticulture Waste and Garbage Disposal

It was clarified that IUAC has two large designated pits within the campus for the disposal of horticulture waste and other biodegradable garbage. Accordingly, the routine collection and disposal of dry leaves, grass, branches and other horticulture waste shall be undertaken at these designated locations. No regular transportation of such waste outside the IUAC campus is envisaged.

However, in exceptional situations, such as the disposal of large tree trunks, branches or similar bulky horticulture waste, where transportation outside the campus may become necessary, the actual transportation cost shall be reimbursed by IUAC, subject to prior approval and submission of supporting bills.

4. Statutory Employee Benefits, Leave and Deployment on Sundays/Holidays

The Committee clarified that the contractor shall be solely responsible for extending all applicable statutory and other admissible benefits to the personnel deployed under the contract, in accordance with the relevant labour laws and statutory provisions. These shall include, inter alia, Provident Fund (PF), Employees' State Insurance (ESI), bonus, gratuity and

other applicable statutory benefits. Prospective bidders were accordingly advised to consider all such statutory liabilities and employee-related expenses while calculating their financial bid and quoting the service charges, so that the contractual obligations towards the deployed manpower are duly met.

With regard to deployment of manpower on Sundays, holidays and other special occasions, it was clarified that wherever additional duty or manpower deployment is specifically required by IUAC on such occasions, the corresponding additional expenditure shall be reimbursed by IUAC. The contractor shall submit the relevant bills/details of such deployment, which shall be processed as per the applicable procedure and subject to verification and approval by IUAC.

The contractor shall, in all circumstances, ensure the prescribed manpower strength and make suitable weekly-off so that the horticulture and landscaping services are not adversely affected.

5. Seasonal Plants, Seeds and Saplings

It was clarified that most of the seasonal flower plants, seeds and saplings required for horticultural activities at IUAC are raised and maintained in-house in the nursery facility available at the Centre. Accordingly, the regular requirements of seasonal plantation are substantially met through the in-house nursery.

However, on certain special occasions or whenever specific varieties or additional quantities of plants, seeds or saplings are required, the same may have to be procured from outside. In such cases, the actual procurement cost shall be reimbursed by IUAC against submission of relevant bills by the contractor, subject to verification and approval by the competent authority.

6. Gardening Equipment and Site Familiarisation

The Committee also drew the attention of the prospective bidders to the relevant provisions of the tender document stipulating that the contractor shall arrange the necessary gardening equipment, tools and implements required for satisfactory execution of the work. These include, inter alia, lawn mowers, sprinklers, hose pipes, khurpis and other equipment/tools necessary for carrying out the prescribed horticultural activities.

The prospective bidders were advised to visit the IUAC campus during office hours to familiarise themselves with the site conditions, existing horticultural facilities, infrastructure and other relevant aspects of the work before submitting their bids, so that they may properly assess the requirements and associated costs while preparing their financial proposals.

7. General Clarification

The Committee has considered the representations and queries raised by the prospective bidders with due deliberation, keeping in view the principles of fairness, transparency, competitiveness and equal opportunity, along with the specific requirements of IUAC.

The clarifications provided above shall be read in conjunction with the original tender document. These clarifications are intended to explain the existing provisions and the operational arrangements applicable to the work. They shall not be construed as modifying or altering the prescribed financial eligibility conditions or other contractual requirements, except for the specific correction indicated at Para 1 above.

All other terms and conditions of the original tender document shall remain unchanged.

Prospective bidders are advised to take note of the above clarifications while preparing and submitting their bids.

This Clarification/Addendum shall form an integral part of the original tender document.

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