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TPSGC
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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.

Comments - Commentaires

Vendor/Firm Name and Address
Raison sociale et adresse du
fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur

Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution
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Title - Sujet Project Support Services	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W6369-13DE37/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 008
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W6369-13DE37	Date 2013-01-14
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$PSD-002-23376	
File No. - N° de dossier 002psd.W6369-13DE37	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2013-01-16	Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Drouin, Chris	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 002psd
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (613) 944-5190 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX (613) 943-7944
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

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Buyer ID - Id de l'acheteur

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Client Ref. No. - N° de réf. du client

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File No. - N° du dossier

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Amendment 8 to this solicitation is raised to provide answers to final three questions received. There are no outstanding questions.

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

Q Number	Question	Answer
1	Is there currently, or has there been, a company(ies) delivering the services requested in the solicitation? If yes, please identify the organization(s).	This is a new requirement.
2	We would like to submit a request for a 3 week extension to the bid solicitation date due to the volume of this effort and the holiday season which is right in the middle of the proposal development stage as the current solicitation deadline is due Jan 9.	An extension will not be granted at this time.
3	<p>Ref Pg. 15 of 56, Section 4.4 - Basis of Selection. Last paragraph of this Section states: 'For this requirement, no résumés are requested at time of bid as only non-core resources will be requested. Résumés must be submitted with each proposal for each Task Authorization and must meet all of the qualifications requirements described in this solicitation.'</p> <p>Please confirm at Pg. 1/49, Annex 'C', Section 1, Corporate Criteria, that only Corporate Criteria (mandatory and rated) are required for bid submission purposes and that Section 2, starting at Pg. 7/49, Resource mandatory and rated criteria are NOT to be submitted with the bid, and will be submitted after contract award for each Task Authorization.</p>	<p>Only corporate criteria Mandatory and Rated are requested for evaluation purposes.</p> <p>Resource Mandatory will need to be met when offering resources on individual TAs.</p>
4	Please advise if there are currently, or recently, contractors providing professional services to this, or related project. If so, what are the contracting firms, contract value and contract duration. Also, are these contracting firms able to bid on this RFP?	See answer to Question 1.
5	Are there currently, or in the last six months, a vendor(s) performing the services or similar	See answer to Question 1.

	services as outlined in the SOW? If so, please provide the vendor name and contract value.	
6	Given the size, complexity and value of the RFP, will the Crown consider separating the Management Resources from the Technical Resources?	No
7	Must the bidder submit a resource for each resource category in order to be compliant?	See answer to Question 3
8	Notwithstanding the amendment that was posted with the RFP W6369-13DE37/A, would the Crown please confirm all the Annex's posted with the RFP are valid and belong with RFP? The Annex's posted point to RFP W6369-13DE37/001/PSD. The Annex's in question are as follows: Annex A- SOW Annex B- Basis of Payment Annex C- Corporate and Resource Assessment Criteria and Response Tables	Correct. Only the SOW associated with the JIIFC requirement has been removed from the English version of the RFP. All other annexes are valid.
9	Would the Crown accept bidders defining "Engineering" used in M3, M4, and PR1 as the developing and/or the configuring of a technology solution in a planned and structured process aligned to an application development methodology?	The definition of engineering is: an interdisciplinary approach and means to enable the realization of successful systems. It focuses on defining customer needs and required functionality early in the development cycle, documenting requirements, then proceeding with design synthesis and system validation while considering the complete problem: operations, security, cost & schedule, performance, training, support and test.
10	In M3, are Bidders required to demonstrate 5 years experience in each of the 5 areas, or is it 5 years collective experience in all 5 areas?	Bidders are required to demonstrate 5 years collective experience in all 5 areas
11	In Section 4.4, Basis of Selection, at the bottom of the page, there is a note stating that resumes are not required. a) Does this mean that Bidders only need to respond to Corporate mandatories and	See answer to Question 3

