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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.

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This Request For Proposal (RFP) amendment 007 is to distribute responses to inquiries and other communications so far submitted to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Contracting Authority, including questions addressed during the Bidders' Conference that took place on May 1st 2013 at 0830 hrs, at 140 Promenade du Portage, Gatineau, Quebec, Canada, in Place du Portage, Phase IV, Pontiac room.

REMINDER

Reminder to Bidders to provide their radio's characteristics to Canada;

In accordance with RFP Volume 1, Part 2, paragraph 2.6.5, Bidders must submit the required information to the Contracting Authority no later than 02:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time, on May 15, 2013.

Questions and Answers:

Questions and Answers No. 7 to 21 originate from the Bidders' Conference.

- Q7.** *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*
Will the Contractor be given access to Defence Resource Management System (DRMIS) as part of the in-service support related work?
- A7.** Access to DRIMS by the Contractor is currently not envisaged. However, this position may be adjusted depending on the Contractor's support plan approved by DND after Contract Award.
- Q8.** *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*

When does Canada anticipate the ISSP equipment transition from the Project Office to the in-service support organisation (Equipment Management Team)?

A8. The transition is not expected before 2017 and will be influenced by the timing of Canada's decision to buy option quantities.

Q9. *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*

When Reconstitution of ISS equipment requires replacement of parts, will DND source these parts from spares already purchased, or will the Contractor source the replacement parts to DND?

A9. Any Task Requests for Reconstitution services may include spares requirements to complete it. These spares will be provided by the Contractor. Canada may source spares for Reconstitution related tasks only under exceptional circumstances.

Q10. *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*

Reference: Volume 1, Annex CE, Appendix 1, Table 3, ID 3.3.2.2 : Does the evaluation of the draft Maintenance Plan based on its consistency with the entire Support Concept found in Volume 2, Annex CA, Appendix 2 or only with section 4 "Maintenance Support Concept"

A10. The evaluation requirement refers to the entire Support Concept provided at Volume 2, Annex CA, Appendix 2.

Q11. *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*

Reference: Volume 2, Annex CC, Appendix 2, DID PM 001, block 10.3.3.0-16 and volume 3, annex CC, appendix 2, DID PM-101, block 10.3.3.0-15.0-5. These would seem to be identical requirements, however the ISS-A DID PM-001 10.3.3.0-16 requirement appears as a stand-alone item, whereas the OWSS DID PM-101 10.3.3.0-15.0-5 requirement appears as a subordinate requirement to Risk Management (10.3.3.0-15) requirement.

Question: Was this difference of requirement hierarchies intended? If not, please clarify which interpretation bidders should apply in their proposals?

A11. Both requirements need to appear as stand alone items. The difference in hierarchy affecting the OWSS DID PM-101 requirement 10.3.3.0-15.0-5 is corrected as presented at Modification to the RFP no. 15, below.

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- Q12.** *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*
Reference the P(Bid) System retained by Canada at the end of the Performance Evaluation (PE), we assume that title to this P(Bid) System is not passed to Canada, and that it remains the property of the bidder. Is this assumption correct? If so, please elaborate on how Canada will manage and safeguard the bidder's property, including all intellectual property rights.
- A12.** The P(Bid) System retained by Canada at the end of the Performance Evaluation (PE) remains the property of the bidder. The P(Bid) System will be placed in a sealed container and stored in a Level II vault on DND premises in the National Capital Region. The vault is under PMO ISSP's control and sole use. No one will have access to the content of this sealed container. The P(Bid) System will be returned to its owner following Contract Award.
- Q13.** *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*
Section TPS-453 External Data Storage Device (EDSD) contains a number of requirements (TPS-5223 laptop connection, TPS-5463 must operate without EDSD, TPS-4935 SEP transfer of maps, and TPS-2504 COTS) that seem to imply that the solution is a COTS USB Flash Drive. If the operational intent of the EDSD is to configure a group of ISS-S, does each ISS-S explicitly need an EDSD as required in TPS-1351?
- A13.** Yes, every ISS-S requires an EDSD. The primary reason being that any user may be required to share information which would not be practicable to share through the wireless link (e.g. photos, maps, etc.), and borrowing somebody else's EDSD could be quite inconvenient.
- Q14.** *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*
Please advise where the Performance Evaluation (PE) will take place.
- A14.** Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Petawawa, ON is the primary location that has been identified. Alternate locations are CFB Shilo, MB and CFB Gagetown, NB. Final confirmation will be provided through RFP amendment by the end of May 2013.
- Q15.** *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*
We acknowledge the access requirements required for the Performance Evaluation (PE) site in Volume 1, Annex CB, Appendix 2 (Pages 5 of and 6). Please advise if the company representatives attending PE require a security clearance.

