DAI

Digital Frontiers

Request for Applications (RFA)

No. 2022-05, Modification 1

SARDI: India MSME Tech Policy Fellowship program

Modification Issue Date:February 9, 2022

Synopsis of the RFP

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Title	SARDI: India MSME Tech Policy Fellowship program
Issuing Office & Email	Digital Frontiers c/o DAI DigitalFrontiers@dai.com
Deadline for Receipt of Proposals	February 21, 2022, 5pm EST time, to DigitalFrontiers@dai.com
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Modifications

The following outlines modifications to RFA No. 2022-05, originally issued on January 31, 2022. **All other sections not mentioned here remain unchanged.**

1.   Attachment I, RFP Questions and Answers is added to the list of attachments

Attachment I: RFP Questions and Answers

1. Can this be a two-year fellowship? A one-year fellowship is very short for a tech policy think tank to mentor and add value to the Fellow.
    - No. The period of performance for the fellowship must be within the period of performance for Digital Frontiers and is therefore limited to one year.

2. Can we receive the grant dispersal in May but use it beyond Sept 2023 if it can be a 2-year fellowship?
    - No. The period of performance for the fellowship must be within the period of performance for Digital Frontiers and is therefore limited to one year.

3. Can this fellowship be merged with an existing tech policy fellowship?
    - If the existing tech policy fellowship meets all of the criteria outlined in the scope of work, and all other activities mentioned in the scope of work can be incorporated, perhaps.

4. "Fellow to coordinate research, create sustainable feedback loops between Government & MSME Sector". In India, the federal structure has Central & State Governments & both governments deal with Digital Policies. *Query: Do fellows need to coordinate with think tank of Central and/or all State Governments and/or both?*
    - Any sustained interaction with government, whether Central or State Governments, would be valued.

5. As per RFP - "The Partner or Partners" - *Does it mean Consortia is allowed?*
    - Yes, consortia are allowed.

6. It is desired that Applicant to submit package for the fellowships. *Need/ request you to share format/ predefined structure to submit package details?*
    - This is intended to help applicants fully think through the budget for supporting the fellowships. Please include in your workplan all the steps required to support the fellowships from initial placement to finalization of the research and take related costs into account in your budget.

7. Will this be a fixed price contract?
    - We anticipate a fixed amount award but could have flexibility to award a standard grant.