	<p>Corporate rated requirements in Annex C - section 1 - of the RFP?</p> <p>b) Please confirm that the resource mandatory requirements, Annex C - section 2 of the RFP, are only required to be submitted with each Task Authorization?</p>	
12	<p>In M4, please confirm that we would be compliant to M4 if all 6 areas are covered between the 2 projects. Example - project 1 involved network design, engineering, and design and project 2 involved design, implementation, testing and project management, then M4 would be met.</p>	<p>Each of the projects must have included all six areas: systems or network design, engineering, design, implementation, testing, and project management</p>
13	<p>In PR1, please confirm that if all 6 areas are covered between the 2 projects that we would be addressing the requirement. Example - project 1 involved network design, engineering, and design and project 2 involved design, implementation, testing and project management.</p>	<p>See answer to Question 12.</p>
14	<p>RFP reference: Page 5 of 49 Corporate Rated Requirements - PR2: ".....provision of informatics professional services for at least one classified (secret or above) project within the last ten (10) years. "Please confirm that a classified (secret or above) project comprises the holding or processing of classified material.</p>	<p>Correct. In addition, a "classified (secret or above) project" refers to a project that delivered a capability / system that is employed in a secret or above domain.</p>
15	<p>When responding to the corporate mandatory and rated requirements for project references, it is understood that the projects used for M4 cannot be used for PR1 and the same for M5 and PR3 as the rated requirements are asking for "additional projects" to those used for the mandatories. However, is it compliant to use the same projects (if relevant to the evaluation criteria) for differing mandatory/rated requirements i.e. using the same projects to demonstrate experience for both M4 and M5 (and/or both rated PR1 and PR3).</p>	<p>Yes</p>
16	<p>Due to the unavailability of resources over</p>	<p>See Answer to Question 2</p>

	the holiday period, we respectfully request that the Crown provide Bidders a one week extension to the bid submission date.	
17	Please confirm that reference projects may have been contracted with the Bidder, its parent or subsidiary.	The bidder must be the contractor on record for reference projects
18	Given the number of RFPs being released from PWGSC and SSC and given the coming vacation period, we respectfully request a three-week extension to the closing date of this RFP to enable us to submit a response.	See answer to question 2
19	Part 3, Item 3.3 (b) "Variation in Professional Services Resource Rates from Year to Year": This clause allows for an increase in per diem rates from year to year, from the initial contract year (where Bidders must not exceed their ceiling rates) to subsequent option years. It is not explicitly clear whether it is acceptable if rates can decrease from the initial contract year to subsequent option years. Other similar solicitations have included a clause such as "The rate(s) quoted for any option period must not be lower than the corresponding rate(s) quoted for the Initial Contract Period". Would the Crown consider adding this clause (or similar)? If not, would the Crown please confirm whether or not it is acceptable for per diem rates for option years to be lower than the rates proposed in the initial contract period?	No changes will be made to the RFP. Bidders are to submit their pricing in accordance with the terms and conditions of this solicitation.
20	Can the Crown please indicate if the proposed projects for PR2 can be less than 12 months in duration?	No. Refer to Para 2 at the beginning of the evaluation.
21	In follow-up to Question 14 of Amendment #003, dated December 13, 2012, related to "the holding or processing of classified material...", and the answer thereto as previously provided (Correct. In addition, a "classified (secret or above) project" refers to a project that delivered a capability/system that is employed in a secret or above	There is no requirement for the Bidder to have held or processed the classified material within its corporate premises for such project references.

	domain), can the Crown please confirm that a Bidder had to have held or processed the classified material within its corporate premises for such project references?	
22	Due to the holiday period and the absence of personnel integral to the bid development process, we respectfully request an extension to the current delivery date of two (2) weeks, to allow us to respond to this opportunity.	Extension to 16 Jan 2013 has been granted on Amendment 5 of the RFP.
23	In ANNEX B - Basis of Payment, the Financial Tables, ask in Column G - Total Cost = (C x E x F). Can you please confirm that is correct, because the Estimated number of Resources seems to be already calculated in Column E - Estimated number of Days.	Correct. Column G is equal to (E x F).
24	In M1, there is a reference to stream 3. Is that an error? If it is not, please clarify what stream 3 refers to.	Yes it is an error. It should refer to stream 2
25	Can the Crown confirm that the per diem rate for level 1 resources must be equal to or less than the level 2 resource rate and that level 2 resource rate must be equal to or less than the level 3 resource rate in the same Category of Personnel?	Bidders are to submit their pricing in accordance with the terms and conditions of this solicitation.
26	In relation to M3, would the Crown consider using the same approach as in M4 to substantiate and validate the information provided by requesting client contact information as outlined below: i.e: M4- The Bidder must provide the following information on each project: Client Contact information, including name, phone number and email address	No changes will be made.
27	In relation to M5 and PR2, would the Crown please confirm that vendors are only required to provide the names of legal entities that were indicated in the resulting contract award.	Legal entities and subcontractors indicated in the resulting contract award.