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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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This Amendment number 002 is raised to respond to the following Vendor's questions:

QUESTION 1

Page 62 of the RFP – M.3 Project Management Methodology, states that bidders are to provide “vii. Technical Performance”. Would the crown kindly please provide a detailed explanation of what this section would contain, as it is not a component that is usually found in a Project Management Plan and we wish to ensure that we respond appropriately to the section.

ANSWER 1

Technical performance is a quality practice and is called out in the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBok). It's designed to monitor compliance to specification and requirements in much the same way as earned value monitors compliance to cost and schedule. Technical performance measurement compares accomplishments during project execution to the project plan's schedule of technical achievement (i.e. where we want to be).

QUESTION 2

Page 27 of the RFP states that the contractor personnel requiring access to PROTECTED/CLASSIFIED information, assets or sensitive work site(s) must EACH hold a valid personnel security screening at the level of **RELIABILITY or SECRET as required**. Please confirm which level of security is required.

ANSWER 2

All Contractor personnel must have Reliability but in some instances individual resources may require security clearance at the Secret level to support specific tasks and activities associated with a TA. The required Security level will be identified in each TA.

At **7.5 Security Requirement**, of the RFP, amend as follows:

Delete in it's entirety.

Insert:

The following Security Requirement (SRCL and related clausung), as set out under Annex “A” to the Supply Arrangement applies to the Contract.

SECURITY REQUIREMENT FOR CANADIAN SUPPLIER:

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- (a) The Contractor must, at all times during the performance of the Contract, hold a valid Facility Security Clearance at the level of **SECRET**, issued by the Canadian and International Industrial Security Directorate (CIISD), Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC).
- (b) The Contractor personnel requiring access to PROTECTED/CLASSIFIED information, assets or sensitive work site(s) must EACH hold a valid personnel security screening at the level of **RELIABILITY or SECRET as required**, granted or approved by CIISD/PWGSC.
- (c) The Contractor **MUST NOT** remove any PROTECTED/CLASSIFIED information from the identified work site(s), and the Contractor must ensure that its personnel are made aware of and comply with this restriction.

- (d) Subcontracts which contain security requirements are NOT to be awarded without the prior written permission of CIISD/PWGSC.
- (e) The Contractor must comply with the provisions of the:
- (i) Security Requirements Check List EN537-05IT01SBIPSG3, described in Annex "C"; and
 - (ii) Industrial Security Manual (Latest Edition).

QUESTION 3

Amendment #1 (pg7) Answer 9 cleared up the problem of the mis-numbering of the M.1 second series of i, ii, iii then Answer 13 (pg12) reverted the numbering back to the original problem of i, iii, iv, where ii is missing. Would Canada please confirm that Answer 9 is correct and section M.1 of Answer 13 is to be deleted.

ANSWER 3

At **ATTACHMENT 1 BID EVALUATION CRITERIA**, of the RFP, amend as follows:

Delete 1.1 CORPORATE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS, in its entirety.

Insert:

1.1 CORPORATE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Experience and Expertise of the Bidder		
Criteria	Mandatory Requirement	Bidder's Response
		Demonstrated experience (Bidders to insert data)
M.1	<p>Corporate Experience (Reference Projects)</p> <p>The Bidder must provide three (3) reference projects where the Bidder was contracted to deliver professional services, in Canada, for the End-to-end Development or Maintenance of an enterprise application on the Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE platform) (version 1.3 or more recent) and including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A minimum of one (out of the three proposed) contract must have had a minimum total value of \$5,000,000 (in Canadian dollars); and ii. A minimum of one (out of the three proposed) must have been 	

