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**Revision to a Request for Supply
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pour un arrangement en matière
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The referenced document is hereby revised; unless
otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of
the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf
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Instructions: Voir aux présentes

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The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer. Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre.		
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For the Minister - Pour le Ministre		

Solicitation Amendment #8

This solicitation amendment is raised to make the following:

B: Questions and Answers

Q 93:

According to the Submission Grid, a NEW TBIPS -is bidders who do not hold a current TBIPS. So can companies that are already qualify for their own TBIPS join together to form a new JV and grandfather their current TBIPS information or do you also consider that a NEW TBIPS even if they are all current TBIPS holders.

A 93:

The new joint venture would be considered as a new bidder. The grandfather certification would not apply.

Q 94:

M.5 Identification of Categories - 1. References

1 - (“Company Name”) is an approved vendor on the Task-Based Vendor of Record (VOR) for the Ontario Public Sector (OPS). In 2012, OPS created a new division that administers resource requirements for all of the Ontario Ministries/Clusters. Some of our placements in various Ministries/Clusters were managed by resources that have since been moved into the new division. Would these Managers in the new division still be valid references for those placements that they were responsible for while they were in the Ministry/Cluster?

2 - Were we provided resource to for more than 1 role (e.g. BA, PA, etc) who reported to the same Manager - can the ONE manager/procurement advisor provide reference for more than one role?

M.4 - Total Cumulative Value Billed

We need to clarify the requirement and ensure we provide proof in an acceptable format.

1 - If you require proof of total (“Company Name”) billing, over the last 3 years, being over \$1m (our billings for many years, have been around \$5m per year) - is it acceptable to provide a copy of our last Financial Statement?

2 - If you require proof of total (“Company Name”) billing to ONE of it’s clients, over the last 3 years, being over \$1M - is it acceptable to provide a billing report at the end of each

of our last 3 fiscal years, showing a client billing breakdown, including one or more clients where we billed more than \$1M over the last 3 years?

2A - If billing reports are not acceptable (as proposed in Q2 above) - we would need to list every single placement with that ONE client over the last 3 years.

3 - If we have totally misunderstood the requirement - please clarify further.

A 94:

M5 1: Yes

M5 2: Yes

M4 1: No

M4 2: N/A - Please refer to M.4 1a) of Attachment B and/or C

M4 2a: To satisfy M4, the Bidder must submit a table/summary of projects already invoiced for informatics professional services as detailed in M.4 1a).

M4 3: Please refer to M4 2a above

Q 95:

1. We are a current TBIPS SO / SA holder and wish to substantiate a couple of categories that we currently do not offer. In regards to the projects used for substantiation:

a. Is there a minimum project length?

b. Can the project be ongoing? (e.g. the resource is still on the project).

A 95:

a. No

b. Yes, as long as the work began before the bid closing date.

Q 96:

Question 1

We are an existing Supply Arrangement holder of the CPSA interested in qualifying for all 17 categories of personnel at the Tier 2 level for both the SA and SO.

Please confirm which Interpretation, A or B, below is the correct interpretation of the qualification process.

Interpretation A

1) Existing CPSA holder is granted 6 substantiated categories (C.5, C16 plus four categories of our choice) and 3 unsubstantiated categories of our choice as part of the migration process. As per Amendment 3 – Modification 1 - Attachment C, M5, 8b - “For the Cyber Protection Services Stream the number of unsubstantiated categories will not exceed here (50% of the number for which they were granted).

2) Bidder submits an additional 6 references for a total of 12 substantiated references

3) Assuming the 6 additional references were positively substantiated by clients we would be awarded the 2 remaining categories as unsubstantiated categories.

Based on the above scenario the bidder would be awarded all 17 categories (12 substantiated and 5 unsubstantiated).

