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This Request For Proposal (RFP) amendment 008 is to distribute responses to inquiries and other communications so far submitted to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Contracting Authority.

Questions and Answers:

Q36. For planning purposes, does the Crown intend to conduct UAPE Testing on the Public Holidays of 6th August 2012 and 3rd September 2012?

A36. Yes, the Performance Evaluation is planned to run during all public holidays that fall within the scheduled dates.

Q37. UAPE Test Stand #1 System Assembly - Battery Replacement:

a. Will the battery replacement task be conducted on an individual soldier basis or whole section?

b. Will the contractor have to supply an extra set of batteries for each soldier in the section for this single test stand?

A37. a. For Test Stand #1, all 10 participants within the Section will individually be required to undertake system change-outs, a battery change and other LRU items as required by the bid system. The entire Section will be required to undertake these tasks concurrently.

b. No. If an extra set of batteries is not provided, participants will be allowed to remove/detach the battery that is installed in the system (and any ancillary battery cables if required), and conduct the battery change out with that same battery.

Q38. For the CORAL-CR-C Interface, does the Crown require a data only interface or a data and video interface to the Soldier System?

A38. It is DND's intent to have connectivity between the ISS and the CORAL-CR-C for its Laser Range Finder function only hence, the requirement is for a data interface only.

Q39. Without the provision of the CORAL-CR-C, how are the contractors to validate their electrical and software interfaces and BMA functionality in reference to the CORAL-CR-C? Consequently, do the CORAL-CR-C requirements favour contractors who have access to the equipment as opposed to contractors that do not?

A39. For the bid evaluation, DND is providing to Bidders, upon request, applicable Government Furnished Information (GFI), including CORAL-CR-C ICDs. Furthermore, DND believes that the responses required from the Bidder for the CORAL-CR-C related requirements as part of the bid evaluation can be completed using the CORAL-CR-C ICDs alone. Once in contract, DND will give access to CORAL-CR-C units to the Contractor during the System Qualification Phase of the Acquisition Contract. DND has chosen to proceed this way in order to ensure fairness to all Bidders.

Q40. Not Applicable

Q41. This bidder understands that for reasons of load carriage minimization and economy of life cycle costing, Canada encourages bidders to offer an ISS power domain solution that most effectively and efficiently meets the 24 power autonomy objective. However; Canada's RFP pre-determines the number of batteries required for each ISS-ES. Specifically, the RFP, Annex CF of Vol 2 requires deliveries as follows:

- For P(SAT) and the Initial Training batch a bidder must provide 2 non-rechargeable batteries for each ISS-ES system
- For the Operational Stock batch a bidder must provide 2 rechargeable and 4 nonrechargeable for each ISS to be delivered
- For Task Force batches, a bidder must provide, 4 non-rechargeable battery packs for each ISS-ES delivered with no rechargeable batteries or chargers identified.

Given that a bidder may be able to propose a more efficient and cost effective battery solution to power each ISS-ES, it is suggested that the bidder specify the number of chargers, non-rechargeable and chargeable batteries it requires to support one ISS-ES system based on Canada's requirement of 24 hour power autonomy in its technical and price offer.

This approach will ensure that each bidder is evaluated fairly against others with respect to their power solution. Bidders who can offer fewer batteries to meet Canada's 24 power autonomy requirements will not be forced into pricing more batteries than it requires. It also ensures that Canada will obtain sufficient battery systems to power the qty1632 ISS-ES systems it requires.

A41. The quantities listed in annex CF to Volume 2 are expressed in terms of Battery Sets NOT individual batteries. Also, the ISS-A Financial Bid Presentation sheets at annex AB to Volume 2 provide a clear breakdown of how the costs of these Battery Sets are to be presented by the Bidders. An ISS Battery Set is defined as the full complement of Battery Pack(s) required to operate an ISS-S for a full Battlefield Day (24 hours). This approach does in fact give Bidders the opportunity to propose efficient and cost effective Battery

solutions to power each ISS-S so as to satisfy Canada's requirement of 24 hour power autonomy and ensures that all Bids are evaluated on the same technical and financial basis. Bidders are invited to consult section 3.3.1.1 - ISS Deliverables Definitions - of annex CA to Volume 2 to obtain a common understanding of certain deliverables related terms which will greatly assist them in the preparation of their technical and financial proposals. Furthermore, examples of various possible power solution configurations were provided in the bidder's conference slides that were published with amendment #4. These should help illustrate the meaning of some of the ISS Deliverables Definitions.

Q42. Vol. 3 - Logistics Support Analysis Record (LSAR)

In Volume 3 of the RFP, there are requirements to update the LSAR as a "tasked" activity under the auspices of the OWSS contract. This implies that Canada expects that the LSAR is prepared as part of the Acquisition contract. However, there is no mention of this requirement in either Volume 1 or Volume 2. Can Canada confirm the requirement for LSAR in the Acquisition contract? Further, can Canada provide the data elements that are required for the LSAR if to be prepared under the Acquisition contract?

R42. The LSAR is not a deliverable under the Acquisition Contract. Canada decided to tailor its LSA requirements to only those LSA data elements required for DND material management purposes. Should there be a need for additional data elements, Canada will use the Task Authorisation process to have the Contractor provide the additional data elements as and when required. This approach is reflected in the various ILS DID's in appendix 2, annex CC to Volume 2. More specifically, a description of the method and rationale for the Sparing Analysis in support of CDRL LS-010 Sparing Analysis Report is required and must be consistent with the draft Maintenance Plan (CDRL LS-005) and the Life Cycle Costing data submitted at Bid Time.

Q43. UAPE Test Stand #6 Visual Display Usability (Daytime) - Will the Crown be supplying the imagery for this test stand to ensure consistency between contractor systems?

R43. For your reference the Nokia monitor test can be downloaded from the internet at no cost to a personal computer running a Microsoft operating system for screen testing and familiarization prior to UAPE.

The Crown will supply bidders the necessary imagery from the Nokia monitor test in both JPEG and BITMAP formats during UAPE block meetings (Dates and time to be provided in the PE letter of invite) thus eliminating operating system compatibility issues. The Bidders are required to load images on bid systems prior to conduct of TS # 6.

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