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This Request For Proposal (RFP) amendment 017 is to amend the RFP, distribute responses to inquiries and other communications so far submitted to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Contracting Authority.

Questions and Answers:

Q114. From Volume 1 Annex CE Para 4.2 Part 1 - Environmental Health and Safety Assessment (EHSA)

Para 4.2.1 states the Bidder must submit a partial draft EHSA completed in the format specified by RFP Vol 2, Appendix 2 to Annex CC DID PM-008. An interpretation of this requirement seems to indicate the requirement for an EHS assessment of everything that goes into, or may be used in the production of, a bidder's ISS offering including all the major subsystems from design to disposal. Presumably this would include all the foreign sourced subassemblies and the MLCS components.

Can Canada confirm the exact requirement at time of bid?

A114. Volume 1, Annex CD, section 4.2 titled "Part 1 - Environmental Health and Safety Assessment (EHSA)" provides the necessary instructions on what information from DID PM-008 is required for Evaluation.

Q115. Education and Experience Combination

The Configuration Manager (CM) tasks are listed in Volume 3 of Annex CA, Appendix 2. Some of these tasks are typically "hands on" tasks performed by the configuration administrator and managed by the CM, specifically: "Defining configuration identification requirements; Establishing a configuration change control process; Performing configuration status accounting; and Performing release planning". Would Canada consider removing these tasks for the CM? The reason for this request is that the education and experience requirements of a CM far exceed those of Configuration Administrator and to find a Configuration Administrator who could satisfy all the Education and Experience criteria would not be feasible. Alternatively wording such as "managing and supervising the daily configuration activities including, but not limited to, defining configuration identification status accounting, etc." would be suitable.

A115. Canada will not consider removing any task specified in Appendix 2, Annex CA to Volume 3 for the CM. The wording used is reflective of the OWSS SOW CM requirements and allow the Bidder to articulate in its CM Plan how he will execute its CM activities.

Q116. In Appendix 8 of Annex CB to Volume 2, 3.1.6. indicates that " All exposed raw edges must be finished with 19mm (3/4") nylon binding tape [...]." On Table 5 of Appendix 12 (Annex CB, Volume 2), it indicates that "Edges bound with 19mm [...] binding tape [...]. It is common practice to finish the edges of fabric by folding it on itself for finishing (i.e. the raw edge is not exposed and is protected from fraying). Such technique can be used in some areas where it would be less practical to apply binding tape (e.g.: an access cut-out going through the side of a pouch). Can Canada confirm that finished folded edges do not need to receive bonding tape since the raw edge is not exposed and it is protected from fraying?"

A116. All exposed raw edges must be finished with binding tape.

Q117. Will DND provide trained soldiers, vehicles and equipment to fulfill all of the roles of the 32 man platoon during the SAT?

A117. No. As stated in para 3.5 and para 4 of Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 6, the Contractor will be responsible for the planning, preparation and execution of all SAT tasks and activities and will be required to plan for and supply all logistical, administrative and technical support necessary to conduct the SAT.

The physical venue will be provided by DND, along with other Government Furnished Equipment such as in-service LCSS equipment (LCSS Type 1 radios, DAGR, CORAL-CR-C) and soldier equipment

Q118. The paper patterns for the MLCS platform provided by Canada (MLCS14) to manufacture the MLCS platforms in sizes Small and Medium yielded MLCS platforms much larger than the dimensions indicated on page 3 of 8 of Attachment 1 of Appendix 7 (annex CB, Volume 2). We believe this is due to the 1" binding tape installed all around. Can Canada clarify if the dimensions at Attachment 1 of Appendix 7 (annex CB, Volume 2) are correct?

A118. DND acknowledges that some of the dimensions found in Attachment 1 to Appendix 7 to Annex CB to Volume 2 may be misleading due to the use of the binding tape to finish all exposed edges. DND will allow an additional +1" of tolerance to the MLCS Chest Rig Front width and length dimensions and the MLCS Back Yoke width and length dimensions for the MLCS Platforms provided for evaluation. The RFP has been modified accordingly.

