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**REQUEST FOR RESPONSES FOR
EVALUATION AMENDMENT**

**MODIFICATION DE LE DEMANDE DE
RÉPONSES POUR L'ÉVALUATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the RFRE remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de la DRPE demeurent les mêmes.

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This amendment is raised to answer Industry questions and to modify the RFRE document.

Question 1:

We do have a question regarding - 1.9 Submission of Only One Response from a Responding Group – within document U000.

Can the Crown clarify please?

The company offers several appliance based solutions that could satisfy the requirement and would like to propose both options, providing the Crown with the ultimate choice. Both are available as appliance based solutions.

Based on the 1.9 clause, would this be permitted?

As an alternative, could a partner propose the second option, provided they meet all of the requirements? Would this be acceptable?

Answer 1:

Please see Modification 002.

Question 2:

RFRE Page 8 of 15 Section 2.2.1

A complete RFRE response consists of the following: 2.3.2.2 completed Annex A: CBSA Data warehouse RFRE submission form – we understand we have to complete the form on page 12 of the RFRE, but are vendors to also provide responses (as to how they meet a specific requirement) to each of the sections the Annex A (U004.pdf) Statement of Requirements?

Answer 2:

No. Vendors do not need to provide responses as to how they meet the Statement of Requirements at the RFRE phase. Following the Supply Chain Integrity assessment, should a vendor be declared as a Successful Respondent and is qualified to bid on the RFP, the vendor will then need to demonstrate how they meet the Statement of Requirements in their RFP submission.

Question 3:

RFRE Page 11 of 15 4.2.3.3 Network Diagram requirement

2.1 Please can you clarify that SSC/CBSA has a network (existing or planned) to which the nodes will attach and that the vendor does not have to provide a network or networking hardware/software other than the NIC ports on the computer servers.

Answer 3:

The vendor is responsible for any interconnect required for the solution. SSC will provide the necessary network infrastructure to attach the solution to its network. The vendor does not have anything other than the ports to connect to given they are standard Ethernet connections or fibre connections. However, the vendor must provide a diagram and a list of the networking components used within the solution.

Question 4:

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4.2.3.3.1 and 4.2.3.3.2: Both these sections use the term 'nodes' - Please can you provide clarification what the term 'nodes' refers to...is it a location (eg Primary site) or is it a computer server (eg Sandbox or Dev &test, etc) or a component within a computer server (our company uses the term 'node' to describe a cpu-memory-disk component of our computer server).

Answer 4:

In this context, node refers to the devices delivered as part of the solution that are connected directly to SSC's network infrastructure.



Modification 1:

On page 6 of 15 of the RFRE, section 1.6 Enquiries During the RFRE Response Period, paragraph 1.6.1:

Delete: All enquiries regarding the RFRE and draft RFP must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than **10 calendar days** before the RFRE closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Insert: All enquiries regarding the RFRE and draft RFP must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than **5 calendar days** before the RFRE closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Modification 2:

On page 6 of 15 of the RFRE, section 1.9 Submission of Only One Response from a Responding Group:

Delete in its entirety.

Insert:

1.9 Submission of Responses from a Responding Group:

1.9.1 The submission of more than one response from members of the same responding group will be permitted in response to this RFRE. If an alternate response is submitted, it must be a physically separate document, clearly marked as an alternate response. Each response will be evaluated independently, without regard to the other responses submitted by the responding group. As a result, every response must be complete on its own. Even though material submitted in one response will not be used to supplement another response submitted by the same responding group, where inconsistencies are noted among multiple responses submitted by the same responding group, Canada may take those inconsistencies into account in evaluating the multiple responses.

1.9.2 For the purposes of this article, "responding group" means all entities (whether those entities include one or more natural persons, corporations, partnerships, limited liability partnerships, etc.) that are related to one another. Regardless of the jurisdiction where any of the entities concerned is incorporated or otherwise formed as a matter of law, entities are considered "related" for the purposes of this RFRE if:

1.9.2.1 they are the same legal entity (i.e., the same natural person, corporation, partnership, limited liability partnership, etc.);

1.9.2.2 they are "related persons" or "affiliated persons" according to the *Canada Income Tax Act*;

1.9.2.3 the entities have now or in the two years before the RFRE closing had a fiduciary relationship with one another (either as a result of an agency arrangement or any other form of fiduciary relationship); or

1.9.2.4 the entities otherwise do not deal with one another at arm's length, or each of them does not deal at arm's length with the same third party.

1.9.3 If more than one of a responding group's responses complies with the requirements of the RFRE and meets all mandatory evaluation criteria, the responding group must select and submit only one of its approved solutions to bid for the requirement during the RFP phase. The submission of more than one bid from the responding group will not be permitted in response to the RFP.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.