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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.

Comments - Commentaires

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Title - Sujet TSPS - Solutions Based SA	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation E60ZN-13TSSB/B	Date 2013-04-23
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client E60ZN-13TSSB	Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
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Date of Original Request for Supply Arrangement 2013-04-16 Date de demande pour un arrangement en matière d'app. originale	
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2013-05-28	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Kingan, Sherrie	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 017zn
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (819) 956-1673 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX (819) 997-2229
Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	
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		

THIS AMENDMENT #001 IS RAISED TO AMEND THE RFSA AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

REASON FOR AMENDMENT:

Canada is publishing herein responses to enquiries that it received pertaining to this solicitation subject to Period 1 - Initial Question Period as set out in accordance with article 3 - Enquiries - Request for Arrangements. Please note that Canada may respond to questions in a non-sequential order, but all questions submitted during Period 1 will be answered and industry will be notified when Canada is proceeding to Period 2 - Supplementary Question Period.

Correction to the RFSA Documentation

The following text is inserted into the French version of the RFSA, at Pièce jointe D - Modèle de réponse technique/Module du fournisseur du SSPC - CCD. The English version remains unchanged.

Note à l'intention des soumissionnaires :

Les zones métropolitaines et les régions sont indépendantes l'une de l'autre; il faut donc faire preuve de minutie lors de la sélection.

1. En sélectionnant toutes les régions et les zones métropolitaines dans la collecte de composante de données, le soumissionnaire sélectionne toutes les régions et les zones métropolitaines possibles, y compris la zone nationale.
2. En sélectionnant la zone nationale dans la collecte de composante de données, le soumissionnaire ne sélectionne pas automatiquement toutes régions et/ou zones métropolitaines possibles. Il ne sélectionne que la zone appelée " zone nationale ".

Par exemple, lorsqu'un client lance une recherche dans la zone nationale, on indique que les travaux doivent être effectués dans les locaux de l'entrepreneur et qu'il n'est pas nécessaire qu'ils soient effectués dans un emplacement géographique en particulier. Un scénario possible est que le client pour qui les travaux sont effectués se trouve à Halifax, tandis que l'entrepreneur pourrait être à Vancouver, et qu'aucun déplacement n'est requis au nom de l'entrepreneur.

3. Région dans la collecte de composante de données - le soumissionnaire ne sélectionne pas automatiquement les zones métropolitaines qui se trouvent dans cette région.

Par exemple, si vous souhaitez offrir des services dans la région de l'Atlantique, y compris les zones métropolitaines de Halifax et de Moncton, vous devez toutes les sélectionner dans la collecte de composante de données (c.-à-d., la région de l'Atlantique, la zone métropolitaine de Halifax et la zone métropolitaine de Moncton). Si un soumissionnaire indique dans la collecte de composante de données qu'il souhaite fournir des services dans la région de l'Atlantique, mais qu'il ne sélectionne pas Halifax ou Moncton, fera en sorte que son entreprise n'apparaîtra pas dans les listes de résultats de recherche si le ministère client lance une recherche dans les zones métropolitaines de Halifax ou de Moncton.

On peut retrouver les "Définitions de la zone nationale, des régions et des régions métropolitaines" ici: <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/spc-cps/dznrrm-dnzmra-fra.html>

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1:

Concerning:

RFSA: Article 16 Insurance Requirement

16.1 For a SA including Tier 1 only:

(a) Will the holding of insurance, or not, by the Supplier be a factor in the evaluation or assessment of whether to award a Supply Arrangement to the Supplier ?

(b) Will the holding of insurance, or not, by the Contractor be a factor in the evaluation or assessment of whether to award a Client Contract to the Contractor ?

Canada's Response to Question 1:

(a) No, insurance is not part of the evaluation process for the RFSA.

(b) Yes. The requirement will be set out in the client requirements and/or evaluation criteria that will be set out in the client's Request for Proposal (RFP)

Question 2:

Concerning:

RFSA: Attachment B; Supply Arrangement Technical Evaluation Criteria

Definitions for the purposes of Section 1 of this Attachment "B":

(a) Can a "Project" be a project which has been carried out by the Supplier for an "Outside Client" (who is, for example, a government department) but contracted through a prime contractor?

(b) Please also confirm that, in such a case as described above, PWGSC would need to contact only the "Outside Client", and not the Prime Contractor, in order to validate the Supplier's Project Summary.

Canada's Response to Question 2:

(a) Yes, the experience of supplier can include services performed as a subcontractor.

(b) In the scenario above in Question 2 (b), the "Outside Client" for this supplier would be the Prime Contractor as that is who the supplier above billed for their services.

Question 5:

Would it be possible for you to provide me with a list of current contracts who have been issued a SA under TSPS solicitation E60ZN-090003/A, E60ZN-090003/B and/or E60ZN-090003/C that includes qualification for Stream 5 (TEMS).

