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**AMENDMENT 001**

THIS AMENDMENT IS RAISED FOR QUESTION CLARIFICATIONS.

- **Question 1:**

In Part 1, Section 2, page 5 it states that Canada intends to award two Task Authorization Contracts with a total estimated spend of \$1,120,000.00 over three years. In Part 7, Section 4.1, page 19, it states that the period of the contract will be 4 years. Would you please clarify what the period of the contract is intended to be.

**Answer:**

The period of the contract is 4 years from Contract award date.

- **Question 2:**

Would you please advise whether the Financial Bid is to be all of Annex "B" or whether it is intended to include the table of hourly rates only.

**Answer:**

The Financial Bid is to be all of Annex "B" including the table of hourly rates.

- **Question 3:**

In Annex "G", Section G2.1.1, the requirements for education and experience for the Project Managers are set out. The text in this section suggests if the proposed Project Manager has a Master's Degree, no experience is required to be provided in the response. However, in the same annex, in section G.3.1.1, there is a table that summarizes the mandatory criteria. In Item # G.2.1, it appears to indicate that 5 years' experience between 2007 and bid close needs to be provided in the response whether the degree is a Master's Degree or a Bachelor's Degree. Would you please clarify, how much experience a proposed Project Manager with a Master's Degree or higher needs to provide.

**Answer:**

In Section G.3.1.1, for the table item G.2.1, the Minimum Experience Required (i.e. 5 years between 2007 and bid close) applies to a proposed Project Manager who only holds a Bachelor's degree. The wording in Section G.2.1.1 under Education and Experience is correct and should be used as reference when addressing the experience requirement.

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- **Question 4:**

In the project summaries provided for the "Demonstrated Experience" for the various positions, will more points be awarded for projects carried out for PWGSC or other Federal entities?

**Answer:**

There are no additional points awarded for projects completed for PWGSC or other Federal Departments or agencies. Projects completed in BC/Yukon for a) federal and other levels of government and/or b) private or public companies can be used to demonstrate the necessary expertise and experience.

- **Question 5:**

Although the definition for "completed project" is stated, our company has been working on multiple long-term projects since 2010 that are still ongoing. These projects have several components that have been completed and which could provide experience descriptions. Will such use of ongoing projects with completed components be accepted?

**Answer:**

We will accept examples of marine/freshwater biological project work from on-going or long-term projects provided that the final reports have been provided to your client for that particular project work. For example, a fisheries assessment of XYZ River might comprise one part of a multi-year watershed monitoring program. If the fisheries assessment of XYZ River has been completed (i.e. a final report for the XYZ River fisheries assessment has been submitted to the client or proponent), that component can be used to demonstrate the required experience, even though the larger watershed monitoring program is still underway.

- **Question 6:**

There are several instances in the RFP (such as page 26 and 30) where it is specified that mapping deliverables must be provided in AutoCAD (.dwg) format or as directed by the AESPM. While project designs and other engineering related information can certainly be handled in AutoCAD format, the use of AutoCAD to map biophysical survey information and features as opposed to ArcGIS is questioned. Will there be the opportunity on a Task basis to discuss with the AESPM the need or practicality of reporting Task information in AutoCAD versus ArcGIS?

**Answer:**

AutoCAD has been used as a mapping standard by PWGSC Environmental Services in the past, but this point about the utility of ArcGIS for mapping biophysical information and features is well-taken. AutoCAD drawings may still be required for constructed works, but ArcGIS can certainly be used for biophysical mapping with the approval of the Authorized Environmental Services Project Manager.

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