



SHARED SERVICES CANADA

Internet Interconnection Services

REQUEST FOR RESPONSES FOR EVALUATION

RFRE no.: 10026415/A

AMENDMENT 003



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1. Article 4.2 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

4.2 STEP 1: Technical Evaluation – Mandatory Technical Criteria

- 4.2.1 Each response will be reviewed to determine whether it meets the mandatory requirements of the RFRE. Any element of the RFRE identified with the words “must” or “mandatory” is a mandatory requirement. Responses that do not comply with each and every mandatory requirement will be disqualified.

The mandatory criteria are as follows:

4.2.1.1 Supplier must submit a completed IT product list in accordance with Annex C

4.2.1.2 The Supplier IT product list must be safe and secure.

The determination of whether an IT product list is safe and secure is the result of a security assessment. In order to be fair to all suppliers, Canada must reserve to itself the ability to review all information that may be relevant for a comprehensive security assessment of the IT product list, and in doing so it cannot exhaustively list all of the possible sources of relevant information in the RFRE, as such enumeration could cause Canada to be unable to take into account information that could be crucial to a fair assessment.

The approval process of the IT product list is as follows:

4.2.1.2.1 Canada will review the IT product list proposed by Suppliers to determine if these are acceptable to Canada;

4.2.1.2.2 Canada will have the right to ask from the Supplier any additional information that Canada requires to conduct a complete security assessment of the IT product list before issuance of the RFP. The Supplier will have 1 working day (or a longer period if specified in writing by the Contracting Authority) to provide the necessary information to Canada. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the response being disqualified.

4.2.1.2.3 If Canada determines that the information within the IT product list is acceptable, Canada will notify the Supplier, in writing of the approval of the IT product list.

4.2.1.2.4 If Canada determines that any information within the IT product list is unacceptable, Canada will notify the Supplier, in writing, that the proposed IT product list is not approved and will provide the Supplier



one opportunity to submit a modified IT product list within 10 calendar days of the receipt of Canada's written notification.

4.2.1.2.5 If Canada determines that the information proposed within the second IT product list is unacceptable, no further opportunities to submit a new IT product list will be permitted and the response will be considered non-responsive and be disqualified.

4.2.1.2.6 Once Canada approves the IT product list no modifications are permitted to the approved list in subsequent stages of this procurement process. This is a mandatory requirement of this procurement process.

4.2.1.3 The Supplier must provide a diagram of the network proposed to be use to deliver the services under the draft RFP, which diagram must include at a minimum:

- (i) physical and logical network topology, depicting the nodes and connections amongst nodes in the network; and
- (ii) details of the nodes in the network, protocols, bandwidths, etc.

All Other Terms and Conditions Remain Unchanged