FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER

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ASSIGNMENT 2

Procurement Management

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Dear student

Thank you for submitting assignment two for procurement management on time. I acknowledged a fairly improvement from most of you as compare to assignment one, thank you very much and keep it up.

Below are the points that you need to work on:

1. General understanding of the module and the assignment questions

The aim of the assignment is to assess whether you have understood the module, course content as laid out in the study guide and Tutorial letter. It is very important to read and understand the general overview of the module using different sources of information and there after read the assignment questions carefully, highlight the key words in order to determine what the question is all about before you start writing down the answers.

I noticed the same issues as in the first assignment, that most of the students do not read to understand, for instance if the question is asking to use your own words you do not have to quote authors, however you are required to quote authors in definitions etc. Question 3.1 required you to discuss seven reasons (each) to which why they choose the specific sourcing method, and give the possible implications this companies might face, most of you didn’t even address the second part of the question, the reasons for sourcing methods was just copied and pasted from the study guide, always it’s better to use different sources of information.

2. Meaningful answers required
I acknowledged the time allocated to this assignment is quiet enough for research, I expect detailed and meaningful answers with quotations from authors. Most of the students failed to provide meaningful answers.

For instance question 3.2 most of the students could not only give meaningful answer but failed to answer the question, most of you could identify the five porter forces, but could not analyse and explain the commodities as suggested.

3. Full answers required and all the questions must be answered

In the assignments, I expect detailed full answers to all the questions, these shows that you have done enough research. Also the mark allocation should give an indication how much detail you need to include. For example, an answer to question 1 carrying (10) marks cannot be the same length as question that is carrying (5) marks.

It is very important to answer all the questions of the assignment, leaving unattended questions will make you lose marks. Always do your best to attend to all the questions, students who did not answer all the questions scored lower marks.

4. Presentation of the answers

I must acknowledge that I have enjoyed marking all of you assignments, all your answers were presented clearly, all numbered hence I didn’t struggle in finding answers and this facilitated you to gain more marks.

However all the assignments submitted for marking should preferably be typed, there is an advantage for doing so as the student learn and applies a critical skills. Therefore I appeal to all the students to kindly submit typed assignment.

5. Referencing

Adhere to APA referencing, the aim of referencing is to give recognition to the original author whom the facts are/were taken. Most of you have not acknowledge their sources of information in your assignment. Some of you if not all cited your sources of information but wrongly, you couldn’t even cite your study guide, refer to comments made in your assignment.

The reference list must always be on a new sheet of paper, starting with your study guide if it’s part of your sources.

Procurement management is one of the most interesting subject and I hope you found the feedback letter useful and of practical importance to your further assignments/activities and examination.