Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment (KSCSTE)
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Request for Proposal (RFP) for procurement of Patent Database

1. Introduction

Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment (KSCSTE) invites qualified service providers to submit proposals and quotations for subscription-based patent database for the use of Intellectual Property Rights Information Centre (IPRIC-K), which is the Nodal Agency of the State for IPR related services. The database will be used for intellectual property analysis, innovation trend monitoring, infringement risk identification, etc.

2. Objectives

The purpose of this procurement is to obtain access to a comprehensive, reliable, and up-to-date patent database that enables users to conduct prior-art search, novelty search, validity search, freedom to operate, monitor patent landscapes, and perform advanced analytical queries.

3. Scope of Work / Service Requirements

The patent database subscription should include, but not be limited to, the following features:

1. **Coverage**

    o   Global patent data from major patent offices (e.g., USPTO, EPO, WIPO, JPO, KIPO, CNIPA, IPO, etc.)
    o   Historical and current patent publications (applications, grants, legal status).

2. **Search Capabilities**

    o   Advanced search (Boolean, semantic, chemical structure if applicable).
    o   Full-text search across titles, abstracts, claims, and descriptions.
    o   Multilingual search capabilities preferred.

3. **Analytics and Tools**

   - o Patent landscape analysis tools.
   - o Citation analysis.
   - o Technology trend visualization.
   - o Downloadable reports and data exports.
   - o Non patent literature integration

4. **User Access**

   - o Two user accounts.
   - o Training sessions and customer support.

5. **Subscription Duration**

   - o One-year subscription, renewable upon performance.

4. Supplier Qualifications

Interested suppliers must provide:

- Company profile and background.
- Description of database and its coverage.
- Details of clients (preferably research, academic, government, or R&D organizations).
- Technical documentation outlining system capabilities.
- After-sales support details (training, helpdesk, response time).

5. Proposal Requirements

All proposals must include the following:

- Technical proposal highlighting the features of the database.
- Best Offered Price (Annual subscription for 2 licenses) including GST.
- Amount for additional users.
- Any optional modules or add-on features.
- Terms and conditions.
- Delivery timeline and account activation process.

6. Submission Guidelines

- Hard Copy of the signed Proposal in a sealed envelope superscribed **'RFP – Procurement of Patent Database'** should be submitted to

  The Member Secretary
  Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment (KSCSTE),
  Sasthra Bhavan, Pattom P.O, Trivandrum, Kerala – 695004
  mskscste@gmail.com

- Deadline for submission: **December 31, 2025 (05.00 pm).**

7. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Technical compliance with requirements.
- Database coverage and quality.
- Pricing and overall cost-effectiveness.
- User support and training.

8. Contact Information

For inquiries, please contact:

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KSCSTE reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to negotiate terms, and to modify the scope of work before awarding the contract.

Member Secretary
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