	<p>completed in the National Capital Region (NCR).</p> <p>For each reference project provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The contract for professional services must have had a minimum total value of \$2,000,000 (in Canadian dollars); ii. The contract must have been completed in the last seven (7) years or has been ongoing for a minimum of twelve (12) months (as of RFP closing date); and iii. The contract must have included the provision of resources in at least four (4) out of the following six (6) categories (any level), or equivalent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Project Manager; b) Project Leader; c) Business Analyst; d) Application / Software Architect; e) Programmer / Software Developer; f) Database Administrator. 	
M.2	<p>Contractor's Representative</p> <p>The Bidder must propose an individual. located in the NCR, that will be its representative responsible at an operational level to manage the resulting contract and report on the progress of work.</p> <p>The proposed candidate must have a minimum of two (2) years demonstrated experience as the single point of contact, on behalf of a contractor, with responsibility for the management of a contract with a minimum contract value of \$2,000,000.00 (in Canadian dollars) and for maintaining the business relationship between the contractor and the client.</p>	
M.3	<p>Project Management Methodology</p> <p>a) The Bidder must identify by name the project management methodology that it proposes to use to manage the delivery of all work under the resulting contract in accordance with SOW article 4.2.</p>	

	<p>b) The Bidder must describe its methodology in each of the following elements of project management:</p> <p>i. Risk (including knowledge transfer between incoming and outgoing Contractor resources);</p> <p>ii. HR;</p> <p>iii. Scope;</p> <p>iv. Schedule;</p> <p>v. Communications;</p> <p>vi. Organizational Impacts; and</p> <p>vii. Technical Performance.</p>	
M.4	<p>Application Development Methodology and Tool Set</p> <p>a) The Bidder must identify by name and provide an overview of the formal application development methodology and tool set that it proposes to use to plan, design and develop the Java-based applications under the resulting contract in accordance with SOW article 4.3.</p> <p>b) The Bidder must propose an application development methodology and tool set that adheres, or is adaptable, to the Rational Unified Process (RUP). The Bidder must also identify how the proposed application development methodology and tool does this.</p>	
M.5	<p>Quality Management Plan</p> <p>The Bidder must provide a description of the quality management plan that it proposes to use to ensure that all deliverables to AAFC are of high quality under the resulting contract in accordance with SOW article 4.4. It is suggested that the quality management plan not exceed four pages.</p>	
M.6	<p>Deliverable Documentation Plan</p> <p>The Bidder must provide a deliverable documentation plan that describes the documentation that it proposes to provide to ensure that all deliverables under the contract, including software</p>	

	application code, are easily understood and maintained by AAFC or a subsequent contractor in accordance with SOW article 4.5. It is suggested that the deliverable documentation plan not exceed four pages.	
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QUESTION 4

To support the investment required by vendors to develop and submit a proposal submission, would the Crown please specify the Total Contract Value for this contract? Identifying a contract value will help bidders secure the corporate approvals and investments required to develop and submit a quality response in the best interest of the Crown.

ANSWER 4

2.1 SUMMARY OF WORK, states:

The Contractor will be requested, on an as-and-when requested basis, via approved Task Authorizations (TAs), to provide qualified professional services resources, primarily in the National Capital Region (NCR), to support AAFC's Information Services Branch (ISB) and AAFC's Portfolio Partners in the delivery of work packages normally associated with the planning, design, development, implementation and support of applications, which may be larger or more complex (i.e. approximately \$2M - \$5M development effort) Java-based applications to meet AAFC's program and corporate application requirements. In addition, pending the outcome of the Roadmap exercise, there may be a need for the Contractor to provide strategic planning expertise to assist AAFC and CFIA in the integration of their respective technical architectures. The Contractor and AAFC will utilize a collaborative approach to the development of Task Authorization (TA) work packages, refer to Appendix B to Annex A section 2 for further details.

QUESTION 5

Amendment #1 (pgs 9, 10) Answer 10 corrected R.1.1 to point to Statement of Work section 5, i, ii, etc. A number of those SOW 5 sub-sections make reference to AAFC specifically. For example, R.1.1.d references SOW 5.iv which requires the ref project to have demonstrated:

d) Assist AAFC in obtaining AAFC-IM/IT governance and gate approvals related to development of the application;

This implies that points will only be awarded if the bidder's reference project is an AAFC project. For the purposes of R.1, would Canada please change "AAFC" to "Client" in the referenced SOW Section 5. Additionally, please confirm that the verb tense should be considered in the past tense as the reference must demonstrate tasks and activities that have been completed (and may be ongoing).

ANSWER 5

The RFP has been amended. See answer #8.

