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This amendment is raised for the ISSP Request For Proposal (RFP) number W8476-112965/B.

The intent of this amendment is to provide a clarifying response to Industry poised questions and where applicable, amend the RFP in response to Industry questions.

Questions and Answers No. 51 to 61

Q51. In order to address some of the concerns raised by the Industry during the ISSP Bidder's Conference held on 1st May 2013, a new version of the Financial Bid Presentation Sheet (FBPS) for the resulting Acquisition contract is now available from PWGSC.

A51. Some of the changes made in the FBPS are closely related to the number of batteries and battery chargers required by DND and some quantities were updated as a result. Changes to the Contract Deliverables List for the Acquisition of the Integrated Soldier System (ISS) – Annex CF to Volume 2 are presented below.

Q52. Re: TPS-4212

Evaluation criteria requires a "...comparative assessment based on similar components.."

Volume 2 verification criteria requires "Test to be done using at least five (5) ISS-S nodes. Test must be repeated to gather appropriate statistics. Test to be performed under unobstructed open terrain."

Question: Is it acceptable to provide a test report in our proposal, consistent with the Volume 2 verification criteria, in lieu of the 'comparative assessment'? If so would collecting data from 5 units over 24 hours at a known location be adequate?

A52. The Instructions to Bidder and the Evaluation Criteria and Scale for a certain number of GPS receiver performance related requirements have been modified in order to provide added clarity. The following requirements are affected TPS-4212, TPS-4213, TPS-4217 and TPS-4226. Note that no electronic amendment Matrix of Compliance Module (MCM) files will be issued as a result of these modifications. Bidders are requested to manually make the required changes in their respective electronic and paper MCM submissions.

Q53. With reference to the mandatory requirement number 5 in Table 3 following Para 4.1.3.4 in Volume 1, which states:

Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contracts.

Table 3 references SACC 2003 05.1. We cannot find this requirement in SACC 2003, but we did locate a similar requirement in Volume 1, Para 4.3.1.1. Please confirm Table 3, Requirement 5 should reference Volume 1, Para 4.3.1.1, and not the SACC.

A53. Requirement number 5 of Table 3 in Volume 1, section 4.1.3 – Mandatory Requirements (General and Financial), should have referenced paragraph 4.3.1.1 of the same volume and NOT the SACC. A number of modifications are therefore made to Table 3 to correct discrepancies:

Q54. With reference to:

- Volume 1, Annex CC, Appendix 1, Table 1, Evaluation Criteria and Scale Column, TPS-613 and TPS-4879, and
- Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1, Validation Criteria Column, TPS-5127

We note that DND deleted all requirements related to “Graphical Plans” in an early draft of Technical Performance Specification (TPS) requirements prior to the first formal RFP being issued. With references to Graphical Plans now deleted, please provide amplifying details concerning what information bidders are to provide in response to Graphical Plans requirements in the above referenced evaluation criteria and validation criteria.

A44 In the TPS, there are some references to Graphical Plans that should not be present. References to the term “Graphical Plans” have been removed from the RFP and the evaluation scores adjusted accordingly. Note that no electronic amendment Matrix of Compliance Module (MCM) file will be issued as a result of these modifications. Bidders are requested to manually make the required changes in their respective electronic and paper MCM submissions.

Q55. Please confirm that a minimum of two compliant bids are not required in order for Canada to award the ISS-A and ISS-OWSS contracts.

A55. A minimum of one fully compliant bid meeting all mandatory elements of the Acquisition and OWSS requirements is required to award the ISS-A and ISS-OWSS Contracts.

Q56. Reference the optional ISS-S batches at section 1.0, appendix 2, annex AB to volume 2: the concept of “fraction of a batch” is very difficult for bidders to provide accurate costing on that would be beneficial to Canada as the variables between qty 1 and 628 systems is significant. Can Canada determine a minimum quantity of what a fraction of a batch means to guide Industry?

This minimum quantity would become the minimum order requirement for Canada to observe if a full batch is not purchased.

A56. Please reference Amendments 009 and 012 and the modifications to the ISS-A Financial Bids Preparation Sheet (FBPS).

Q57. The straight average used to evaluate the R&O blended labour rate requested at section 4.0 of the OWSS BoP (under In-Plant Repair) does not represent the reality of most LRU R&O cycle. Certain LRU would not have to go through R&O very often but would be somewhat expensive as opposed to some other LRUs that are less expensive and would go more often. Bidders are suggesting that an apportionment of the 53,500 hrs against each LRU entry in section 4.0 be made based on the basic reliability profile.

A57 Please refer to Amendments 009 and 012 and the modifications to the ISS-OWSS Financial Bids Preparation Sheet (FBPS).

