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Included in the present amendment :

- Modifications 4 to 6 to the Request for Proposals (RFP)
- Questions and answers 26 to 36

Modification 4 :

Section 1.1.2 of PART 7 (RFP, page 23/49) is amended as follows :

“1.1 Task Authorization

[...]

1.1.2 Task Authorization Process

[...]

3. The Contractor must provide the DND Procurement Authority, within ~~five (5) calendar days~~ **ten (10) calendar days** of its receipt, the proposed total estimated cost for performing the task and a breakdown of that cost, established in accordance with the Basis of Payment specified in the Contract.

[...]”

Modification 5 :

Section 4 of Appendix 2 of Annex A (page 72) is amended as follows :

“4. MILITARY EXPERTISE

This section comprises the following resource categories:

E.1 - Intelligence Subject Matter Expert

E.2 - C2 Subject Matter Expert

4.1 E.1 - Intelligence Subject Matter Expert

Experience Levels

- ~~Level-2~~ **Level 1** : 5+ < 10 years of experience in Intelligence
- ~~Level-3~~ **Level 2** : 10+ years of experience in Intelligence

[...]

4.2 E.2 - Command & Control Subject Matter Expert

Experience Levels

- ~~Level-2~~ **Level 1** : 5+ < 10 years of experience in C2 functions
- ~~Level-3~~ **Level 2** : 10+ years of experience in C2 functions”

[...]”

Modification 6 :

Attachment 2 is amended by deleting criterion 3.h. The following criterion applies in lieu of those criteria.

<p>3.h The Bidder should propose an Intelligence Subject Matter Expert, Level 2, which meets the experience and expertise described in Appendix 2 – Category of Resources – of Annex A – Statement of Work.</p>	<p>10 – Excellent. The proposed resource meets the level 2 requirement. In addition, the experience required is twenty (20) years or more in the field of Intelligence. The experience of the resource was acquired as an officer and is operational experience in Intelligence in the Canadian Forces.</p> <p>6 – Good. The proposed resource meets the level 2 requirement. In addition, the experience of the resource was acquired as an officer and is operational experience in Intelligence in the Canadian Forces.</p> <p>0 – Weak. Any other situation.</p>
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Question 26 : Page 10 of 49, section 1.1 b) (ii) (D) states “For work experience, PWGSC will not consider experience gained as part of an educational programme, except for experience gained through a formal co-operative programme at a post-secondary institution.” Can you confirm that experience gained as part of a Master’s or a Ph.D. in the corresponding field of expertise will count towards evaluation criteria found in Attachment 2 section 2 Point Rated Technical Criteria? For example 2 years doing a master plus 3 years doing a PhD plus 10 years of experience in a related field will total 15 years of experience.

Answer : The number of years doing a master or Ph. D. will not count as years of experience.

Question 27 : Attachment 2, section 2 criterion 3H Intelligence SME level 2 page 12 states: *The Bidder should propose an Intelligence Subject Matter Expert, Level 2, which meets the experience and expertise described in Appendix 2 – Category of Resources – of Annex A – Statement of Work. 10 – Excellent. The resource proposed exceeds the minimum experience required for Level 2 and has a total of more than 20 years of experience in the field of Intelligence. 6 – Good. The resource proposed meets the minimum experience required for Level 2 and has a total of more than 15 years of experience in the field of Intelligence.*”

However, appendix 2 of the SOW section 4.1 E.1 Intelligence SME page 72 states that the required experience levels are: *Level 2: 5+ < 10 years of experience in Intelligence and Level 3: 10+ years of experience in Intelligence.*”

Please confirm the exact number of years of experience the Intelligence SME must have in order to obtain the maximum points. Our understanding is that a level 2 with 20 years of experience is in fact a level 3.

Answer : See Modification 5 and Modification 6 above.

Question 28 : Annex B Bases of payment section 1 Labour requires that the contractor provide a firm hourly rate for both E.1 Intelligence SME, level 1 and 2 as well as for the E.2 C2 SME, level 1 and 2. However, appendix 2 of the SOW section 4.1 E.1 Intelligence SME page 72 states that the required experience levels are: *Level 2: 5+ < 10 years of experience in Intelligence and Level 3: 10+ years of experience in Intelligence.* The required rates for those categories of resources (Annex B) do not match the experience levels required (Appendix 2 of the SOW). In short, a contractor would have to provide a level 3 E1 Intelligence SME at the rate of a level 2. Please provide clarification about the experience levels required for those SME's.