I am able to obtain a list of 187 suppliers from MERX who have qualified for one or more of the 5 Streams (see below) but I am interested only in those whose qualifications include Stream 5.

Unfortunately my access to MERX does not allow me to filter the results like that so I would greatly appreciate if you could provide me a subset of the above - i.e. a list of suppliers who have been issued an SA that includes Stream 5.

Canada's Response to Question 5:

No suppliers have been issued a TSPS SA or SO for the Technical, Engineering and Maintenance Stream (TEMS) Stream 5 as this is a new Stream being migrated from TEMS to the Task and Solutions

Professional Services (TSPS) methods of supply. For information on the list of current pre-qualified suppliers, the information is accessible at:

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/aa-sa/index-eng.html> or

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/aa-sa/index-fra.html>

Question 7:

I have questions about the solicitation and I'm unsure who to call as many names are included in this solicitation.

Canada's Response to Question 7:

In accordance with the Enquiries provisions set out in the solicitation, noted on page 10, all questions must be submitted in writing to the RFSO/SA Authority by way of the TSPS inbox at :

SPTS.TSPS@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca.

Question 8:

Does the front page of the RFSOSA, as well as all amendments, have to be signed and included in their submission?

Canada's Response to Question 8:

No. However, Suppliers must submit a signed arrangement by the closing date indicated on the first page of the RFSA or latest amendment. Regardless, of which front page is signed and received on or before the closing date of the solicitation as received by the Bid Receiving Unit in accordance with article 05 Submission of Bids, contained in The 2008 Standard Instructions - Request for Supply Arrangements - Goods or Services, the supplier agrees to all changes in the solicitation. For example, the supplier signs the front page of Amendment #1 and submits it with the arrangement, but Canada has issued as of the closing date Amendment #3, all changes made inclusive of Amendment #3 will be applicable and is agreed to by the Supplier in accordance with the following certification found on the first page of the RFSA and all amendments:

"We hereby offer to provide to Canada, as represented by the Minister of Public Works and Government Services, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein or attached hereto, the goods, services, and construction detailed herein and on any attached sheets."

Question 9:

In regards to the B1-MTS2 of Section 1: Project Summary Template, could the Crown please provide clarification as to what is expected to be included in the "Description of the Solution" and "Work Plan" fields?

- a) Is the "Description of the Solution" meant to describe the outputs and/or outcomes of the Project and the "Work Plan" field meant to describe how the outputs and/or outcomes were achieved?
- b) Should the "initiation, planning and execution of the solution" be addressed in both fields?

Canada's Response to Question 9 Part a):

a) For the purposes of Attachment B - Supply Arrangement Technical Criteria, Canada ADDS the following instructions:

Work Plans should provide supplemental information in support of the description of the scope and objective outlined in the project summary and demonstrates the initiation, planning and execution that the Supplier undertook. A Work Plan should provide a visual summary and breakdown of the resources used and planning that occurred for the project. A Supplier's Work Plan should summarize the various phases of the project, the activities within the phases, provide schedules or timelines, outline responsibilities, and indicate deliverables.

Acceptable Work Plan examples include (but are not limited to) Gantt Charts, Work Breakdown Structures (WBS) or other Work Plan templates. How this information is presented will vary depending on the Supplier, the project, and the tools used

Canada's Response to Question 9 Part b:

b) Yes, initiation, planning and execution of the solutions are to be addressed in both the Description of the Solution and the Work Plan.

Question 13:

- (a) What is the philosophical difference between this solicitation, and the solicitation released simultaneously "TSPS 2013 Renewal" (E60ZN-13TSPS/B)?
- (b) When should companies apply for one or the other, or both?

Canada's Response to Question 13:

(a) The solicitation E60ZN-13TSSB/B is a Request for Supply Arrangements for Solutions based Professional Services where as the solicitation E60ZN-13TSPS/B is a Request for Standing Offers and Supply Arrangements for Task-based Professional Services. Please see the following definitions for the differences between Task and Solutions Professional Services.

SOLUTIONS BASE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: are services that are not related to one particular activity or initiative; they are services provided in response to situations where Identified Users require options as to how to resolve a business problem. The supplier would be expected to supply a complete solution to this business problem, manage the overall project and accept responsibility for the outcome. These projects are normally strategic in nature, complex in scope and large in scale.

TASK BASED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: are services related to a particular activity or initiative that are required to address a specific professional services need, which are usually associated with a specified set of responsibilities. Professional services are purchased typically on a per diem basis and are related to a particular activity or initiative. Tasks can be for short or long periods of time and can be subsets of a larger project. Deliverables are well defined, often with specific timelines. Identified Users are looking for a consultant with direct or specialized knowledge and sufficient expertise to accomplish the work.

(b) The decision to provide a submission to a solicitation is a business decision that is up to each individual supplier. Canada can only recommend that bidders interested in bidding in either or both solicitations must do so prior to the solicitation closing dates and times.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED