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Amendment 001

This amendment is raised to publish questions and answers between Canada and bidders which was published during the bid period from the last issue of an opportunity to qualify, modify and update this Supply Arrangement.

1. Please find attached Amendments 001 to 008 to Solicitation F7048-090005/D.



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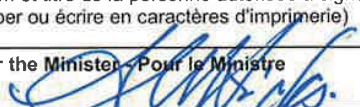
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Amendment 001

THIS AMENDMENT TO THE SOLICITATION IS RAISED TO PUBLISH SET NO. 1 OF BIDDERS QUESTIONS AND CANADA'S ANSWERS.

Set No. 1

- Q1 Our Company competed successfully for a TIES Supply Arrangement last year. Do we need to qualify again?
- A1 This RFSA is part of the commitment from Canadian Coast Guard and PWGSC to keep information in the TIES SA F7048-090005 up to date and open. Suppliers previously qualified and holding a Supply Arrangement do not need to prepare or resubmit another proposal, unless there is a change from last year's list of qualified employees or subcontractors, which is a mandatory requirement under the Supply Arrangement. This RFSA process, which will be repeated every August until the Contract expires, provides new suppliers with an opportunity to qualify for a supply arrangement, and for existing suppliers to add areas of expertise and update their list of personnel and subcontractors.
- Q2 This past year, there was no indication of any work for anyone from the Coast Guard under the existing TIES SA. So with this in mind, could you tell me how many supply arrangements were actually used and what they were?
- A2 The Canadian Coast Guard is using the TIES SA and detailed usage information is not available.
- Q3 Please confirm that the SOW and evaluation criteria are the same as those used in initial solicitation for this TIES Supply Arrangement?
- A3 Confirmed.
- Q4 Under the Marine Areas of Expertise 4.2 and 4.3 the Marine Technical Specialist and Marine Technologist must have been certified as a "Second-class Engineer, Motor Ship or Steamship" by Transport Canada. As there does not appear to be any reason why this is necessary for the scope of work defined, can Canada please clarify what alternative qualifications are considered acceptable in this area?
- A4 The passage to which the Bidder refers is located at Annex A, 6.3.2 c. The mandatory requirement allows for any other source of qualification provided that proof of validation by Transport Canada for equivalence is submitted with the Bidder's proposal. The passage is provided herein as follows: "In addition, for the Marine Areas of Expertise 4.2 and 4.3 the Marine Technologist must have been certified as a "Second-class Engineer, Motor Ship or Steamship" by Transport Canada under Section 145 of the Marine Personnel

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Regulations. Any other source of certification requires proof of validation by Transport Canada for equivalence." Further, any scope of work providing definition of any requirement would be published at a later date with a call-up raised by the Canadian Coast Guard under this Supply Arrangement.

- Q5 Please specify what existing SA holders need to submit assuming they want to simply "refresh" their existing SA and not add areas of expertise nor update their list of personnel and subcontractors.
- A5 Please refer to A1.
- Q6 Please provide the dollar (\$) value of contracts awarded for Marine Communication and Navigation Systems - Vessel Based, Marine Informatics Technology and Integrated Logistics Support since first issuance of the current SA.
- A6 Please refer to A2.

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Amendment 002

THIS AMENDMENT TO THE SOLICITATION IS RAISED TO PUBLISH SET NO. 2 OF BIDDERS QUESTIONS AND CANADA'S ANSWERS.

Set No. 2

Q7 Please clarify the evaluation plan section 3.2:

Whereas,

"The Bidder must propose one (1) resource for each of the eight (8) Occupational Levels described in Table 4.2 and defined by the Statement of Work. The same resource can be proposed for up to two (2) disciplines."

Where the "disciplines" are Engineer, Technical Specialist, Technologist and Project Officer and the levels in each are senior and intermediate.

Furthermore in the bidders instructions to section 4.2 (rated) it states that

"2. Up to 6 persons can be submitted for each Area of Expertise. The same person can be submitted for multiple Areas of expertise."

Clarification.

If the bidder is only bidding on a small number (1 to 3) areas of expertise then whilst under section 3.2 there must be a minimum of 4 persons nominated with each being in 2 disciplines, but under 4.2 only 6 names in each area (and if only a single area of expertise is being sought, consequently a maximum of 6 persons with 2 nominated in 2 disciplines) then (a) is it necessary that each occupational level be filled at both senior and intermediate levels and (b) is it allowable for a resource to be at different levels in different areas of expertise?

