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Revision to a Request for a Standing Offer

Révision à une demande d'offre à commandes

National Master Standing Offer (NMSO)

Offre à commandes principale et nationale (OCPN)

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Offer remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'offre demeurent les mêmes.

Comments - Commentaires

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| Title - Sujet Fairness Monitoring Services | |
| Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EP737-122873/B | Date 2012-11-06 |
| Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 20122873 | Amendment No. - N° modif. 003 |
| File No. - N° de dossier 113zh.EP737-122873 | CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME |
| GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$ZH-113-25016 | |
| Date of Original Request for Standing Offer 2012-10-19 | |
| Date de la demande de l'offre à commandes originale | |
| Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2012-12-04 | |
| Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST | |
| Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Reynolds(zh), Diane | Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 113zh |
| Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (819) 956-1141 () | FAX No. - N° de FAX (819) 956-9235 |
| Delivery Required - Livraison exigée | |
| Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction: See Herein Voir aux présentes | |
| Security - Sécurité This revision does not change the security requirements of the Offer. Cette révision ne change pas les besoins en matière de sécurité de la présente offre. | |

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

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| Acknowledgement copy required Accusé de réception requis | Yes - Oui <input type="checkbox"/> | No - Non <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer. Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre. | | |
| Signature | Date | |
| Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of offeror. (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du proposant. (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie) | | |
| For the Minister - Pour le Ministre | | |

Amendment no. 003 is raised to provide a response to questions raised to date and to amend mandatory technical criteria MT2, as follows:

- Q2 Is the Work will be performed off-site (at the Contractor's place of business) or will office space be provided for Work to be performed at the government office?
- A3 The Work will be performed at the Offeror's place of business and as per subsection 5.5 of III. Engagement Requirements in Annex A, Statement of Work: Attend, as applicable but not limited to, meetings or events during the monitored activity such as: information sessions, evaluation meeting(s), consensus meeting(s), site visit(s), bidder conference(s), disclosure of information, debriefing session(s) with unsuccessful bidders/proponents, etc.
- Q4 Is having a current valid security clearance a requirement for issuance of a SO?
- A5 Yes, before issuance of a SO, the Offeror must meet the minimum security requirement associated with this requirement. For additional information, consult Part 6 - Security, Financial and Insurance Requirements, and Part 7A - Standing Offer. Offerors should consult the "Security Requirements for PWGSC Bid Solicitations - Instructions for Bidders" (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/lc-pl/lc-pl-eng.html#a31>) document on the Departmental Standard Procurement Documents Web site (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/lc-pl/lc-pl-eng.html>).
- Q5 What is required of the Offeror to obtain a FSC for this SO?
- A5 Offerors that currently do not meet the organization security screening requirements are requested to initiate the security clearance process immediately by requesting sponsorship from the SO Authority by e-mail. The request must include the following information:
1. Solicitation number for which the sponsorship is requested;
 2. Legal name of the organization;
 3. Business name of the organization (if different from legal name);
 4. Address, telephone and fax number of the organization;
 5. Name, title, telephone number, and e-mail address of authorized contact person (President, CEO or Company Security Officer);
 6. Language preference (English or French); and
 7. The Offeror's Procurement Business Number (PBN).
- CISD/PWGSC will then send the Offeror the paperwork which needs to be completed.
- Q6 Mandatory technical criterion MT2 states: "The Offeror must demonstrate through completed projects, which have started after December 31, 2008, that it has billed a minimum cumulative value of \$300,000 in providing opinion services to outside clients." Please provide an explanation as to why this is a mandatory requirement.
- A6 As per Annex A, Statement of Work, PWGSC requires the services of Fairness Monitors to observe all or part of departmental activities in order to provide independent assurance to the department, its clients, industry, Parliament and Canadians that these activities are conducted with integrity, accountability, and in a fair, open and transparent manner. The services of independent third-party fairness monitors allow PWGSC to protect the interests of its clients and Canadians by identifying and resolving fairness issues in real time, thus averting fairness deficiencies and avoiding possible costly after-the-fact resolutions. Mandatory technical criterion MT2 will evaluate the Offeror's experience in providing opinion services to outside clients.

