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

Question 1:

For the Mandatory criteria does the project value refer to the engagement between the Bidder and its client, or the value of the project that was undertaken by the Bidder. This is explicit in the Rated Criteria, but not the Mandatory criteria

Answer 1:

The Mandatory Criteria refers to the client's project value, not the contract value undertaken by the Bidder as part of a project. Whereas, the Point-Rated Criteria R.1 and R.5 refers to the contract value of the engagement between the Bidder and its client, not the project value.

Question 2:

Client References Verification Form 2 and Form 3. As not all criteria will apply to all references provided, please confirm that we should enter UR for those areas that are not applicable to that particular reference. If not please confirm if n/a (not applicable is acceptable.) As UR represents that the client is "unable and unwilling" to respond, which has a negative connotation, we are concerned that this response will not be considered in an un-favourable light.

Answer 2:

If a criterion is not applicable to a particular client reference, the client reference contract may respond n/a. If any criteria are left blank, Canada will treat those criteria as not applicable for evaluation purposes.

Question 3:

Please confirm that we are not required to use Form 3 – Point Rated Client Reference Verification Form for R.6.

Answer 3:

After further review, Bidders will be required to provide client references for Point-Rated Criterion R.6 using the Point-Rated Client Reference Verification Form. Please see Modifications 001, 002, 003, and 004.



Modification 001:

On Page 14 of 55 of the RFP, Section 4.2 Technical Evaluation, Subsection 4.2.3.4 Client References:

Delete: The Bidders should include client references for each of the Point Rated Technical Criteria R.1 to R.5. Bidders must include for each Reference a brief description of the project and how the reference met the specific mandatory criteria being claimed, both in 250 words or less, which substantiates the point rated technical criteria being assessed. Any information provided may be verified by Canada should Canada perform any reference validation checks.

Insert: The Bidders should include client references for each of the Point Rated Technical Criteria R.1 to R.6. Bidders must include for each Reference a brief description of the project and how the reference met the specific mandatory criteria being claimed, both in 250 words or less, which substantiates the point rated technical criteria being assessed. Any information provided may be verified by Canada should Canada perform any reference validation checks.

Modification 002:

On Page 15 of 55 of the RFP, Section 4.2 Technical Evaluation, Subsection 4.2.3.5 Corporate Information:

Delete in its entirety

Modification 003:

On Page 47 of 55 of the RFP, Attachment 4.1 – Technical Criteria, Section 2 Point-Rated Requirements, 2.1 Client References:

Add:

Criteria ID	Criteria	Maximum Points Available
R.6	<p>The Bidder should provide client references to demonstrate that the vendor has provided these IT sourcing and benchmarking services completed within the last seven (7) years in support of large, high-profile transformation initiatives that include data centre and telecommunications consolidations of substantive size and similar scope and complexity to those described herein, and where the project value was over \$1 billion.</p> <p>One hundred (100) points will be awarded for each project up to a maximum of five (5) projects.</p>	500

Modification 004:

On Page 47 of 55 of the RFP, Attachment 4.1 – Technical Criteria, Point-Rated Requirements, Corporate Information:

Delete in its entirety