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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT**  
**MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

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 indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

**Comments - Commentaires**  
**THIS RFP CONTAINS A SECURITY**  
**REQUIREMENT**

**Vendor/Firm Name and Address**  
**Raison sociale et adresse du**  
**fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur**

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<b>Title - Sujet</b> DGIMPD PMESS (TBIPS)		
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> W6369-13DE43/A		<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 007
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> W6369-13DE43		<b>Date</b> 2013-05-09
<b>GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG</b> PW-\$PSD-002-23625		
<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> 002psd.W6369-13DE43	<b>CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME</b>	
<b>Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin</b> <b>at - à 02:00 PM</b> <b>on - le 2013-05-23</b>		<b>Time Zone</b> <b>Fuseau horaire</b> Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
<b>F.O.B. - F.A.B.</b> <b>Plant-Usine:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Destination:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other-Autre:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à:</b> Drouin, Chris		<b>Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur</b> 002psd
<b>Telephone No. - N° de téléphone</b> (613) 944-5190 ( )		<b>FAX No. - N° de FAX</b> (613) 943-7944
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**Instructions: See Herein**

**Instructions: Voir aux présentes**

<b>Delivery Required - Livraison exigée</b>	<b>Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée</b>
<b>Vendor/Firm Name and Address</b> <b>Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur</b>	
<b>Telephone No. - N° de téléphone</b> <b>Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur</b>	
<b>Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm</b> <b>(type or print)</b> <b>Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/</b> <b>de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

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Buyer ID - Id de l'acheteur

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Amendment Number 7 is raised to provide answers to questions received.

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

<b>Q Number</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	We respectfully request that the Crown provide Bidders a two week extension to the bid submission date.	An extension will not be granted at this time.
2	Please confirm the title of this RFP is MERCURY GLOBAL (TBIPS)	No. The correct title for this requirement is DGIMPD PMESS (TBIPS)
3	Is there currently, or has there been, a company(ies) delivering the services requested in the solicitation? If yes, please identify the organization(s).	This is a new requirement.
4	Ref Section 4.4 - Basis of Selection. 'Note: For this requirement, no résumés are requested at time of bid as only non-core resources will be requested. Résumés must be submitted with each proposal for each Task Authorization and must meet all of the qualifications requirements described in this solicitation.' Annex 'C', item 1, Corporate Criteria, please confirm that only Corporate Criteria (mandatory and rated) are required for bid submission purposes and that Section 2, Resource mandatory and rated criteria are NOT to be submitted with the bid, and will be submitted after contract award for each Task Authorization.	Only corporate criteria Mandatory and Rated are requested for evaluation purposes. Resource mandatory will need to be met when offering resources on individual TAs.
5	Please confirm that reference projects may have been contracted with the Bidder, its parent or subsidiary.	The bidder must be the contractor on record for reference projects
6	Would the Crown accept bidders defining "Engineering" used in M3, M4, and PR1 as the developing and/or the configuring of a technology solution in a planned and structured process aligned to an application development methodology?	The definition of engineering is: an interdisciplinary approach and means to enable the realization of successful systems. It focuses on defining customer needs and required functionality early in the development cycle, documenting requirements, then proceeding with design synthesis and system validation while considering the complete problem: operations,

		security, cost & schedule, performance, training, support and test.
7	When responding to the corporate mandatory and rated requirements for project references, it is understood that the projects used for M4 cannot be used for PR1 and the same for M5 and PR3 as the rated requirements are asking for "additional projects" to those used for the mandatories. However, is it compliant to use the same projects (if relevant to the evaluation criteria) for differing mandatory/rated requirements i.e. using the same projects to demonstrate experience for both M4 and M5 (and/or both rated PR1 and PR3).	Yes
8	We note that the requirement for Project Management Support Services (PMESS) for the Director General Information Management Project Delivery (DGIMPD) organization is intended to support projects performed at the level of Top Secret and above. To wit, Article 1.2 states that the work will potentially involve access to the Spartan Network and thus is restricted to Canadian Eyes Only. In our experience, involvement in contracts involving sensitivities such as these require bidders to submit their Foreign Ownership, Control and Interest (FOCI) registration in support of their proposal? Please confirm that this is the case for this proposal also.	A revised SRCL is being prepared with revised security clauses. FOCI will be required.
9	The Top Secret Environment and Classified Projects Directorate of the IM Group has articulated a requirement for PMESS that will support TS Projects. We note that none of the mandatory project requirements include any element of having performed work at the level of TS or above. Was this an oversight and is the Crown considering amending its RFP to include mandatory requirements that include a demonstrated	No change to the evaluation.

