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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.

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| Signature | Date |

This amendment is issued to amend the RFP.

At RFP Attachment 3.2 - Sub-Requirement # 3 BI-Cognos - Criteria R2

Delete: and/or M2

QUESTION 35:

Please confirm if a separate Section III: Certifications is actually required based on the information below:

Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions, 3.1 Bid Preparation Instructions (page 11 of 101)

(b) Canada requests that Bidders provide each bid in separately bound sections as follows:

- (i) Section I: Technical Bid (4 hard copies and 1 soft copy on CD, in pdf format)
- (ii) Section II: Financial Bid (1 hard copy and 1 soft copy on CD, in pdf format)
- (iii) Section III: Certifications (1 hard copy and 1 soft copy on CD, in pdf format)**

3.2 Technical Bid (page 12 of 101)

The technical bid consists of the following:

(a) Bid Submission Form: Bidders are requested to include the Bid Submission Form – Attachment 3.1 with their bid. It provides a common form in which Bidders can provide information required for evaluation and contract award, such as a contact name, the Bidder's Procurement Business Number, the Bidder's status under **the Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity**, etc. Using the form to provide this information is not mandatory, but it is recommended. If Canada determines that the information required by the Bid Submission Form is incomplete or requires correction, Canada will provide the Bidder with an opportunity to do so.

Part 5 – Certifications (pages 24, 25 and 26 of 101)

5.2 Federal Contractors Program – Certification

Note to Bidders: Bidders are requested to use the Bid Submission Form to provide information about their status under this program. For a joint venture Bidder, this information must be provided for each member of the joint venture.

5.3 Former Public Servant Certification

Note to Bidders: Bidders are requested to provide the information required by this clause in their Bid Submission Form.

The above are the only two Certifications requested?

ANSWER 35:

The above are the only two Certifications requested. Bidders are requested to use the Bid Submission Form and provide as Section III.

QUESTION 36:

Re: R2 The bidder will be awarded points where a contract reference(s) submitted for M1 and/or M2 demonstrates delivery of services in the following technology(ies).

Now that the Crown has removed the technology component from M2 (no longer mandatory), having rated requirement based on technology specific transitioning is irrelevant and does not demonstrate delivery of services. Please confirm the reference to M2 in R2 should be removed.

ANSWER 36:

With the exception of Sub-Requirement #3 BI-Cognos where M2 has been deleted at RFP Amendment 005, the reference to M2 in R2 applies and will not be removed.

QUESTION 37:

Re: Sub-Requirement #6 M1

It is recognized that this sub-requirement covers a broad selection of technical resource categories over 5 largely unrelated technologies. Several of these technologies are uncommon in the marketplace and this is further complicated by the subdivisions of categories across the technologies, severely limited potential competition even among large experienced companies in this Sub-Requirement.

In order to allow competition and in keeping with other PWGSC examples without giving an unfair advantage to any one vendor, we request the Crown change M1 to read: "The Bidder must have demonstrated billable days experience supplying 8 of the 9 Resource Categories." Likewise to extend this to Rated, R2 Bidder Score would be calculated dividing by 8.

ANSWER 37:

Currently under consideration. A response will be published as soon as possible.

QUESTION 38:

What is the approximate timeframe to receive RCMP security?

ANSWER 38:

In general, the timeframe to receive RCMP security is 6 to 8 weeks. However, this timeframe can increase depending on the background of the individual undergoing security clearance.

QUESTION 39:

With regards to M2

The Bidder must have demonstrated Corporate contract experience, in the past 5 years prior to the bid closing date, involving a transition-in, for a minimum of 3 contracts.

To be accepted the Bidder's contract transition-in experience must demonstrate that it includes:

- 1) The planning, execution and monitoring of Resource Training and/or Knowledge Transfer for at least one resource per contract reference; and,
- 2) The reporting of transition-in progress and/or resolution of transition-in issues.

The bidder must provide a Bidders' Response Template for Corporate References provided in this Attachment 3.2 for each contract reference submitted to substantiate experience.

As it appears that what RCMP is trying ascertain in this instance is the bidder's ability to ensure that knowledge transfer is successfully achieved and reporting of progress and results undertaken, is it acceptable for the bidder to provide a reference where it is transitioning in a resource to replace a resource on a contract where the initial resource has unexpectedly left the project rather than winning of a new contract?

ANSWER 39

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No, this would not be acceptable. Refer to RFP Article 7.23.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RFP REMAIN UNCHANGED.