Answer : See *Modification 5* and *Modification 6* above.

Question 29 : (Page 21 of 49) Part 6, section 1.1 (b)(c) states :

"Before award of a contract, the following conditions must be met:

[...]

(b) the Bidder's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work site(s) must meet the security requirement as indicated in Part 7 - Resulting Contract Clauses;

(c) the Bidder must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites.

[...]"

Confirm that the Security Requirement conditions specified : "before award of a contract" refer exclusively to award of subsequent task authorization 'contracts' and not to the initial contract.

Answer : This is a general requirement that is included in most of our RFP's with security requirements. In this particular case, requirements (b) and (c) will apply only to the "Core resources", i.e. specific individuals identified in the Contract.

Question 30 : (Page 21 of 49) Part 6, section 1.2 and Note (Page 25 of 49, Part 7, section 3). Confirm that a contract may be awarded pending receipt of personnel security screening – at the discretion of the Contracting Authority.

Answer : Please refer to the answer to question 29 above. The Contract will not be awarded pending receipt of personnel security screening for the Core resources.

Question 31 : (Page 23 of 49) Part 7 - 1.1.2 (2) (Task Authorization Process) Confirm that the requirement for contractor personnel to access classified or protected information (or facilities) will also be specified in each task authorization.

Answer : Yes.

Question 32 : (Page 23 of 49) Part 7 - 1.1.2 (3) (Task Authorization Process) Given that the DND Procurement Authority may authorize individual TAs up to \$250K, will the DND Procurement Authority modify the number of days required to submit a proposal based on the complexity and value of the TA? Whereas **5 calendar days** to respond to a simple task (\$15- 30K) may be appropriate; 5 days to respond to a complex task (\$100-\$250K) with the additional requirement to access classified information or facilities - may be insufficient.

Q32(a) Confirm that the delay to submit a response to a TA will be adjusted in accordance with the complexity and size of the requirement.

Answer : See Modification 4 above.

Q32(b) Could the crown replace article 1.1.2 (3) of part 7 by the following text :

*"The Contractor must provide the DND Procurement Authority, **within five (5) to ten (10) business days** of its receipt, the proposed total estimated cost for performing the task and a breakdown of that cost, established in accordance with the Basis of Payment specified in the Contract."*

Answer : See Modification 4 above.

Question 33 : Attachment 2, Section 2. Are evaluation scales for each criteria fully discrete or intermediate scores are possible? For example, can a bidder obtain a score of 8 (3,2 points) for criterion 3.b (Enterprise Architect) where the evaluation scale is defined as "10 – Excellent", "6 – Good" and "0 – Weak"?

Answer : In the example provided (criterion 3.b), the scale is fully discrete. Therefore, the only scores possible are 0, 6 or 10 points.

Question 34 : In order to have a fair RFP process between competitors, we assume that the listed authors of the references listed in Annex A – Statement of Work, section 2.5 having participated in the preparation of this RFP, cannot be proposed as core resources for this RFP. Is this assumption correct?

Answer : This assumption is incorrect. The authors listed in Annex A – Statement of Work, section 2.5, are not considered having participated in the preparation of this RFP.

Question 35 : Referring to amendment 004, question 15, the answer provided states: "The number of years of service in the Regular Force and the number of years in the Reserve Force count." With regards to Reserve Force Service we assume that only continuous service under "Class B" or "Class C" contracts will be counted. Is that a correct assumption?

Answer : Only service under Class B or Class C will be considered.

Question 36 : Given that the evaluation criteria place particular emphasis on the "Core Team Resources" in Sensemaking, HCI and Visualization, Information/Knowledge Management, Cognitive Science, and Intelligence, is there any requirement that the persons named as "Core Team" be available to do the work? Put another way: I presume that you do not want a solution in which the "Core Team" consists of experts (e.g. academics) who score full points, but who will not be available to do much of the work, but I don't see how the evaluation criteria reflect that. Perhaps such a solution would fail Criterion 4.c?"

Answer : The contractor to whom the Contract is awarded will be required to meet its contractual obligations. For example, if the Core Team Resources are not available to perform the work, we will consider that the Contractor is in default in carrying out its contractual obligations.

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