QUESTION 6

Will the Crown accept a Bidder submitting the same resource in two (2) categories?

ANSWER 6

No. Resources cannot be proposed for more than one category.

QUESTION 7

Attachment 1, Section 1.2 – Please confirm that the security clearance details for the proposed resources (M.7 to M.12 inclusive) is to be provided within the Bidder's proposal submission.

ANSWER 7

No.

QUESTION 8

Annex A, Section 5/Requirement R.1.1/Amendment 1 Q&A #10 – Within the tasks listed in Section 5 of the SOW, there are various tasks where there is specific reference to AAFC (5.iv.d), 5.v.g), 5.v.i), 5.vi.f)i., 5.vi.g), and 5.vi.h)). It is assumed in the context of responding to rated requirement R.1.1, the client in the particular reference project should replace the specific “AAFC” reference in the SOW. Please confirm.

ANSWER 8

At **ANNEX A, STATEMENT OF WORK**, of the RFP, amend as follows:

Delete 5. TASKS AND ACTIVITIES, in its entirety.

Insert:

5. TASKS AND ACTIVITIES

Contractor resources will be required to prepare and complete various tasks and activities related to the system development lifecycle of AAFC's program, corporate and operational applications under specific Task Authorizations (TAs) as requested to support AAFC's ISB and Portfolio Partners. These tasks and activities, as well as their schedule, content and format, will be identified in each TA and may include, but are not limited to the following sample tasks and activities:

- i. Planning and Analysis:
 - a) Strategic planning;
 - b) Preliminary analysis and development of recommendations;
 - c) Assessment of technologies and tools;
 - d) Development of business cases; and
 - e) Preparation of Treasury Board (TB) submissions for approval.
- ii. Project Initiation:
 - a) Development of project charters, project plans and related documentation;
 - b) Development of business cases;
 - c) Options analysis;
 - d) High level requirements gathering; and

e) Proof of concept.

iii. Application Planning:

- a) Requirements gathering for the application;
- b) Development of high level functional and technical specifications through the use of business process maps, use cases, Joint application development (JAD) sessions and documented outcome, business workflow and organizational models, and solution prototypes;
- c) Development of documentation standards for the project;
- d) Development of risk assessment and mitigation plan;
- e) Development of high-level project cost estimate, work plan, schedule and related documentation for future project phases; and
- f) Project status reporting.

iv. Application and Database Design:

- a) Development of detailed technical and functional design;
- b) Development and documentation of the application system architecture and design;
- c) Development and documentation of the logical data model;
- d) Assist the client in obtaining internal governance and gate approvals related to development of the application;
- e) Development of detailed estimate, work plan and schedule for project implementation;
- f) Identification of all documentation requirements, including a statement of purpose, scope and table of contents for each required document/manual;
- g) Development of application deployment procedures;
- h) Updating of the risk assessment and mitigation plan; and
- i) Project status reporting.

v. Application Build:

- a) Development of the source code and operational programs as per the approved requirements and design documentation;
- b) Creation of the physical database as per the design;
- c) Development of the appropriate Structured Query Language (SQL) as per physical database design;
- d) Perform unit testing and variance correction of the application;
- e) Support the testing work activities described below by correcting variances as reported by the System Test team;
- f) Production-ready application source code and executables;
- g) Application development and integration within the client's information technology environment;
- h) Preparation of all required documentation and manuals;
- i) Training and knowledge transfer to internal staff;
- j) Updating of the risk assessment and mitigation plan; and
- k) Project status reporting.

vi. Testing:

- a) Development of the master test plan and system test plan deliverables;
- b) Development of the test cases as per the test plan deliverables;
- c) Execution and maintenance of the test cases;
- d) Identify and report variances, and provide assistance to the developers in problem determination as appropriate;
- e) Documentation of all variances and resolutions.
- f) Provide environment/infrastructure support for the development and test environments:

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- i. Configure and support the client-provided development software on the integration and system test servers;
 - ii. Configure and support the developer workstation tools used by the Application Development team; and
 - iii. Support the integration and system test application servers.
 - g) Provide support for client's User Acceptance Testing;
 - h) Provide support for client's deployment of the application in the UAT and production environments.
- vii. Application Enhancement, Support and Maintenance:
- a) Development of cost estimate, release and enhancement plan, and schedule for ongoing application maintenance;
 - b) Completing changes required to enhance application functionality;
 - c) Applying fixes to application problems;
 - d) Updating of the risk assessment and mitigation plan; and
 - e) Project status reporting.
- viii. Transition-out Activities:
- a) Development of a transition-out plan, including transition from the Contractor to internal client resources or another contractor, for review and approval including:
 - i. Roles and responsibilities;
 - ii. Tasks required for transition;
 - iii. Knowledge transfer requirements and training plan;
 - iv. Required documentation; and
 - v. Milestones and timelines.
 - b) Conduct transition-out activities as identified in the approved transition plan.

QUESTION 9

Rated Requirement R.1.3 b) - The requirement specifies the integration with "IBM/Cognos Business Intelligence tools using SD Keys." This requirement would appear to be more relevant/pertinent to a project resource's skills/experience; as such it is requested that the requirement be removed from the corporate requirements.

ANSWER 9

At **ATTACHMENT 1, BID EVALUATION CRITERIA**, of the RFP, amend as follows:

Delete R.1.3 Application Integration, in its entirety.

Insert:

R.1.3	Application Integration	40	The Bidder will receive up to 40 points as follows: 10 points - for each criterion (a – c) demonstrated;
	The Bidder should demonstrate that it was responsible for the integration of the referenced enterprise application with any of the following corporate systems (if so, provide details):		

	<p>a) Integrated with a corporate ERP application(s) using APIs (i.e. BAPI, RFC, SOA, RMI, JMS);</p> <p>b) Integrated with 3rd party Business Intelligence tools using software interfaces (i.e. API, Web services, Software Development Kits); and</p> <p>c) Integrated with 3rd party single sign-on authentication services [i.e. Government of Canada Secure Channel, Kerberos, Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML)].</p>		<p>5 points (bonus) – if ERP application integrated (in criteria a) was SAP or PeopleSoft; and</p> <p>5 points (bonus) – if BI Tool integrated (in criteria b) was IBM/Cognos BI Suite.</p>
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QUESTION 10

Rated Requirement R1.3 c) – The requirement specifies the integration with the “Government of Canada Secure Channel.” Secure Channel and the ePass process is evolving and many GoC departments have chosen not to use the Government of Canada Secure Channel; favouring lower cost authentication services. As a result, many end-to-end GoC application projects would not meet this requirement, thus limiting Bidders’ abilities to satisfy the requirement. As such, it is requested that the requirement be removed.

ANSWER 10

The RFP has been amended. See answer #9.

QUESTION 11

Requirements R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5 “Tools and Technologies” – The methodologies being evaluated in the noted rated requirements should be evaluated on the way in which the Bidder successfully delivered the project, yet the addition of the “Tools and Technologies” requirement will award Bidders’ points on the use of technologies/tools within the project. This removes the focus off the methodologies and shifts the focus to the project’s technical environment. We respectfully request that this requirement be removed.

ANSWER 11

The RFP remains unchanged.

QUESTION 12

Mandatory Requirement M6 – The requirement references Section 4.5 of the SOW; in item iii) of Section 4.5, it states that the deliverable documentation plan is to be finalized within 10 days of contract initiation. It is understood that the specific work to be performed under the contract will be identified in specific TA's, as such it is understood that the deliverable documentation plan requested in M6 and Section 4.5 of the SOW is to document the methodology/approach that will be used to identify and document project

deliverables in general, and not specific project deliverables that will be defined via the TA process. Please confirm this understanding.

ANSWER 12

Yes, confirmed.

QUESTION 13

a) Due to the numerous requirements and the details required to respond to, we respectfully request and extension to the closing date of the solicitation.

b) In order to produce the best quality proposal response for AAFC, we respectfully request a 2 week extension to this solicitation - adjusting the close date to March 1, 2013.