Interpretation B

- i) Existing CPSA holder is granted 6 categories (C.5, C16 plus four categories of our choice).**
- ii) 17 categories minus 6 categories (in i above) = 11 remaining categories to be addressed**
- iii) “The number of unsubstantiated Categories will not exceed three or 50% of of the number for which we were granted” in (i) above**
- iv) Therefore the number of required substantiated categories is 8 (11 categories – 3 unsubstantiated categories = 8 categories remaining)**
- v) This would mean the following:**
 - a. 6 granted categories**
 - b. 3 unsubstantiated categories**
 - c. 8 substantiated categories**
- vi) For a Total of 17 categories.**

Please confirm which interpretation is correct. And if not, please provide greater clarity on the qualification process.

A 96:

Interpretation A: Correct

Interpretation B: Correct

You can qualify for the 8 remaining categories by either a combination of substantiated and unsubstantiated categories or by substantiating all categories. To qualify for the SA Tier 2 you must receive a minimum of 3 positively substantiated categories.

Q 97:

1. Based on our current supplier status e-mailed to us on Jan 22 2013 we have 10 out of the 14 categories in stream #4 – (B) Business Services designated as Technically Compliant, which are deemed “Substantiated”, as per the e-mail. Can we now mark the remaining 4 categories as Newly Unsubstantiated and be compliant for these 4 categories (they are less than 50% (5) of our Currently Substantiated total of 10), without providing any further substantiation?

2. We have had one category I.12 PKI Specialist (Substantiated) moved to stream #6 (C) Cyber Protection Services C.5., and we are NOT a TEMS SA Holder or a CPSA Holder.

2a) Are we eligible for any additional categories, or

2b) do we have to now submit substantiation for at least 5 more Categories for tier 1, or 8 more Categories for tier 2, to be eligible for any categories in this Stream?

A 97:

1. No. Please refer to Solicitation Amendment #7, A90 4).

2a) No

2b) Yes

Q 98:

Our question is about Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions: On page16 Section 1 Technical Bid second and third paragraphs state:

“In their technical bid, bidders should explain and demonstrate how they propose to meet the requirements and how they will carry out the Work. The technical bid should address clearly and in sufficient depth the points that are subject to the evaluation criteria against which the bid will be evaluated. Simply repeating the statement contained in the bid solicitation is not sufficient. In order to facilitate the evaluation of the bid Canada requests that Bidders address and present topics in the order of the evaluation criteria under the same headings. To avoid duplication, Bidders may refer to different sections of their bids by identifying the specific paragraph and page number where the subject topic has already been addressed.

This bid solicitation will award offers and arrangements based upon an evaluation that does not assess the personnel that may be provided by the bidder after the award of a

Standing Offer or Supply Arrangement. As it does not require the submission of individual resources, resumes are not requested and should not be submitted with a Bidder's bid."

This direction is placed in the section of this document that instructs bidders on how to respond to this RFP and directs bidders to include this specific information for this submission; however, after closely reviewing the RFP document we cannot find any place in the submission grid, the mandatory requirements or in the DCC online tool where this information would be submitted, evaluated or even required.

Please clarify:

A- Is this information required for THIS submission, or is it intended to be submitted with specific call-ups against this SO/SA that may be issued in the future?

B- If it is required for this submission, where should this information be placed in bidders' submissions and what are the criteria that will be used to evaluate this information?

A 98:

A- The paragraph starting with "In their bid, bidders should explain and demonstrate how they propose to meet..." was deleted. Please refer to Solicitation Amendment #5, Modification #5. The paragraph starting with "This bid solicitation will award offers and arrangements based upon an evaluation that does not assess the personnel.." is for information purposes.

B- N/A

Q 99:

1. In previous TBIPS SA/SO solicitations, providing a hard-copy of the "Description of the Services Performed" was not an identified requirement. Can the crown please describe its expectations for this requirement?

A 99:

Please refer to A94 M4 3) of this Solicitation Amendment.