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- Q7 Point rated technical criterion RT2.3, points will be given for the type of industry or government sector with experience with the federal government weighted most highly. All provincial and territorial governments are covered by the Agreement on Internal Trade as is the federal government. This means that their procurement directives/policies and practices are much the same, often dollar values and complexity are also comparable. Achieving 150 points for federal government experience vs. 100 points for provincial/territorial government experience seems hard to justify and gives a significant advantage to those Offerors that are located in the National Capital Region and have most of their experience with the federal government. Would Canada consider eliminating this point difference?
- A7 No, as the Work to be performed relates specifically to the monitoring of federal government activities, Canada will not eliminate the point difference.
- Q8 In the consideration of experience as being federal, provincial or municipal; would experience with federal Crown corporations or infrastructure projects sponsored by PPP Canada Inc. (Public-Private Partnerships Canada) (<http://www.p3canada.ca/>) be considered as federal projects?
- A8 If the infrastructure project is procured and supported by a provincial, territorial or municipal government and the project and applicant met the P3 Canada Fund eligibility and merit criteria, the infrastructure project would be considered a provincial, territorial or municipal project. If the project is a federal capital project, met the federal P3 screening requirements and the federal P3 procurement is supported by PPP Canada, the federal capital project would be considered a federal project.
- Q9 Point rated technical criterion RT2.1, points will be given for the number of years providing opinion services to outside clients. In the case of an Offeror who is a sole proprietor that may have been in business for 3 or 4 years as a firm, however, has prior extensive and valuable project experience, will this experience of the principle be considered?
- A9 No, the experience of the principle will not be considered.
- Q10 Mandatory technical criterion MT2, billed a the minimum cumulative value of \$300,000. Does the dollar value billed exclude GST/HST?
- A10 Yes, the billed amount is the amount charged for opinion services portion only before applicable taxes. See amendment below.
- Q11 Mandatory technical criterion MT2 and associated point rated technical criterion RT2.1, does the dollar value billed include or exclude travel and living expenses?
- A11 The dollar value billed excludes travel and living expenses.

REASON FOR AMENDMENT

- 1.0 Delete mandatory technical criteria MT2 in its entirety and replace with:

| Number | Mandatory Technical Criterion (MT) | Bid Preparation Instructions |
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| MT2 | <p>The Offeror must demonstrate through completed¹ projects, which have started after December 31, 2008, that it has billed a minimum cumulative value of \$300,000 (in Canadian dollars, GST/HST excluded) in providing opinion services² to outside clients³.</p> <p>In order to demonstrate experience, the Offeror must provide the following for each project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Time Period (Month/Year to Month/Year) ii. Dollar value billed iii. Description of Services: The Offeror must provide a detailed description and ensure that one of the following categories is specified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Accounting opinion services ■ Architectural opinion services ■ Auditing opinion services ■ Engineering opinion services ■ Fairness monitoring opinion services ■ Legal opinion services ■ Procurement opinion services ■ Real Property opinion services iv. Type of industry or government sector v. Level of Effort (in days) <p>The projects identified in MT2 will be evaluated and scored in point-rated technical criterion RT2.</p> | <p>The following information should also be provided for each project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Client Name ii. Contact Name iii. Telephone number of Contact iv. E-mail address of Contact (if available) |

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED

- 1 A completed project is defined as a project where all deliverables have been submitted to the outside client.
- 2 Opinion services means services in which a formal expression of a professional opinion, to be relied upon by a third-party, in one or more of the following categories is provided: accounting, architectural, audit, engineering, fairness monitoring, legal, procurement (acquisition of goods, services, construction services), real property (leasing, property management).
- 3 Outside client refers to a client that is external to the Offeror's own organization. Parent companies, affiliates and subsidiaries are considered internal.