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- A15.** There is no specific security requirement for bidders representatives on the ground at the PE. However, these bidders must provide a list of personnel who require access to the PE site to the Evaluation Controlling Officer (EC O) on the day of the delivery and audit of their P(Bid) Systems: (1) The full name of each Bidder representative; (2) Contact phone, pager, or cell phone; (3) Role of representative in support of the PE; (4) Vehicle particulars. Bidder must sign ``in and out`` of the PE camp through the duty officer who will be located in the command post.
- Q16.** *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*
Reference RFP paragraph 4.3.3 Bids ranking example (page 39 of 123): would Canada please confirm that bid A would also be declared non-responsive in the example that is provided?
- A16.** Bidder A is in fact non-responsive as its score (450 points) is less than the 512 point cut off (so less than 20% of the highest UAPE score). The text is amended to reflect this fact at Modification to the RFP no. 16, found below.
- Q17.** *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*
There is a material discrepancy between requirement TPS-5477 in Volume 1, Annex CC, Appendix 1 (3rd bullet has "with the exception of TPS-2678" appended) and the same requirement in Volume 2, Annex CB (3rd bullet) does not have this text. Which requirement is valid?
- A17.** Requirement TPS-5477 in Volume 1, Annex CC, Appendix 1 is correct. Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1 has been amended to exclude TPS-2678. The French version did not contain this error.
- Q18.** *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*
Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1, requirement TPS-5415 includes a requirement statement with a "must" yet does not have a verification method or verification criteria. Is TPS-5415 a requirement or just for information?
- A18.** Element TPS-5415 in Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1 is not a requirement. It is context information. The text has been amended to remove the word "must".
- Q19.** *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*

Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1, requirements TPS-1616 / 1668 / 1669 / 2124 / 808 all have the SAT column marked as "No", do not have a "must" or "should" in the requirement statement, and have no verification method or criteria. Are these TPS requirements or for information only?

A19. The text associated with requirements TPS-1616, 1668, 1669, 2124 and 808 in Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1 - TPS are for information only. The TPS has been amended to remove the text in the "SAT" column for elements that are not requirements.

Q20. *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*

In Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1 and Volume 1, Annex CC, Appendix 1, can we assume that TPS statements with no "must" or "should" in the requirement statement column are for information only? For example, titles, definitions, and section introductions.

A20. Only Requirement Statements that include the word "must" or "should" are requirements.

Q21. *This Question originates from the Bidders' Conference.*

Please confirm the MaxMTTRSys and MaxMTTRSvc values consider factors only within the Contractor's control, and even then under non-combat conditions. For example, replacing an LRU that is not within immediate reach of a soldier could include DND logistical factors, such as asking around, identifying, looking up, requesting, locating or ordering, packaging, shipping, expediting, receiving, unpacking, inspecting, warehousing, transportation, and other logistics task times. Even if the LRUs are immediately at hand, restoring the system or service under combat conditions could take considerably longer than under peaceful operations.

A21. The intent of requirements TPS-2077 and 2078 is that the ISS-S system and service respectively are restored within the allocated time. This assumes the availability of the replacement parts and that the soldier is dedicated exclusively to the restoration task.

Modifications to the RFP:

15. At RFP volume 3, Ann CC App 2, page 6 of 89

DELETE: para number 10.3.3.0-18; and

INSERT: para number 10.3.3.0-19 instead;

DELETE: para number 10.3.3.0-17; and

INSERT: para number 10.3.3.0-18 instead;

DELETE: para number 10.3.3.0-16; and

INSERT: para number 10.3.3.0-17 instead;

DELETE: para number 10.3.3.0-15.0-5; and

INSERT: para number 10.3.3.0-16 instead.

16. At RFP volume 1, paragraph 4.4.3 bids ranking example, second last bullet

DELETE: "Bids C and G are declared non-responsive;"

INSERT: "Bids A, C and G are declared non-responsive;"

17. At RFP Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1, paragraph 2.2.5.2.1.2.0-4, TPS-5477, page 126 of 172, Requirement Statement column at end of third bullet:

INSERT: with the exception of TPS-2678

18. At RFP volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1, paragraph 2.2.2.5.4.1.0-1, TPS-5415, page 75 of 172, in the "Requirement Statement" column:

DELETE: must

INSERT: are to

19. At RFP Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1, paragraph 2.2.5.0-1, TPS-1616, page 117 of 172, in the SAT column

DELETE: No

20. At RFP Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1, paragraph 2.2.5.0-2, TPS-1668, page 117 of 172, in the SAT column

DELETE: No

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21. At RFP Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1, paragraph 2.2.5.0-3, TPS-1669, page 117 of 172, in the SAT column

DELETE: No

22. At RFP Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1, paragraph 2.2.5.2.1.2.0-1, TPS-2124, page 125 of 172, in the SAT column

DELETE: No

23. At RFP Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1, paragraph 2.2.5.3.0-1, TPS-808, page 132 of 172, in the SAT column

DELETE: No

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