Q58. Are bidders expected to require an audiologist to determine if canal phone sets fit properly and will the audiologist/FSR deploy with the troops to theatres of operations?

A58. Please refer to Amendments 009 and 012 and the modifications to the ISS-OWSS Financial Bids Preparation Sheet (FBPS). The ISS-OWSS (section 12.1, part 1, annex AB to volume 3) specifically deals with this requirement for services in Canada.

Q59. Volume 1, Para 3.2.6, Table 2, & Volume 1, Ann AA, Para 8

The first reference indicates the bidder must present 2 printed copies (1 master and 1 copy) of Section 1, whereas the second reference indicates Executive Briefing Package should be on a separate CDROM/DVD.

Question: Must the bidder also submit 2 printed copies of the Executive Briefing Package, or does the bidder submit the Executive Briefing Package in electronic form only?

A59: The bidder must submit the Executive Briefing Package in ELECTRONIC FORMAT only

Q60. Volume 1, Para 6.3.1

This section refers to SACC A9033T (2011-05-16), however the currently active SACC for A9033T is 2012-07-16.

Question: Please confirm which version of SACC A9033T bidders should use.

A60: Bidders must use SACC A9033T 2012-07-16.

Q61: Reference: Volume 1, Annex AA, Para 4

This section references RFP Volume 1, Para 3.4.7 which does not exist.

Question: Please confirm this should reference Volume 1, Para 3.4.6.

A61: The correct wording for Volume 1, Annex AA, Para 4 is "Bidders **should** include in their Section I - General Bid a statement stipulating that no information was requested or received from Canada or, that the information was disposed as per the instructions in RFP paragraph 3.4.6 to Volume 1."

This has been corrected as part of Question 46 of amendment 15.

The following shall form part of the RFP W8476-112965/B:

57: At RFP Volume 2, Annex CF, Table 2.2.1,

Contract Line Item No. 113, Total Qty on page 6 of 10:

DELETE: 168

INSERT: 336

Contract Line Item No. 114, Total Qty on page 6 of 10:

DELETE: 336

INSERT: 672

Contract Line Item No. 413, Total Qty on page 6 of 10:

DELETE: 168

INSERT: see note 2

58. At RFP Volume 2, Annex CF, Table 2.2.2,

Contract Line Item No. 423, Total Qty on page 7 of 10:

DELETE: 176

INSERT: see note 3

59. At RFP Volume 2, Annex CF, Table 2.3.1,

Contract Line Item No. 133, Total Qty on page 8 of 10:

DELETE: 0

INSERT: 1256

Contract Line Item No. 433, Total Qty on page 9 of 10:

DELETE: 0

INSERT: see note 4

60. At RFP Volume 2, Annex CF, Table 3,

Contract Line Item No. 610, Description on page 10 of 10:

DELETE: Complete Task Force (As per Table 2-3-1)

INSERT: Complete Task Force (As per Table 2-3-1), with the following exception:

- Item 433 - Battery Charger Set Total Qty = 0.

DELETE the Contract Line Item No. 611.

DELETE the Contract Line Item No. 612.

DELETE the Contract Line Item No. 442.

61. At RFP Volume 2, Annex CF, Notes section at the bottom of page 10 of 10:

INSERT: Note 2: sufficient quantity of Battery Charger Sets to support a block of 168 ISS Rechargeable Battery Sets as per the definitions of "Battery Charger Set" provided in paragraph 3.3.1.1.0-8.0-2.0-4 to Annex CA SOW.

Note 3: sufficient quantity of Battery Charger Sets to support a block of 176 ISS Rechargeable Battery Sets as per the definitions of "Battery Charger Set" provided in paragraph 3.3.1.1.0-8.0-2.0-4 to Annex CA SOW.

Note 4: sufficient quantity of Battery Charger Sets to support a block of 628 ISS Rechargeable Battery Sets as per the definitions of "Battery Charger Set" provided in paragraph 3.3.1.1.0-8.0-2.0-4 to Annex CA SOW.

E62. At RFP volume 1, annex CC, Appendix 1

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DELETE The Bidder must describe how the proposed ISS-S will meet this requirement by providing a specification sheet and comparative assessment based on similar components.

INSERT The Bidder must describe how the proposed ISS-S will meet this requirement by providing a specification sheet .

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DELETE The Bidder should describe how the proposed ISS-S will meet this requirement by providing a specification sheet and comparative assessment based on similar components.

INSERT The Bidder should describe how the proposed ISS-S will meet this requirement by providing a specification sheet.

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DELETE The Bidder must confirm that he meets this requirement by providing specification sheet and comparative assessment based on similar components.

INSERT The Bidder must confirm that the proposed ISS-S will meet this requirement by providing a specification sheet.