Q 100:

Please refer to Part 4 – Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection, Financial Viability of the RFP (Page 20), where it states "Provision of parent company financial information does not satisfy the requirement for the provision of the financial information of the Bidder, and the financial viability of a parent cannot be substituted for the financial viability of the Bidder itself." In this case, the bidder is a wholly-owned subsidiary of a publicly-traded

company and as such it does not prepare audited financial statements for its subsidiaries. However, the bidder's financial results represent over 95% of its parent company's financial statements and by default have been audited. Would it therefore be acceptable to provide only the parent company's audited financial statements with this bid or alternatively provide non-audited Financial Statements of the bidder with a CFO certification stating the above?

A 100:

No. Please note that bidders are not required to submit financial statements with their bid.

Q 101:

I'm reading over the documentation with regards to this RFSA (EN 578-055605/E) and having trouble deciphering exactly which security requirements are needed to be a Supply Holder for digital/computer forensics.

- (a) While I can't find anything specific to digital forensics, I assume from reading through the material that Facility Clearance with Protected B would be required along with individual clearance (not sure which level) for employees?**
- (b) If employees were previously cleared for other facilities (I had Level II Secret while working for another company), are these individual clearances still valid?**

A 101:

- (a) The Bidder (company) must be cleared for DOS Reliability Status to be awarded a supply arrangement.**
- (b) This process falls outside of TBIPS. Please refer to the Canadian Industrial Security Directorate (CISD): <http://ssi-iss.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/index-eng.html>**

Q 102:

This has been left blank on purpose.

Q 103:

- (a) If an aboriginal firm JV's and bids on the TBIPS Aboriginal SA and SO and are successful, are they also automatically qualified on the TBIPS non-Aboriginal SA and SO?**
- (b) If the above is true are they considered to then be a part of 2 bids or one?**
- (c) If one of the firms, who is a member of this JV, currently holds a non-aboriginal TBIPS SA and SO would they then be considered to hold 3 TBIPS vehicles and therefore have to relinquish one?**

A 103:

- (a) Yes
- (b) They would be considered to be part of one bid. Under TBIPS, a Bidder that is both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal would be awarded one supply arrangement and/or standing offer.
- (c) No. The firm would hold two TBIPS vehicles: The first as an SA and/or SO Holder under the JV, and the second as an SA and/or SO Holder on their own.

Q 104:

Can you please clarify the following:

We have a valid insurance Certificates of the value sought.

Could you please let us know whether you need it to be endorsed in the PWGSC's name and if so can you provide us with the following details:

- **Issued To Name :** e.g. PWGSC etc etc
- **Indemnified Parties:** e.g. Directors, Officers, Employees etc.

A 104:

No, it does not need to be endorsed in PWGSC's name.

Q 105:

1. A) As per the table provided in Part 3, Section 1.4 of the RFP, can the crown please provide definitive confirmation that all our firm needs to provide is a hard-copy of Attachment E and the information in the DCC if we are not making any changes to our file?

- B) (i) If our firm makes changes to our rates in the DCC, do we need to provide further information?**
- (ii) Or is the hard-copy of Attachment E still the only requirement?**

2. We are currently examining whether our firm should substantiate the categories we currently hold as "unsubstantiated." Can the crown please explain what the advantage is of holding a "substantiated" category?

3. A) For M.4 of the Standing Offer Technical Evaluation, can the \$1M for "Total Cumulative Value Billed" be billed on a single project?

B) Are invoices required for the project/projects listed?

A 105:

1. A) Correct. As well, please refer to Solicitation Amendment #7, Clarification #10.

1. B) (i) No

(ii) If your profile falls under Column C and the rest of the information on file has remained the same, then the answer is yes.

2. By substantiating categories that were previously awarded as unsubstantiated, the Bidder can bid on additional unsubstantiated categories (ratio of 2:1).

3.A) Yes

3.B) No, invoices are not required to be submitted with the bid.

Q 106:

(a) What are the criteria, aside from the technical and financial bid criteria, a supplier needs to meet to provide services to regions and or metropolitan areas where that vendor is not providing services today?

(b) Are per diem rates based on specific number of hours per day (e.g. 7, 7.5 or 8) and if more than those hours are worked on one day would the billable amount for that day be pro-rated as such. For example, the per diem rate is based on 8 hours per day and the consultant works 10 hours one day, would the invoice reflect 1.25 (10/8) days billed for that day?