Q119. TPS-5381 mandates that the ISS MLCS Pouches must be designed and built in accordance with Annex CB, Appendix 8, ISS Generic Pouches TDP Manufacturing Data. If a pouch does not have these features including drain grommet, lid, SR buckles, due to the nature of the item being contained in the pouch, such as a push-to-talk (PTT) device, how will the pouch be evaluated?

A119. The ISS Generic Pouches Technical Data Package (TDP) is a generic design specification, which may not cater to the novel solutions Bidders would like to propose to hold the ISS-ES. This is why, during the MLCS Evaluation, DND will only evaluate the PALS Attachment Straps and the PALS Webbing on the pouch back. Changes to the MLCS Evaluation have been made accordingly.

Deviations to the pouch design to accommodate the integration of the Integrated Soldier System (ISS) suite will be accepted provided that the construction and the workmanship do not impede the attachment of the ISS MLCS Pouches to the MLCS Platform. A modification has been made to Appendix 12 to Annex CB to Volume 2 to reflect this approach.

Q120. Software Licenses

Canada has requested a device license per Volume 2, Article 26.1 (Licensed Software page 35 of 124). Per 4003, a "Device" means equipment having a physical central processor unit (CPU), mass storage and input output devices such as keyboard and monitor and includes servers, desktops, workstations, notebooks, laptops, personal digital assistants and mobile computing equipment".

For the purposes of the BMA software, please confirm that a "Device" is the ISS-ES and that Canada requires one BMA software Device License for each ISS-ES delivered.

Please confirm that the BMA software Device license quantities listed in the deliverable tables of Annex CF of Volume 2 are in addition to the BMA Device License to be delivered with each ISS-ES.

Please confirm that the SEP-S software Device Licenses are to be delivered only in the quantities listed in the deliverable tables of Annex CF of Volume 2 (for lap tops).

A120. Please note that ISSP is using the term Battle Management System (BMS) instead of BMA throughout its documentation.

The RFP defines and requires two configurations of the BMS software. One configuration is the BMS software running on the ISS-ES; therefore in this case the term "device" is indeed the ISS-ES. The other configuration is the BMS software running on the CF-31 laptop, where in that case the device is the CF-31 laptop. The requirements in Appendix 1 to Annex CB to Volume 2 describe both configurations.

As defined in Annex CE to Volume 3, the ISS-ES includes all software and firmware running on the soldier-worn equipment. There is no Contract Line Item Number for licenses in Annex CF to Volume 2 for software running on the ISS-ES as they are to be delivered with the number of ISS-ES acquired.

Canada requires software Device Licenses to use the BMS software on the CF-31 laptop. The quantities to be delivered are specified in the tables of Annex CF to Volume 2 .

The SEP-Suite is software to be used on the CF-31 laptop and the quantities of the SEP-Suite Device Licenses to be delivered are listed in the deliverable tables found in Annex CF of Volume 2.

Supplemental General Conditions 4003 apply to all software Device Licenses delivered to Canada.

Q121. MLCS

In Figure 1 (MLCS Chest Rig Front View) of Volume 2 Annex CB Appendix 7 Attachment 1 on Page 3 of 8, shows a finished width for X of 21" and 24" for the Small Medium respectively. If the Small is to have 14 PALS/MOLLE channels and the Medium to have 16 PALS/MOLLE channels at 1.5" per channel and both have ¾" binding on each side, shouldn't the finished width measurements be 21.75" and 24.75" for the size Small and Medium respectively?

A121. DND acknowledges that the finished width of X in Figure 1 of Attachment 1 to Appendix 7 to Annex CB to Volume 2 may be misleading due to the use of the binding tape to finish all exposed edges. DND will therefore allow an additional +1" of tolerance to the finished width of X for the MLCS Platforms provided for MLCS Evaluation. The RFP has been modified accordingly.

