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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.

Title – Sujet	
Data Warehouse for Canada Border Services Agency	
Solicitation No. – N° de l'invitation 10029562/A	**Amendment No. – N° de modif.** 008
Client Reference No. – N° référence du client **13-0444**	**Date** July 30, 2013

File No. – N° de dossier	
CAB10029562	

RFRE Closes – La DRPE prend fin **at – à** **02 :00 PM** **on – le** July 31, 2013	**Time Zone** **Fuseau horaire** Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EDT) Heure avancée de l'Est (HAE)

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This amendment is raised to answer Industry questions.

Question 130:
The answers to questions 74.c, 74.d, and 89 in amendment 6.

The Bidder must provide a baseline solution that is no less than 90% of the usable storage capacities.

The answers to questions 74.c, 74.d, and 89 in amendment 6 appear to contradict the answer to question 48 in amendment. Answer 48 modified requirements 3.2.2.1 and 3.3.2.1 to state "The Bidder must provide a baseline solution that is no less than 90% of the usable storage capacities". The answers to questions 74 and 89 retain the original +/- 10% requirement for storage. Please confirm that requirements 3.2.2.1 and 3.3.2.1 have been modified to require no less than 90% of the usable storage capacities and no longer impose a maximum storage.

Answer 130:
Please see Amendment 5, modifications 22, 23, 24, and 25.

Question 131:
Amendment 6, Answer 78
Canada will not provide the data for bidders to validate the elapsed time to execute the five queries.

In amendment 6, answer 78 indicates that Canada will not provide the data for bidders to validate the elapsed time to execute the five queries. We respectfully ask how Canada expects bidders to test the query response time to respond to the RFP. If the data will not be provided, will the Crown acknowledge that any test data generated by the bidder will have different query response time characteristics compared to Canada's test data?

Answer 131:
The data to be used for the proof of proposal is production client data and for both security and confidentiality reasons, will only be loaded to the successful bidder's appliance technology. Based on the RFI with vendors, Canada is confident that the technology exists to meet expectation.

Question 132:
Amendment 6, answer 73.b Requirement 3.1.17
Canada agrees that the Sandbox/Dev/Test environments can share the same hardware to promote feasibility in these environments and in this case only these environments may share hardware" The solution must provide isolation between Sandbox, Development/Test, Pre-Production and Production environments such that the workload , modifications or outage in one environment cannot impact another environment; furthermore, the Production and Disaster Recovery environments must be physically isolated from other environments".

In amendment 6, answer 73.b states "Canada agrees that the Sandbox/Dev/Test environments can share the same hardware to promote feasibility in these environments and in this case only these environments may share hardware". Requirement 3.1.17 also states "The solution must provide isolation between Sandbox, Development/Test, Pre-Production and Production environments such that the workload , modifications or outage in one environment cannot impact another environment; furthermore, the Production and Disaster Recovery environments must be physically isolated from other environments".

Can Canada please confirm that, if the Sandbox and Dev/Test environments share hardware, those environments do not require isolation from each other rather only from the 3 other environments?

Answer 132:
Yes, Sandbox and Dev/Test environments can share hardware and do not require isolation from each other. They do require isolation from the other 3 environments.

Question133:

The answers to questions 74.c, 74.d, and 89 in amendment 6 appear to contradict the answer to question 48 in amendment. Answer 48 modified requirements 3.2.2.1 and 3.3.2.1 to state "The Bidder must provide a baseline solution that is no less than 90% of the usable storage capacities". The answers to questions 74 and 89 retain the original +/- 10% requirement for storage. Please confirm that requirements 3.2.2.1 and 3.3.2.1 have been modified to require no less than 90% of the usable storage capacities and no longer impose a maximum storage.

Answer 133:
Please see Amendment 5, modifications 22, 23, 24, and 25.

Question 134:
In amendment 6, answer 78 indicates that Canada will not provide the data for bidders to validate the elapsed time to execute the five queries. We respectfully ask how Canada expects bidders to test the query response time to respond to the RFP. If the data will not be provided, will the Crown acknowledge that any test data generated by the bidder will have different query response time characteristics compared to Canada's test data.

Answer 134:
Please see Answer 131.

Question 135:
In amendment 6, answer 73.b states "Canada agrees that the Sandbox/Dev/Test environments can share the same hardware to promote feasibility in these environments and in this case only these environments may share hardware". Requirement 3.1.17 also states "The solution must provide isolation between Sandbox, Development/Test, Pre-Production and Production environments such that the workload , modifications or outage in one environment cannot impact another environment; furthermore, the Production and Disaster Recovery environments must be physically isolated from other environments".

Can Canada please confirm that, if the Sandbox and Dev/Test environments share hardware, those environments do not require isolation from each other rather only from the 3 other environments?

Answer 135:
Please see Answer 132.

Question 136:
269189.U007, section 3.1.4
The Bidder should identify in sufficient scripted detail the manner in which their solution would integrate with the existing DB2 z/OS database engine seamlessly, such that existing DB2z/OS based queries will not have to be modified to exploit the solution and the existing DB2 optimizer recognizes solution as an option

100% (15 points): The Bidder's solution would integrate with the existing DB2 z/OS database engine seamlessly; such that, existing DB2z/OS based queries will not have to be modified Doc to exploit the solution and the existing DB2 optimizer recognizes solution as an option.

20% (3 points): The Bidder's solution would integrate with the existing DB2 z/OS database engine seamlessly but existing DB2z/OS based queries will have to be modified to exploit the solution or the existing DB2 optimizer does not recognize solution as an option.

0% (0 points): The Bidder's solution does not integrate with the existing DB2 z/OS database engine seamlessly

1) With regards to the above mentioned RFRE and the draft RFP we could not find information regarding procedural language statements. Would the Crown please provide such information?

2) With regards to the above mentioned RFRE and the draft RFP would the Crown disclose information about the nominal data model being used?

Answer 136:
1) Canada will not provide such information. It is the expectation that all procedural language statements issued by existing applications will not have to be modified.
2) Canada will not provide information about the nominal data model being used.

Question 137:
ANNEX C: IT PRODUCTS LIST item 1.3.1 b iii

1.3 Respondents must insert a separate table row for each product.

1.3.1 Respondents must adhere to the following guidelines to fill-in the columns of the table for each product:
iii) Respondents must provide the name of the manufacturer of the product and a complete list of all the components, whether used or not, along with their Original Equipment Manufacturer name.

It is understood that this requirement stems from the need to ensure the reliability of the components, particularly in regards to potential security vulnerabilities in the Product. Engineered solutions are assembled from many components, however each component is assembled into basic building blocks and then all firmware is updated to meet the Manufacturer supported configurations. As the microcode for each component is from a known source and heavily tested by the Manufacturer of the Product, each building block is a complete entity and is offered only as a whole component. Where "pluggable" components exist, they are also offered as an engineered whole and not as individual component. Since there are potentially hundreds of individual components used in this type of solution, would Canada please refine this question to read: "Respondents must provide the name of the manufacturer of the product and a complete list of all the basic components, whether used or not, along with their Original Equipment Manufacturer name. This pertains to any major subassemblies or building block of the proposed infrastructure that are offered as a single orderable part by the Manufacturer of the Product, as well as any options offered to expand the Product."

Answer 137:
Canada will not make the requested change. Please see also Amendment 004, Answer 17.