(c) Please confirm if the all-inclusive per diem rates also include travel/living/relocation expenses?

(d) What is the definition of a category, for example within the Application Services Stream, there are 17 roles, are each of the 17 roles a category? Are references to be provided for streams or for individual categories?

(e) If we provide rates for a region and/or metropolitan area in our Standing Offer as per Attachment D, do we also need to provide a reference(s) for that area/metropolitan area as per section M.5 for Attachment B?

(f) Regarding documentation provided by external sources (i.e. insurance companies, tax returns, certificate of incorporation, etc.), will photocopies be accepted or do they need to be originals or notarized photocopies?

A 106:

(a) In the Data Collection Component, the Bidder must identify the regions and metropolitan areas where they wish to provide services to.

(b) The per diem rate is based on 7.5 hours/day. The flexibility of hours worked is dependent on the details identified within a contract.

(c) The travel and living expenses are not included in the per diem rate. For details on Travel and Living, please refer to: <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/spc-cps/rfdso-sotli-eng.html>

(d) Each Stream contains a set number of Categories. For example, in the Application Services Stream, there are 17 categories. References are provided per individual category. To qualify for the SO and/or SA Tier 1 in the Application Services Stream, a minimum number of six categories within the Stream must receive a positive reference. If the minimum requirements are not met for that Stream, then the Stream is not awarded (i.e.: none of the categories are awarded for that Stream).

(e) No. References are required to substantiate a category under the mandatory M.5 and have no bearing on Regions or Metropolitan areas. For example: A bidder wishes bid for Category B.4 in all regions. The bidder would provide a reference in the DCC for B.4 (as detailed in M.5 of Attachment B and/or C). The Bidder must enter per diem rates for all the regions and metropolitan areas that it wishes to provide services to.

(f) Photocopies are acceptable.

Q 107:

1-CONTEXT: To create the legal entity for the Joint Venture and to shorten its name, Only the English version of both companies were used

Example: Legal Name of Supplier A: Supplier A Inc. & Fournisseur A Inc. (which is Bilingual Entity)

Legal Name of Supplier B: Supplier B Inc. (Unilingual Entity)

Legal entity for the New Bidder (which is a JV) was created as “Supplier A Inc. & Supplier B Inc. Joint Venture” (as you can see the Fournisseur A Inc. (or French version of supplier A) was dropped from the name of the JV legal name)

1-QUESTION: This name was used for the creation of the BN, PBN, SRI and CPSS accounts. Please confirm that this is OK

2-CONTEXT at page 12 of the English TBIPS PDF paragraph 1.3

2-QUESTION: Can a legal entity (Supplier A Inc.) submit one bid under its legal name, and

A First JV as a member of (Supplier A Inc. & Supplier B Inc. Joint Venture), and

A Second JV as a member of (Supplier A Inc. & Supplier C Inc. Joint Venture)

3-CONTEXT Part 4 1 (b) As per the wiki independent contractor or consultant is a freelancer as defined below:

**QUOTE An independent contractor/consultant is defined at.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independent_contractor**

An independent contractor is a natural person, business, or corporation that provides goods or services to another entity under terms specified in a contract or within a verbal agreement. Unlike an employee, an independent contractor does not work regularly for an employer but works as and when required, during which time he or she may be subject to the Law of Agency. Independent contractors are usually paid on a freelance basis. Contractors often work through a limited company or franchise, which they themselves own, or may work through an umbrella company.

3-QUESTION: How is the characteristics of “independence” verified by the government during its evaluation process to ensure there is no partisanship in favor of those companies who are members of specific associations or partnerships? An independent is usually a freelancer with no string attached....

4-QUESTION Please provide a definition of an Independent consultant, thanks.

A 107:

1. The Supply Arrangement (SA) and/or the Standing Offer (SO) is issued to the Bidder's legal name. Because Canada will issue legally binding contracts using this name, the SA and/or SO must bare the legal name of the firm. The legal name of a joint venture entity must also list the complete legal names of its members in order to establish the legal capacity of such joint venture entity.