Q122. Volume 2, page 10 of 124, Article 2.2.1.4 addresses the Software Source Code requirements. Software escrow accounts are subject to annual fees. To ensure we properly scope this requirement, please advise how many years Canada wishes the contractor to maintain the software escrow account.

A122. As long as the ISS-OWSS contract will be active.

Q123. Table 2 of Appendix 1 to Annex CE to Volume 1 of the ISSP RFP provides details on how the experience of the Bidder will be evaluated and rated.

Please confirm that the bidder can include in its experience credentials the contribution from its first tier subcontractors that are relevant in the offer to fulfill the corporate capabilities compliance of Table 2. If this is accurate, please also clarify how it is linked to the statement "Evidence that the Bidder is involved in THE business" made during the ISSP Bidder's Conference of March 7, 2012 (Refer to Slide 21/174).

A123. In accordance with paragraph 4.2.4 in Volume 1, a Bidder can be compliant to all the Technical, Management and IRB requirements of a bid solicitation document by offering its own property, knowledge, expertise or other resources (in the case of a Joint Venture, any of its parties resources) in combination, if any, with the resources of eventual first tier subcontractors. The statement "Evidence that the Bidder is involved in THE business" made during the ISSP Bidder's Conference of March 7, 2012 is in reference to the Security Requirements articulated in section 6.1 of Volume 1, more specifically on the proof of an approved COMSEC account, which cannot be owned by a subcontractor.

Modifications to the RFP:

131. At Document: Volume 1, Annex CC, Appendix 3, p. 19 of 20, Serial 60, TPS-5373

a. in the Evaluation Criteria and Scale column

DELETE: "a. Para 2.5.1, Only 10 samples will be evaluated;"

INSERT: "a. Para 2.5.1, Only 10 samples (selected by DND) will be evaluated;"

DELETE: "b. Para 2.5.1, 60% of the samples evaluated must pass the technical evaluation;" and

INSERT: "b. Para 2.5.1, for the MLCS Platform to be deemed compliant at least 30% of the evaluated samples must pass the technical evaluation;" in its place

DELETE: "c. Para 2.5.2, A maximum of ten (10) workmanship and construction infractions will be accepted." And

INSERT: "c. Para 2.5.2, A maximum of ten (10) workmanship and construction infractions will be accepted per sample." in its place

INSERT: "e. Additional +1" of tolerance for the MLCS Chest Rig Front width and length dimensions and the MLCS Back Yoke width and length dimensions." after item d.

132. At Document: Volume 1, Annex CC, Appendix 3, p. 20 of 20, Serial 61, TPS-5381

a. in the Evaluation Criteria and Scale column

DELETE: "a. Para 3.4.1, Only 10 samples will be evaluated" and

INSERT: "a. Para 3.4.1, Only 7 ISS MLCS Pouch Set samples (selected by DND) will be evaluated" in its place;

DELETE: "b. Para 3.4.1, 60% of the samples evaluated must pass the technical evaluation;" and

INSERT: "b. Para 3.4.1, for the MLCS ISS Pouch Sets to be deemed compliant, at least 30% of the individual pouch samples evaluated must pass the technical evaluation" in its place;

DELETE: "c. Para 3.4.2, A maximum of ten (10) workmanship and construction infractions will be accepted." And

INSERT: "c. Para 3.4.2, A maximum of ten (10) workmanship and construction infractions will be accepted per individual pouch sample." in its place;

INSERT: "d. Para 3.4.3, Table 5, only the PALS Attachment Straps and the Pouch Back-PALS webbing will be evaluated (i.e. Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 8, Attachment 1, paragraphs 3.1-3.4 and 4.2, 4.3 and 4.5)."

133. At Document: Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 12

INSERT: "3.5 Design Deviation: Deviations to the pouch design to accommodate the integration of the Integrated Soldier System (ISS) suite will be accepted provided that the construction and the workmanship do not impede the attachment of the ISS MLCS Pouches to the MLCS Platform. Those design changes must be documented in an updated TDP following approval of an ECP by DND which document those changes." between TABLE 6 and Section 4.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SOLICITATION REMAIN UNCHANGED