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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.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

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Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation 21120-127132/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 21120-127132	Date 2013-02-20
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Signature	Date

Solicitation Amendment No. 1

Questions and Answers Set No. 1

Question No. 1: Please confirm if suppliers are to submit resumes AND grids for the resources identified in Annex D.

Response No. 1: Yes.

Question No. 2: For all corporate requirements, please confirm if the client will accept a client within a federal, provincial, territorial or municipal government of Canada and/or a department, departmental corporation, agency, Crown Corporation or any Crown entity described in the Financial Administration Act. as a “federal public service entity”

Response No. 2: See response to Question 8.

Question No. 3: (M1) For the requirement in M1 that the contract needs to have a minimum value of \$5 Million awarded in the past 5 years, please confirm that the total contract value INCLUDING option periods is to be encompassed in the \$5 Million AND that the bidder does not need to have billed the client for this total value to date.

Response No. 3: Correct on both counts: the total contract value includes any option periods; and the Bidder does not need to have billed the total value to date.

Question No. 4: Due to the complexity of the response required for this response we respectfully request that the above solicitation be extended by two weeks

Response No. 4: No extension will be made at this time.

Question No. 5: In the Corporate Mandatory Criteria, M1 reads as follows:

“The Bidder must have a minimum of five years experience providing Information Management (IM) or Information Technology (IT) related services. To demonstrate this experience, the Bidder must provide three examples of contracts for IM/IT services with a federal public service entity, each with a minimum value of \$5,000,000 and each awarded within the last five years. The Bidder must have acted as the Prime Contractor on each contract referenced.”

This criteria will only recognize contracts that have been awarded in the last 5 years, and therefore does not recognize contracts of a similar size and scope that were awarded prior to the last 5 years, and those that have been ongoing in within the last 5 years since their award. Therefore we would like to ask if the Crown would adjust M1 to read as follows:

“The Bidder must have a minimum of five years experience providing Information Management (IM) or Information Technology (IT) related services. To demonstrate this experience, the Bidder must provide three examples of contracts for IM/IT services with a federal public service entity, each with a minimum value of \$5,000,000 and each awarded, or have been ongoing, in the last 5 years. The Bidder must have acted as the Prime Contractor on each contract referenced.”

Response No. 5: No. However, we will add 2 years to the eligibility period. Therefore, every contract referenced must have been awarded within the last seven years. Note that the requirement remains “... a minimum of five years experience...”

Question No. 6: M1 for all resource categories stipulates that “The resource must have a university degree or university diploma in Computer Science, Information Systems, or Systems Engineering.” Please confirm that “university diploma” should read “college diploma”.

Response No. 6: For those categories that require this mandatory criterion, the proposed resource must possess the equivalent of a 4-year or longer university undergraduate degree, or a two-year or longer university post-graduate diploma, in the relevant fields. A college diploma will be accepted if it can be demonstrate to be equivalent to either of these. More specifically, a two- or three-year applied post-secondary collegiate programme would not be acceptable.

Question No. 7: Would the Crown consider inserting years of experience as an equivalent to a degree or diploma? For example: A university degree in Computer Science, Information Systems, or Systems Engineering or 15 years of proven work experience. A college diploma in Computer Science, Information Systems, or Systems Engineering or 10 years of proven work experience.

Response No. 7: No.

Question No. 8: For Corporate reference M1 can the Crown change the requirement from 3 projects within the Federal Government to a client within Federal, provincial, territorial, or municipal government of Canada, and is a department, departmental corporation, agency, Crown Corporation, or any Crown entity described in the Financial Administration Act?

Response No. 8: Referenced clients must be at the Federal level. Provincial, State, Territorial or other non-Federal clients cannot be referenced. Federal public service entities include Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Departmental Corporations, and Crown Corporations.

Question No. 9: After reviewing RFP# 21120-127132/A, we have noticed that there are no Mandatory requirements for the following categories: Technical Writer, Level 2 and Organizational Development Consultant, Level 2. If you could please provide them, it would be greatly appreciated.

Response No. 9: There are no mandatory criteria for the Technical Writer, Level 2 and the Organizational Development Consultant, Level 2.

Question No. 10: Corporate Mandatory Criteria M1 states “The Bidder must have a minimum of five years experience providing Information Management (IM) or Information Technology (IT) related services. To demonstrate this experience, the Bidder must provide three examples of contracts for IM/IT services with a federal public service entity, each with a minimum value of \$5,000,000 and each awarded within the last five years. The Bidder must have acted as the Prime Contractor on each contract referenced.”

Question 10a)

We have two (2) projects with the Federal Government in the National Capital Region that meet this criteria and believe conveys our ability to support multiple, large IM/IT projects simultaneously. As a small-to-medium sized Canadian company we feel this criteria is limiting CSC’s ability to acquire qualified IM/IT Service providers. Would the client consider amending this requirement to two (2) projects instead of three (3)?

Question 10b)

We have three (3) projects with the Federal Government in the National Capital Region that meet this criteria, but were awarded within the last ten (10) years. As a small-to-medium sized Canadian company that has been working with the Federal Government over two decades we feel these contracts awarded within the last ten (10) years show recent success in providing services on large IM/IT Government projects. Would the client consider amending this requirement to “awarded within the last ten (10) years” instead of within the last five (5) years?

Response No. 10:

Response 10a) No. Three contracts must be referenced.

Response 10b) No. However, we will add 2 years to the eligibility period. Therefore, every contract referenced must have been awarded within the last seven years. Note that the requirement remains “... a minimum of five years experience...”

Question No. 11: Is there currently, or has there been within the past 6 months a contractor or contractors delivering any services similar to or identical to those being solicited in this opportunity? If so who please advise who the incumbent contractors are, what have been the duration of the contract or contracts and the total value of the services provided to-date.

Response No. 11: Yes. Coradix Technology Consulting and Vangent Canada, in joint venture. Contract duration to date is 5 years, 2 months and ongoing, with a total value of \$19.87 M.

Question No. 12: With respect to Corporate Mandatory Criteria M1: Within the last five years, our company has acted as a prime contractor on more than three well-defined projects with a federal public service entity valued in excess of \$5,000,000. Due to procurement processes, however, some of these projects have been comprised of multiple contracts valued at less than \$5,000,000 although each contract was awarded within the last five years and the total value of the contracts for each project is greater than \$5 million.

Since the general intent of this mandatory requirement is to establish that the bidder has a minimum of five years' experience acting as a prime contractor on government IM/IT projects with a minimum value of \$5,000,000, will the Crown amend the wording of this mandatory corporate requirement as suggested in either one of the two options presented below or in some other way that has the same or similar effect?

Option 1: "The Bidder must have a minimum of five years' experience providing Information Management (IM) or Information Technology (IT) related services. To demonstrate this experience, the Bidder must provide three examples of projects for IM/IT services with a federal public service entity, each with a minimum value of \$5,000,000 and each awarded within the last five years. The Bidder must have acted as the Prime Contractor on each contract referenced."

OR

Option 2: "The Bidder must have a minimum of five years' experience providing Information Management (IM) or Information Technology (IT) related services. To demonstrate this experience, the Bidder must provide three examples of contracts for IM/IT services with federal or provincial public service entities with at least one of these entities being a federal public service entity, each with a minimum value of \$5,000,000 and each awarded within the last five years. The Bidder must have acted as the Prime Contractor on each contract referenced."

Response No. 12: No. However, such a succession of contracts on a single well-defined project does qualify as an "engagement", as found within some of the Corporate rated criteria.