2. No

3. Canada will conduct the procurement in accordance with applicable law and policy. The extent of information regarding this topic consists of what has been provided in the solicitation, and it will not be revised.

4. No definition of the term will be provided

Q 108:

Pour la portion FO.1 Détermination des taux journaliers fermes: une journée est de combien d'heures par jour?

R: Veuillez vous référer à R 106 (b) de cette Modification.

Q 108: In reference to FO.1 Provision of Firm Per Diem (Daily Rates): how many hours are in one day?

A 108:

Please refer to A106 (b) of this Solicitation Amendment.

Q 109:

As an existing TBIPS supplier, we intend to complete the Grandfather Certification in order to satisfy Mandatory Requirements M.1 – M.6. Considering that three of the requirements (M.1, M.2 and M.4) contain time constraints in relation to the date of bid closing, the information that exists on file with PWGSC may not fall within the prescribed time frame of these three requirements. Please confirm that the submission of the Grandfather Certification supersedes the time constraints in the Mandatory Requirements.

A 109:

Existing TBIPS Suppliers have already met the mandatory criteria M.1 - M.6. By providing the Grandfather Certification, the Bidder is certifying that it continues to meet the mandatory criteria. Please refer to Attachment E 1. (i), (ii), (iii), (iv). The Grandfather Certification must be signed and submitted with the hard copy of the bid by the closing date.

Q 110:

the newly created stream #6 Cyber Protection Services, includes 3 categories that were previously contained in, and moved from stream #3 (I.12, I.13, I.15). A document that was sent out to previous / existing TBIPS suppliers by IMOS in January, seems to indicate that if any of these moved categories had been previously successfully substantiated in an earlier refresh and deemed technically compliant, then we would be able to automatically offer these categories in newly created stream #6 without having to provide a substantiation (reference) for those categories or any other category in the stream. Is this correct?

If this is correct, then should there not be a drop down box option that reads “Currently Substantiated” for stream #6?

A 110:

These two substantiated categories would move from the IM/IT Services Stream to the new Cyber Protection Services Stream #6. Their status would remain as substantiated. However, a minimum number of six substantiated categories is required to qualify for the SO/SA Tier 1 in Stream #6. Therefore, to qualify for the SO/SA Tier 1 in this Stream, you need a minimum of four more substantiated categories. If the minimum number of substantiated categories isn't met, then none of the categories within this new stream will be awarded.

Q111:**Context :**

In order to comply with the TBIPS program, we need to initiate a DOS clearance process; to that end, we will be sponsored by a private firm.

• **We need to complete the PSOS request (Request for Private Sector Organization Screening).**

• **We need help in order to complete the form adequately.**

Questions:

1. In order to comply with TBIPS and get the appropriate DOS, please indicate which box(es) need to be selected? (see diagram below, section E of the form)

- **Reliability?**
- **Confidential?**
- **Secret?**
- **Top Secret?**

2. Also, in this second portion of Section E, please indicate which box(es) must be selected, in order to comply with TBIPS and get the appropriate DOS designation? (see diagram below)

- **Classified/Protected information: YES or NO ??**
- **Protected A: YES or NO ??**
- **Protected B: YES or NO ??**
- **Protected C: YES or NO ??**
- **Confidential: YES or NO??**
- **Other ??**

A 111:

1. Bidders are not required to fill out a PSOS form. Requests for sponsorship are done through the Data Collection Component. Sponsorship requests for DOS Reliability Status will only be actioned after the bid closing date. Refer to Solicitation Amendment #6, A76.

Q112:

We have the following questions for the Crown:

We are in the process of in putting our rates into the Data Collection Component under CPSS for the TBIPS Refresh. Under the heading “Financial Rates for Standing Offer” there are two items that require an explanation as follows:

(a) National Zone / Canada Wide – Would it be safe to assume that a company wishing to apply one rate per category for all categories in all areas would use this area only and then use the copy feature within the DCC? If not, what is the National Zone / Canada Wide used for?

