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Included in the present amendment :

- Questions and answers 12 to 20

Question 12 : This Question is related to the Corporate Experience (Criteria 5): In any past DRDC and DND task based contracts and programs (and for any work performed under such a contract and program using a Task Authorization administered through Task Authorization Process), do you and could we consider any Task Authorization as a separate Project ?

Answer : Any authorization tasks performed in the past at DRDC under the project management approach with the corresponding processes will be considered a project.

For this Contract, please note that each task will be considered as a project and will follow a project management approach. The combination of all tasks will relate to the DRDC Intelligence S&T programme which will be coherent towards the achievement of the FIAC vision. Therefore, it is important to note that most tasks will require being coordinated with others.

Question 13 : This Question is related to the Corporate Experience - Point Rated Criteria 5.b and Question 6 from Amendment 2. In order to have maximum points, it is stated that "The Bidder provides a list of at least six (6) scientific publications made during the last five (5) years, relevant to the IKM, HCI and Visualization, and Sensemaking fields, including R&D publications related to Defence (at least two (2) scientific publications). The Bidder provides evidence of scientific publications produced in collaboration with R&D partners (at least two (2) scientific publications)":

- **Q13.a.** In order to have maximum points for criteria 5.b, do we need to qualify six (6) scientific publications in scientific journals for each of the four (4) fields of expertise (IKM, HCI and Visualization, and Sensemaking) ? Or can we provide a total of six (6) publications, each one related to at least one of the specific fields of expertise ?

Answer : The expertise acquired by the Bidder in a given field should be demonstrated in six (6) scientific publications. However, the expertise gained in more than one domain may be presented within the same scientific publication.

- **Q13.b.** Is a publication from an actual employee of the bidder, which was not an employee of the bidder at the time of the publication (in the last 5 years) acceptable or not ?

Answer : No.

Question 14 : In the RFP, page 48 stipulates that average hourly rate is to be based on 1650 hrs, which we could interpret to be 220 working days (i.e. one year) X 7.5 hrs. Now the Answer to Question 4 in RFP Amendment 002 states that one person-year is 250 person-days, which equates to 1875 hrs (250 person-days x 7.5hrs/day). Should we use 220 working days or 250 working days for one person-year ?

Answer : In the case of 250 person-days, this is an annual workload unit used to measure the amount of effort required to complete a project.

The amount of 220 person-days is used to measure the rate of one person working full time for one year.

As specified in answer to question 4 in Amendment 002, Bidders must use 250 working days for one person-year.

Question 15 : In the Core Resources, position E1. Intelligence SME, Level 2; in Appendix 2 of Annex A, page 72, is the experience Levels based on in-service number of years served in the Regular Force only (or could the Reserve service time count) ?

Answer : The number of years of service in the Regular Force and the number of years in the Reserve Force count.

Question 16 : In Section 1.2 (b) on p11 you say that "No travel and living expenses will be paid for services provided within the Quebec Region (including DRDC Valcartier facilities.) Further, Canada will not accept any travel and living expenses for travel between the contractor's place of business and the Quebec region (including DRDC Valcartier facilities). All these cost must be included in the firm all-inclusive hourly rates."

You also say on p6, "There are no restrictions on the location of the work. Bidders are advised that the scientific team of the C2I S&T capability is situated primarily in Quebec City and the client community in Ottawa. The Contractor could be required to conduct work in either of these geographic locations. Although it is expected that the majority of the work will be conducted at the Contractor's facility, some work must be performed at DND facilities - in particular, work to support existing infrastructure, experimentation and work requiring access to CLASSIFIED material."

Our question is if we are located in Toronto or Ottawa or Halifax, and for those resources not supporting Valcartier infrastructure, how do we estimate/guess without guidance how much travel will be required to Valcartier as a Group 1 (Core) and/or Group 2 (regular use) resource? This seems like an undue level of risk imposed on the contractor.

Can you please clarify that Section 1.2 (b) is addressed to companies located within 50 km of Valcartier? Perhaps an example of travel expense allowed and not allowed by a company based in Ottawa would be good. However, if Section 1.2 (b) is addressed to all companies in Canada wherever they are located, please provide guidance on the expected number of trips to Valcartier (e.g. core resources should expect to visit Valcartier once per quarter, and regular use resources not supporting infrastructure should expect to visit Valcartier twice per year)?

Answer : Section 1.2 (b) is addressed to all companies in Canada wherever they are located. The Crown does not provide guidance on how to estimate the number of travels because a bidder may choose to locate employees in the Quebec region while another would incur travel costs to the periods required.

Question 17 : Under the example labour table on p49 it says , "The "Est. Level of Effort" listed in the table are provided solely for the purpose of determining the estimated price for each bid. They represent approximate needs, provided in good faith, and should not be considered as a contractual guarantee." Then in Annex B, section 1 on Labour rates, for the core resources the last column on the Table says Est. Level of Effort is 1.0.

For the core resources, is an estimate of "1.0" for bid evaluation purposes only? Or do you expect the core resources to be working full time upon contract award? Thank you for clarifying.

Answer : The "Est. Level of Effort" listed in the table is provided solely for the purpose of determining the estimated price for each bid. Resource requirement will be determined according to each task authorization.

Question 18 : For the point rated technical criteria 3 (e), for the HCI and Visualization Specialist, you say "five (5) original and peer reviewed scientific research papers published in scientific journals and related to the field of HCI and Visualisation." Will you consider original and peer reviewed ACM and IEEE conference papers as meeting this criterion? For example, the ACM Computer Human Interaction

(CHI) and IEEE Visual Analytics Science and Technology (VAST) conferences are both among the preeminent forums for presenting new scientific results applicable to HCI and visual analytics respectively.

Answer : Original and peer reviewed research papers presented in recurrent and/or recognized conferences will be considered.

Question 19 : For the HCI and Visualization Specialist, will you please reconsider the need for 15 years of experience without a PhD for an "Excellent" rating, and instead accept 12 or more years of experience for an "Excellent" rating without a PhD? The first Visual Analytics conference was only in 2006 (seven years ago). The first InfoVis conference was only in 1995 (18 years ago).

Answer : No such requirement will be added.

Question 20 : For the user-facing HCI and Visualization Specialist, and the Cognitive Specialist, where experience working with the intelligence community is particularly important, will you please consider adding a requirement that three of the original papers published reference the intelligence analysis domain in order to score "Excellent", and one paper to score "Good"?

Answer : No such requirement will be added.

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