	track record in delivering projects at the level of TS?	
10	In reviewing the requirements for personnel, can the Crown confirm that all resources to be engaged in support of Top Secret and Canadian Eyes Only projects will require TS clearance upon submission of any task solicitation responses associated with the contract resulting from this RFP?	The security classification required will be stated in each Task Authorization. This security classification is required prior to approval of each Task Authorization.
11	While we note Article 7.0, Location of Work, states that all services will be provided at a DND Location within the NCR, we also note that Article 3.4, Contract Management Meetings, states that the Location of Meetings may be held at a location other than a DND facility. Presumably this means the Contractor's facility. This further implies that the Contractor should be capable of processing agendas and minutes of meetings that address issues that are at the level of Top Secret and Canadian Eyes Only. Therefore, should not the Bidder have the ability to process and store classified information as approved by CIISD?	A revised SRCL is being prepared with revised security clauses.
12	While we note Article 7.0, Location of Work, states that all services will be provided at a DND Location within the NCR, we are also aware that DND has, from time to time, availed itself of the facilities of trusted contractors to perform work at the level of Top Secret and Canadian Eyes Only. Therefore, does the requirement to hold a facility clearance at the level of Top Secret also include the requirement to be capable of processing and storing classified information as approved by CIISD at the time of bid?	A revised SRCL is being prepared with revised security clauses.

13	Could the Crown please confirm that for Corporate Mandatory and Point-Rated criteria, Bidders may cite projects that have an award date prior to the ten (10) year window for completed or on-going projects.	The award date may be prior to the 10 year period. Some work must have been done or the project must have been completed within the last 10 years.
14	Ref RFP Annex C, Section 1 - Corporate Criteria, M1. We qualify in all of the resource categories and levels with the exception of P.1 Change Management Consultant Level 1. In this category / level, we were technically compliant but not financially compliant. Given that the TBIPS refresh (closing on 25 Mar) will result in Supply Arrangements (SA) being awarded on a technical compliancy basis only (ie there is no financial evaluation associated with the refresh process and associated SA award) , we request that M1 be re-worded as follows:"M1 - The Bidder must be a current TBIPS Supply Arrangement Holder who qualified (on a technical basis as confirmed by Informatics Methods of Supply (IMOS), the responsible authority for TBIPS, in the Supplier Qualification E-mail sent to TBIPS suppliers on approximately 22 Jan 2013) for the following resource categories: .....".	There will be no changes to M1.
15	With respect to the subject solicitation, please confirm that the Bidder awarded the contract resulting from this solicitation, as a provider of PM&ESS services for projects within scope of the DPDIS portfolio, will be ineligible to be awarded implementation or solutions contracts for any of those projects. In addition, please confirm that this restriction also applies to any affiliates, subsidiaries, sister firms, or equivalent, of the successful DPDIS PM&ESS supplier.	Should an apparent conflict-of-interest situation arise in future solicitations, each situation would be addressed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with terms similar to the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) 2003 Article 18 - Conflict of Interest Unfair Advantage at Part 2 - Article 2.1 (c) that form part of the current RFP on MERX.
16	When will the revised security requirement be provided?	Canada is revising the SRCL and associated clauses. Once the

		revision is issued on an amendment, bidders will still get at least an additional week to complete their bids.
17	Regarding Question and Answer Number 15: SACC 2003 (2010-10-07) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, Article 18 has language that discusses conflict of interest in the context of involvement in the preparation of, or information related to, the RFP itself. Our understanding of the question was around conflict of interest in the context that if a company is providing PM&ESS services within DGIMPD for a project or projects, would that company be ineligible to bid on that project or those projects? If ineligible, what would the process be to manage the conflict of interest?	<p>Merely providing PM&amp;ESS services within DGIMPD on a project would not in and of itself trigger the application of the conflict of interest or unfair advantage provisions in future solicitations related to that project.</p> <p>The process to be followed if an apparent conflict of interest or an unfair advantage arises is an evidence based exercise using Canada's sole discretion. You can find more information on the process at Article 18 (3) of SACC 2003 (2010-10-07) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements.</p>