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

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**Question 1** Reference Corporate Mandatory Criteria M1, we respectfully request that it be changed to allow projects managed in the last seven years rather than the last five years be acceptable. This is requested to allow fully qualified SME's to participate in this requirement?

**Answer 1** At attachment 1 and 2 of Annex D, Corporate Mandatory Criteria M1 - Corporate Experience:

At the first sentence beginning in the first paragraph:

**Delete:** "The Bidder must provide two references for two individual IM/IT contracts (one reference for each contract) managed within the last five years."

**Insert:** the following revised sentence: "The Bidder must provide two references for two individual IM/IT contracts (one reference for each contract) managed within the last seven years."

**Question 2** Please advise if there are currently, or recently, contractors working in any of these, or related, positions? If so, what is the name of the contracting company, contract value and duration?

**Answer 2** Lockheed-Martin Canada Ltd. is currently performing various similar duties through Contract W847407JLDN/001/ZM. The contract period is from 01-Dec-2008 to 30-Nov-2013. The value of the Contract is \$20M.

**Question 3** Part 1, 1.2 item (f) states that Stream B: Network Engineering Services is the Secret Systems stream and identifies that Stream A is the Top Secret. It is the intention of the client to award two separate contracts (1.2 Summary item [b]) - one for Stream A and one for Stream B. Kindly refer to Section 7.5 Security Requirement, item (a), which details (in the contract) that vendors must possess Top Secret clearance. We believe this might have been an oversight and the contract included in the RFP was intended for Stream A and not Stream B. Since Stream B is the Secret Systems stream, we respectfully request that the Top Secret facility clearance be amended to Secret in order to allow vendors (who were invited to submit proposals in relation to this requirement) to submit proposals and qualify to enter into contract with Canada.

**Answer 3** Yes, the intended result is for the award of up to two separate contracts, one for each Security Stream. The security requirements for Stream B of this solicitation will be updated soon to revise the Facility Security Clearance (FSC) for Stream B from Top Secret FSC to Secret FSC.

**Question 4** With the timing of the RFP release occurring just before the Christmas holiday, many key consultants were not available to work with. We kindly request an extension to the RFP closing date.

**Answer 4** In addition to the statutory holidays, an additional week was factored into the bid period to allow for potential delays during the holiday period between December 25, 2012 and January 1, 2013. Canada is not prepared to extend the bid closing date.

**Question 5** Part 2 of 2 / page 24 paragraph 7.5 d) it is stated: "The Contractor personnel requiring access to CLASSIFIED information, assets or sensitive work site(s) must be citizens of Canada and must EACH hold a valid personnel security screening at the level of SECRET, granted or approved by CISD, PWGSC or TOP SECRET SIGINT granted by Communications Security Establishment (CSE) as required." In the Security Classification Guide section for Stream A, – paragraph 1 through 4 states that the resources for these categories must be cleared to Top Secret SIGINT. It is our understanding that resources cannot be cleared to SIGINT unless there is a demonstrated requirement for them to hold this type of clearance. Therefore, we assume that a Top Secret clearance is required at bid closing and that a request for SIGINT will be put forward at Task Authorization stage. Can you please confirm our understanding?

**Answer 5** Resources proposed in a bid for Stream A must EACH hold a valid personnel security screening at the level of Top Secret at the date of bid closing, however, the SIGINT level of personnel screening can be obtained after the contract is awarded. Bidders are reminded that SIGINT level of personnel security screening must be obtained promptly after issuance of a Task Authorization. Failure to meet this requirement during contract performance could result in termination of the contract under the default provisions of the contract.

**Question 6** Could you please advise if there is or has there been (within the last 12 months) incumbents performing similar duties as those listed in the SOW of this requirement?

**Answer 6** See Answer 2

**Question 7** Due to the complexity of the response and the recent holiday season, we respectfully request a 3 week extension to the current closing date.

**Answer 7** See Answer 4

**Question 8** Regarding Stream A: Network Engineering Services – Top Secret Systems. Could the crown please clarify how many resources must be included in the bid response. In section 3. Scope, it is indicated that up to five(5) I.11 Technology Architects Level 3 may be required however in Appendix C to Annex A there are only 3 descriptions Mandatory and Rated Criteria for the Technology Architects Level 3( ITI Subject Matter Expert (SME), Distributed ITI SME and Remote Access ITI SME). Please identify which Level 3 Technology Categories require that an additional resource be provided in the response.

**Answer 8** Bidders are reminded to refer to Annex D for the bid evaluation criteria. Appendix C to Annex A refers to criteria to be used in accessing additional/replacement resources after contract award. The number of Technology Architects - Level 3, to be evaluated in a bid for Stream A is three. Two additional Technology Architects - Level 3, may be evaluated after contract award for Stream A and will be assessed at that time if required. Therefore, this explains the difference between the quantities identified in the SOW and the quantities to be evaluated in Annex D.