ANSWER 13

At Page 1 of the **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**, amend as follows:

Delete Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin

at - à 02:00 PM
on - le 2013-02-15

Insert:

Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin

at - à 02:00 PM
on - le 2013-03-25

QUESTION 14

The requirement for M.7, M.8, M.9 and M.11 reads "To be considered each project must have been completed within the last seven (7) years and the resource must have worked on the project for a minimum of six (6) months". It is our observation, that the crown will be limiting access to valuable resources who have expertise with the entire range of technologies included in the AAFC and CFIA application portfolio if the minimum of 6 month worked by the resource on the project is within the last 7 years.

Is it acceptable that the resource worked on the project for a minimum of 6 months and not the entire period was within the last 7 years?

ANSWER 14

At **ATTACHMENT 1 BID EVALUATION CRITERIA, 1.2 MANDATORY RESOURCE EVALUATION CRITERIA** of the RFP, amend as follows:

Delete M.7 J2EE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT MANAGER, LEVEL 3, in it's entirety.

Insert: M.7 J2EE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT MANAGER, LEVEL 3

Experience and Expertise of the Proposed – J2EE Development Project Manager, Level 3		
Name of proposed Resource: _____		
Criteria	Mandatory Requirement	Bidder's Response
		Demonstrated experience (Bidders to insert data)
M.7.1	The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has previously been placed by the Bidder, on one or more contracts, in the NCR with a minimum combined duration of six (6) months in the same resource category.	
M.7.2	The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has experience as a Project Manager, on a minimum of two (2) projects, responsible for a portfolio of projects and overseeing the activities several Project Managers or Project Leaders that are each responsible for an element of the project portfolio and its associated project team. For the experience to be considered the resource must have worked on the cited project for a minimum of 6 months and that six months must have been with the last 7 years of the RFP closing date.	
M.7.3	The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has experience as a Project Manager, on a minimum of two (2) projects, for the end-to-end system development of web applications on the J2EE platform (version 1.3 or more recent). For the experience to be considered the resource must have worked on the cited project for a minimum of 6 months and that six months must have been with the last 7 years of the RFP closing date.	

Delete M.8 PROJECT LEADER, LEVEL 3, in it's entirety.

Insert: M.8 PROJECT LEADER, LEVEL 3

Experience and Expertise of the Proposed – Project Leader, Level 3		
Name of proposed Resource: _____		
Criteria	Mandatory Requirement	Bidder's Response

		Demonstrated experience (Bidders to insert data)
M.8.1	The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has previously been placed by the Bidder, on one or more contracts, in the NCR with a minimum combined duration of six (6) months in the same resource category.	
M.8.2	<p>The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has experience as a Project Leader, on a minimum of two (2) projects, for the development of web applications on the J2EE platform (version 1.3 or more recent).</p> <p>For the experience to be considered the resource must have worked on the cited project for a minimum of 6 months and that six months must have been with the last 7 years of the RFP closing date.</p>	

Delete M.9 BUSINESS ANALYST, LEVEL 3, in it's entirety.

Insert: M.9 BUSINESS ANALYST, LEVEL 3

Experience and Expertise of the Proposed – Business Analyst, Level 3		
Name of proposed Resource: _____		
Criteria	Mandatory Requirement	Bidder's Response
		Demonstrated experience (Bidders to insert data)
M.9.1	The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has previously been placed by the Bidder, on one or more contracts, in the NCR with a minimum combined duration of six (6) months in the same resource category.	
M.9.2	<p>The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has experience as a Business Analyst on a minimum of two (2) web application development projects.</p> <p>For the experience to be considered the resource must have worked on the cited project for a minimum of 6 months and that six months must have been with the last 7 years of the RFP closing date.</p>	

Delete M.11 PROGRAMMER / SOFTWARE DEVELOPER, LEVEL 3, in it's entirety.