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DELETE If an integrated military grade GPS receiver is provided, the Bidder must describe how the proposed ISS-S will meet this requirement by providing a specification sheet and comparative assessment based on similar components.

INSERT If an integrated military grade GPS receiver is provided, the Bidder must describe how the proposed ISS-S will meet this requirement by providing a specification sheet.

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DELETE The Bidder's proposal will be deemed compliant if the description includes a specification sheet and comparative assessment based on similar components that proves that the horizontal position accuracy meets or exceeds the required horizontal minimum position accuracy.

INSERT The Bidder's proposal will be deemed compliant if the description includes a specification sheet that confirms that the requirement is met.

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DELETE 100% of the points will be given if the Bidder's description includes a specification sheet and comparative assessment based on similar components that proves that the vertical position accuracy meets or exceeds the requested vertical minimum position accuracy.

INSERT 100% of the points will be given if the Bidder's description includes a specification sheet that confirms that the requirement is met.

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DELETE The Bidder's proposal will be deemed compliant if the description includes a specification sheet and comparative assessment based on similar components that proves that the Time To First Fix in unobstructed terrain meets or exceeds the required Time To First Fix in unobstructed terrain for both Warm Start and Hot Start.

INSERT The Bidder's proposal will be deemed compliant if the description includes a specification sheet that confirms that the requirement is met.

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DELETE If an integrated military grade GPS receiver is provided, the Bidder's proposal will be deemed compliant if the description includes a specification sheet and comparative assessment based on similar components that proves that the horizontal position accuracy meets or exceeds the required horizontal minimum position accuracy.

INSERT If an integrated military grade GPS receiver is provided, the Bidder's proposal will be deemed compliant if the description includes a specification sheet that confirms that the requirement is met.

63. At RFP volume 1, Section 4.1.3, Table 3,

Requirements number 3, RFP Reference column

DELETE: Vol. 1 Para. 2.1 2003 01-4

INSERT: Vol. 1 Para. 2.1 and SACC 2003 01, Para. 4

Requirements number 4, RFP Reference column

DELETE: Vol. 1 Para. 2.1 2003 01, Para. 4

INSERT: Vol. 1 Para. 2.1and SACC 2003 05, Para. 1

Requirements number 5, RFP Reference column

DELETE: Vol. 1 Para. 2.1 2003 05, Para. 1

INSERT: Vol. 1 Para. 2.1and Para. 4.3.1.1

64. At RFP Volume 1, Annex CC, Appendix 1, Table 1, Evaluation Criteria & Scale column, TPS-613 on page 51 – 52 of 118:

DELETE:

The proposal will be evaluated and scored as indicated based on the description provided by the Bidder.

The description should prove that the ISS-S Overlays allows the ISS-S User to display on the map all the Graphical Data by types as different overlays:

- Blue PA overlay = 20% of the points.
- Routes overlay = 10% of the points.
- Hand Drawings overlay = 20% of the points.
- Quick Symbols overlay = 10% of the points.
- Enemy, Friendly, Unknown and Neutral overlay = 10% of points.
- Tactical Graphics = 20% of points.
- Graphical Plans = 10% of points.

INSERT:

The proposal will be evaluated and scored as indicated based on the description provided by the Bidder.

The description should prove that the ISS-S Overlays allows the ISS-S User to display on the map all the Graphical Data by types as different overlays:

- Blue PA overlay = 20% of the points.
- Routes overlay = 12% of the points.
- Hand Drawings overlay = 22% of the points.
- Quick Symbols overlay = 12% of the points.
- Enemy, Friendly, Unknown and Neutral overlay = 12% of points.
- Tactical Graphics = 22% of points.

65. At RFP Volume 1, Annex CC, Appendix 1, Table 1, Evaluation Criteria & Scale column, TPS-4879 on page 52-53 of 118:

DELETE:

The proposal will be evaluated and scored as indicated based on the description provided by the Bidder.

The description should prove that the ISS-S Overlays allows the ISS-S User to display on the map different overlays of the same data type:

- Different overlays for different Routes = 40% of the points.
- Different overlays for different Hand Drawings = 40% of the points.
- Different overlays for different Graphical Plans = 20% of the points.

INSERT:

The proposal will be evaluated and scored as indicated based on the description provided by the Bidder.

The description should prove that the ISS-S Overlays allows the ISS-S User to display on the map different overlays of the same data type:

- Different overlays for different Routes = 50% of the points.
- Different overlays for different Hand Drawings = 50% of the points.

66. At RFP Volume 2, Annex CB, Appendix 1, Table 1, Evaluation Criteria & Scale column, TPS-5127 on page 68 of 172:

DELETE: Graphical Plans (if provided);

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