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Revision to a Request for Supply
Arrangement - Révision à une demande
pour un arrangement en matière
d'approvisionnement

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.

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Title - Sujet SBIPS (Solutions Based)	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EN537-05IT01/G	Date 2012-03-28
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Date of Original Request for Supply Arrangement 2011-04-01 Date de demande pour un arrangement en matière d'app. originale	
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2012-07-11	
Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Toman, Rebecca	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 002ei
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Security - Sécurité This revision does not change the security requirements of the solicitation. Cette révision ne change pas les besoins en matière de sécurité de l'invitation.	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Acknowledgement copy required	Yes - Oui	No - Non
Accusé de réception requis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer. Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre.		
Signature	Date	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of offeror. (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du proposant. (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)		
For the Minister - Pour le Ministre		

SOLICITATION AMENDMENT #16

The following amendment is raised to:

A.) Answer the following questions.

A. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.41 If a project/contract ends March 31st. can it be included as experience given the closing date for the next evaluation period is March 31st.?

A.41 Yes

Q.42 As there appears to be an option to optionally complete either the Spreadsheet Version of Appendix 1 to Annex "B" to Part A or a Word template I was wondering how best to submit if we prefer the Word template. Should we include a blank Excel Annex or reference the Word Doc? Do you want the hard copy Word Annex inserted where the spreadsheet Annex would live of added at the end?

A.42 Submissions must include a completed Annex B in the Excel template. If there is not enough space in the Excel document to enter the response, the Word document may be used and referenced in the Excel document. The referenced sections must be clearly identified within the Word Document.

Q.43 I have done my best not to alter the formatting but see our draft print of Annex "B" to Part A on legal and extending to two such pages with most of one being blank. Is this the way you expect it or have I inadvertently altered something that needs re-adjustment?

A.43 We can not provide comment as to the formatting of your document. SBIPS submissions must include the entire excel submission template in hard copy and soft copy. The hard copy version of this document will prevail over the soft copy version.

Q.44 In order to be successful on SBIPS, we are required to have at a minimum, DOS. Can you please help us with the process required to obtain DOS? For SBIPS we have been asked to include the forms with our submission but I was unsuccessful in finding them on the PWGSC website.

A.44 The required forms will be provided once it has been determined that a supplier will be sponsored for a DOS security clearance. See Answer #14, within Solicitation Amendment #5 for instructions on what to provide with the submission.

Q.45 Annex "B" – Evaluation Criteria requires 3 projects per category, is it possible to use the same project more than once in the event that the project overlaps in multiple categories?

A.45 See Answer #4, within Solicitation Amendment #2.

Q.46 Can the CROWN confirm the following: We have a service contract to provide system integration of a solution which required the customer to purchase some specific hardware. Customer did not purchase the hardware from us and using a different vehicle (as our contract is only for services). Can we include this mandatory hardware as part of the project overall value (in terms of money) as long as this hardware does not exceed the 30% of the total service contract.

A.46 The total project value is the total amount invoiced by your company to provide the solution. As the hardware was not part of your company's invoiced amount, it would not be part of the solution you provided.

Q.47 Please confirm if multiple purchase orders (instead of one contract) from customer to complete the total solution integration professional services is acceptable.

A.47 Multiple purchase orders on their own are not acceptable to substantiate that the project is a solution. Documentation, from the client, must be provided to prove that all of the purchase orders are linked together under a common solution. This documentation would provide the project definition and indicate that the one supplier is responsible for all purchase orders released under the solution to deliver the entire solution.

Q.48 In section M3 Experience and Expertise of the Offeror, subsection M.3I states: 'The offeror must provide an explanation of how the project is a solution as defined in article "Definitions to Annex "B" to Part A of this RFSA".' However, in the Excel template that an offeror must use to respond, the corresponding M.3I section states: 'Certify that the project is a complete solution'. Could the Authority please clarify whether a certification or explanation is required? If a certification is required, could the Authority please provide further detail about what would constitute a certification?

A.48 Either an explanation or a statement to certify would be acceptable.

Q. 49 In section M3 Experience and Expertise of the Offeror, subsection M.3h states: 'The offeror must provide the project value for the complete solution'. Most of our IT solutions have been completed as part of much larger service delivery programs. Could the Authority please confirm that we can use these larger programs as our past performance references as long as we break out the IT component values, and as long as these values are above the minimum threshold for Tier 2 (\$6Million)?

A.49 See Answer #46 within this Solicitation Amendment and Answer #4, within Solicitation Amendment #2.

Q.50 Could the Authority please verify whether it has a sample Performance Guarantee that it uses for SBIPS, as first referenced in section M3 in the first ling of page 25 of the RFP, and provide a copy?

A.50 A sample Performance Guarantee will not be provided, as we are not requesting the Performance Guarantee. Should the supplier choose to provide a Performance Guarantee Annex E to Part A must also be submitted.

See Annex E to Part A, "Certification of Formal Arrangement related to Mandatory Requirement M3". This Word document can be downloaded from MERX as Attachment #3.

Q51 Can the Authority please verify the due date of the submission? The title page states April 2 but the table on page 9 of the RFP states March 31.

A.51 See Answer #35, within Solicitation Amendment #12 and note that the date on the front page of the RFSA has changed to July 11, 2012, as of Solicitation Amendment #15.

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Q.52 The SBIPS RFSA Technical Response Template states “not to move, delete or alter rows or columns”. Some of the responses require either an explanation or a description. Could we expand the rows to fit this requirement?

A.52 Yes.

Q.53 Can you let me know when this amendment will be released?

A.53 There is no timeline for the posting of Solicitation Amendments. Once amendments are available for publication they will be published on MERX.

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