Insert: M.11 PROGRAMMER / SOFTWARE DEVELOPER, LEVEL 3

Experience and Expertise of the Proposed – Programmer/Software Developer , Level 3		
Name of proposed Resource: _____		
Criteria	Mandatory Requirement	Bidder's Response
		Demonstrated experience (Bidders to insert data)
M.11.1	The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has previously been placed by the Bidder, on one or more contracts, in the NCR with a minimum combined duration of six (6) months in the same resource category.	
M.11.2	The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of three (3) years experience, within the last seven years, as a Programmer/Software Developer developing applications on the J2EE platform (version 1.3 or more recent).	
M.11.3	<p>The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has experience, on a minimum of two (2) projects, leading a development team that utilized Java application development tools with Oracle databases to develop, implement, and unit test enterprise-grade applications on the J2EE platform.</p> <p>For the experience to be considered the resource must have worked on the cited project for a minimum of 6 months and that six months must have been with the last 7 years of the RFP closing date.</p>	

QUESTION 15

R.1.1.a / SOW 5.i Planning and Analysis: (3 out of 5) gives points for “e) Preparation of Treasury Board (TB) submissions for approval.”

This implies that all projects must be Government of Canada projects for a Government Department that obtains funding through Treasury Board. Many Crown Corporations, Government of Canada Agencies (CBC, CRA, CBSA, CPC, etc.) and all commercial corporations do not create submissions for Treasury Board. This is clearly very restrictive.

Would Canada revise the wording to “e) Preparation of submissions for Treasury Board (TB) or the highest funding approval body within the organization (Board of Management, Board of Directors, etc.) for approval.”

ANSWER 15

The RFP remains unchanged.

QUESTION 16

R1.2. b) Apache Axis 2 framework to implement web services;

Would Canada accept Apache CXF as an equivalent framework to implement web services since they are both covered by the same Apache license 2.0 and are both frameworks for implementing web services?

ANSWER 16

The RFP remains unchanged.

QUESTION 17

Rated Requirement R.4.1 ii. – The requirement states that for the project to be considered, it must have been completed in the last five years, or if it is not complete that the contract must have been in place for a minimum of eighteen months. All of the other rated requirements require that the project must have completed for the past seven years, or if not completed that the contract be in place for a minimum of twelve months. As such, it is requested that the requirement in R.4.1 ii. be changed to align with the other project requirements and that to qualify, the project must have completed for the past seven years, or if not completed that the contract be in place for a minimum of twelve months.

ANSWER 17

At **ATTACHMENT 1, BID EVALUATION CRITERIA, 2. POINT RATED REQUIREMENT**

Delete, R.4 QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, in it's entirety.

Insert:

R.4 QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

			BIDDER'S RESPONSE
#	RATED CRITERIA	POINTS MAX	DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE (Bidders to insert data) Client Particulars: a) Organization Name b) Management Level Contact Name and E-mail Address or Phone #
R.4.1	<p>The Bidder should provide one reference project where the same quality management plan proposed in response to Corporate Evaluation Criteria #M-5 was used to manage the quality and functionality of the application.</p> <p>To be considered, the reference project provided must:</p> <p>i. Have been a Java-based application development project;</p> <p>ii. Have been completed in the last seven (7) years. If the reference project is not complete, the contract must have been in place for a minimum of twelve (12) months.</p>	10	<p>Demonstrated utilization of proposed quality management plan.</p> <p>10 points - The Bidder demonstrated that the proposed quality management plan (described in response to M-5) was applied for the referenced project.</p>
		10	<p>Project Scope</p> <p>10 points - Project was for the development of a web application on the J2EE platform (version 1.3 or more recent);</p> <p>or</p> <p>5 points - Project was for the development of a web application.</p>
		10	<p>Project Size</p> <p>10 points - The cost of end-to-end application development was a minimum of \$5,000,000 (Canadian);</p> <p>or</p> <p>5 points - The cost of end-to-end application development was a minimum of \$2,000,000 (Canadian).</p>
		10	<p>Project Complexity</p> <p>10 points - Project was for the end-to-end development project with a service oriented architecture framework based on the J2EE platform (version 1.3 or more recent).</p>
		10	<p>Tools & Technologies - Similarity of the reference project tools and technologies will be evaluated based on the following tools and technologies:</p>