(b) Copy Information – I note that when using this feature for the SO it also identifies the SA Tier 1 and Tier 2. Because there is no need to provide rates for the Tier 1 and Tier 2 under the SA, can I assume that we do not complete this area?

(c) Standing Offer – If we hold a category or group of categories under the SO / SA, can I assume that if we are found financially non-compliant under a category or categories under the SO that it would not exclude us from those same SA categories?

A 112:

(a) By selecting the National Zone, bidders are not automatically selecting all Regions and Metropolitan Areas. Please refer to Solicitation Amendment #7, A83. If a bidder wants to input a rate for the National Zone / Canada Wide zone and copy that identical rate across other Regions and Metropolitan Areas, then yes, they can use the copy feature in the DCC to accomplish that. The National zone is used when the Client has no preference in terms of where the work is performed.

(b) Yes

(c) Correct

Q113:

Question – Attachment C – Supply Arrangement Technical Evaluation – M5 Identification of Categories

We have a question regarding the prioritization/ranking process in cases where Bidders submit substantiated references for all 17 categories however some categories do not receive a positive reference during the reference check.

As an existing CPSA holder we were granted 6 substantiated categories by way of the migration. Please confirm the following is correct:

A) Bidders are allowed to prioritize all of the remaining 11 categories in the Additional Ranked Column.

B) The Crown will adjust the prioritization as Bidders are awarded categories by way of positive substantiation.

For example:

1) Categories 1-6 are considered substantiated by migration.

2) References are submitted for categories 7 (ranked 1), 8 (ranked 2), 9 (ranked 3) and so on...

3) If category 7 is positively substantiated by a client, the ranking for category 8 would be moved to 1 and all others would be adjusted accordingly.

4) Rankings are adjusted with each subsequent positive substantiation.

5) Any references not positively substantiated would be awarded based on the TBIPS Refresh evaluation process (two (2) positively substantiated categories for one (1) unsubstantiated category)

A 113:

A) No. Per M.5 article 7, the only Categories requiring prioritization are the “Newly Unsubstantiated” Categories.

B) No. Please refer to A96 from this Solicitation Amendment.

Q 114:

In addition to my questions previously submitted (see below), on the CPSS – Supplier Module, under Certifications - Security Sponsorship, it asks if the supplier requires Security Sponsorship. As this is the first time we are bidding on this opportunity, we would answer ‘yes.’

At this point, we are required to then select from different dropdown menus security clearances with which we require sponsorship. My question is, what, as a new supplier would warrant sponsorship? Ideally if awarded a Contract with PWGSC, we’d like clearances for all in order to bid for all future projects.]

A 114:

Please refer to A111 from this Solicitation Amendment.

Q 115:

We are a current TBIPS SO & SA holder and are planning to respond to the refresh that is currently open. We would like to submit the following question for review:

For an existing TBIPS holder, please confirm which of the following supplier changes are permitted under TBIPS for both SA & SO:

- 1. Supplier changes business name**
- 2. Another legal entity acquires 100% of supplier’s shares**
- 3. Supplier extends share ownership to include another individual**

For all of the above scenarios, the supplier is not changing the form of business entity and will continue to operate in the same manner with the Canadian Federal Government. To clarify, in the example using scenario 2 above, the supplier would continue to operate using the entity it used when TBIPS was awarded, regardless of the fact that the entity's shares are held by another entity.

Please confirm if any of the above scenarios would cause detrimental effect to the supplier's TBIPS status.

A 115:

All bid evaluations will occur after bid closing. In respect of supplier changes occurring after bid closing but before instrument award, please note that in accordance with Attachment H Article 8, a bid cannot be assigned in whole or in part.

Canada will not provide general rules of acceptance confirming the effect on a suppliers' status of hypothetical supplier changes occurring after bid closing. However, Canada will examine information on a specific supplier change submitted to Canada at any time after bid closing and act in accordance with the published solicitation's terms.