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QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM			
			BIDDER'S RESPONSE
#	RATED CRITERIA	POINTS MAX	DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE (Bidders to insert data) Client Particulars: a) Organization Name b) Management Level Contact Name and E-mail Address or Phone #
			i. An Oracle (version 9i or more recent) backend; ii. Rational Unified Process (RUP) as the iterative software development process framework; iii. Spring MVC as the Web framework; iv. Hibernate as the persistence framework; or v. Spring as the Inversion Control framework. Points will be awarded as follows: 10 points - If 5 out of 5 tools/technologies demonstrated; or 6 points - If 4 out of 5 tools/technologies demonstrated.
MAX. AVAILABLE POINTS		50	
POINTS ACHIEVED			

QUESTION 18

The MERX information sheet indicates that "All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than five (5) calendar days before the bid closing date." However section 2.3 Enquiries - Bid Solicitation states "(a) All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than 10 calendar days before the bid closing date."

ANSWER 18

The information in MERX has been modified.

QUESTION 19

Notwithstanding additional resource requirements AAFC may encounter over the next 2 years outside of the 51 categories listed in this RFP, could the Crown please confirm that upon award of this SBIPS RFP AAFC will procure NCR resources in the 51 categories listed for a minimum of two years solely from the single successful SI vendor. To be clear, only SBIPS call-ups (i.e. solutions-based, and not TBIPS task-based RFPs/call-ups) will be issued in these 51 NCR categories for a minimum of two years and potentially 4 option years.

ANSWER 19

No. As stated in Annex A, Statement of Work, section 2.1: "It is anticipated that AAFC will continue to develop applications in-house using AAFC staff augmented by additional contract resources via various contracting vehicles. It will be at AAFC's discretion to determine which applications development projects and activities will be undertaken by the Contractor."

QUESTION 20

a) R.1.2.k) Atlassian JIRA as a bug and issue tracking system.

Given that the bidder's resources would only be users of the bug tracking system, and not providing support or expertise on the system, and that the bug and issue tracker is peripheral to the main focus of the work, would Canada accept other commonly used COTS systems, such as Bugzilla, , HP Quality Center, IBM Rational Clear Quest, Microsoft Dynamics CRM, iSupport, etc., as equivalent?

b) R1.2. b) Apache Axis 2 framework to implement web services;
Would Canada accept Apache CXF as an equivalent framework to implement web services since they are both covered by the same Apache license 2.0 and are both frameworks for implementing web services?

ANSWER 20

At **ATTACHMENT 1, BID EVALUATION CRITERIA, 2. POINT RATED REQUIREMENT, R-1 CORPORATE EXPERIENCE (REFERENCE PROJECTS)**

Delete R.1.2, in its entirety.

Insert:

R.1.2	Tools & Technologies	30	
	The Bidder should demonstrate that it utilized any of the following tools, technologies or methods to develop the referenced Java enterprise application:		The Bidder will receive up to 30 points as follows:
	a) Workflow or business process management capabilities using a		3 points - for each criterion (a to k) demonstrated to a maximum of 30 points.

COTS or open source workflow/BPM solution incorporating open standards (e.g., BPMN, WS-BPEL);

b) Implementation of web services using open source frameworks that use open standards (e.g. JAX-WS, JAX-RS);

c) Oracle (version 10g or higher) for persistent data storage;

d) Industry-dominant visual modeling tools that support Unified Modeling Language (UML) diagramming and code generation or round-trip engineering (e.g. Rational Software Architect, Sparx Enterprise Architect, Eclipse-based UML tools such as Eclipse UML2, MyEclipse UML or Apollo for Eclipse, No Magic MagicDraw, Gentleware Poseidon for UML);

e) Use of an automated testing tool, such as Rational or Selenium, to support the testing of the application;

f) Java application build automation tools such as Apache Ant or Apache Maven;

g) Eclipse or an Eclipse-based tool (i.e. Rational Software Architect, CodeGear JBuilder, MyEclipse) as an Integrated Development Environment;

h) Integration technologies that utilize SOAP or REST as an open standard;

i) Iterative and incremental application development methodology based on the Unified Software Development Process;

j) Subversion (SVN) as a source code version control system;

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k) Bug and issue tracking systems (e.g. Atlassian JIRA).		
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