A7 To correct the Bidder's assumptions above, Bidders must: "obtain the required minimum scores for the rated criteria in at least two (2) of the twelve (12) areas of expertise."

Reference from RFSA, Part 4, 2.1.1 (c) **AND** to correct the other assumptions "At least one candidate per selected area of expertise must be provided and depending of the area of expertise the candidate must be Senior Engineer and/or Senior Technical Specialist."

Reference from RFSA, Annex B, 4.2, second paragraph.

Answers to the Clarification questions:

(a) no it is not necessary, however "A qualified senior level resource may assume the intermediate level position at the appropriate rate" reference RFSA, Annex B, 3.2 first paragraph; and

(b) yes, as in (a) above; however, once a Bidder has met the mandatory minimum score a second candidate will not increase the Bidder's score.

Further, Bidders are instructed to read the RFSA in its entirety; in particular, new Bidders should note: "The following is provided to assist potential new suppliers in preparing their bid documents as a result of lessons learned from the first release of this RFSA.

It was suggested that Bidders would find it easier to prepare their bid by first organizing the mandatory requirements of personnel in the areas of expertise; secondarily, provide the minimum scores in the fields of specialty; and then thirdly, provide the types of work in the areas of expertise." Reference from the RFSA Part 2, 2.2.

Q8 In A1 to Amendment 1 it is noted that "Suppliers previously qualified and holding a Supply Arrangement do not need to prepare or resubmit another proposal, unless there is a change from last year's list of qualified employees or subcontractors, which is a mandatory requirement under the Supply Arrangement." Does this highlighted text mean that any supplier who no longer employs the same list of qualified employees or subcontractors is obligated to provide a current list of personnel and demonstrate that these also meet the mandatory and rated requirements?

A8 A Supplier who was awarded a Supply Arrangement and no longer employs the resource(s) with which the supplier qualified and who has **not** already provided Canada with the information to do so must invoke the SACC Manual Clause A7017C (2008-05-12) Replacement of Specific Individuals of the RFSA at Part 6, C RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES, Article 2, to ensure the Supplier has provided Canada with up to date information.

Q9 If the answer to question Q8 is "yes", will PWGSC remind current holders of a Supply Arrangement of this obligation?

A9 This RFSA serves the purpose of reminding Supply Arrangement holders of this obligation.

Q10 If the answer to question Q8 is "yes", as this is a large and demanding document, will Canada please provide a two week extension to the current closing date?

A10 The closing date of this RFSA will be extended by one week.



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Amendment 003

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Set No. 3

- Q11 Is it necessary to demonstrate equal experience in every "Area of Specialty" listed under each Area of Expertise heading that a bidder may select?
- A11 No it is not necessary to demonstrate equal experience. Points are awarded based on demonstrated experience and duration of the experience to support any given Field of Speciality. Please reference RFSA, Annex B 4.2.



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Set No. 4

Q12 We are presently qualified for certain Areas of Expertise. This year we would like to qualify for more Areas of Expertise. Do we prepare a proposal for only for the new areas of expertise?

R12 Yes. As an existing SA holder please up date your SA and submit the new resources only and include the Code of Conduct Certification from Part 5, 1.

Q13 The regions of Quebec, Central and Arctic have been re-organized. In reference to Annex D has the region Quebec been separated from the regions of Central and Arctic?

R13 The regions have not been re-organized for the purposes of this RFSA. Please respond to the applicable parts of this RFSA as it is written.

Q14 Section 3.2 of Annex B requires bidders to propose one resource for each of the eight Occupational Levels described in Table 4.2. However, Section 4.2 says that "at least one candidate per selected area of expertise must be provided and depending on the area of expertise the candidate must be Senior Engineer and/or Senior Technical Specialist". Do we have to offer resources for each Occupational Level?

R14 The same resource may qualify the Bidder for two (2) disciplines and two (2) levels for a total of four (4) occupational levels, which would mean that two (2) resources could conceivably qualify the Bidder in the eight (8) Occupational Levels. Yes it is mandatory to offer resources for each Occupational Level.



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Set No. 5

Q15 Would PWGSC consider eliminating ceiling rates to make this RFSA consistent with the National Strategy for Professional Services?

A15 No. This RFSA is not subject to the National Strategy for Professional Services.

Q16 On page 4 section 1 and page 5 section 3, the RFSA states : “The services are solely limited to Canadian services”, then similarly on page 13 section 2.3. In addition the RFSA document states that the Canadian Content Policy applies, page 5 section 3 . However the RFSA also states on page 21, section 2.4 c):
Bids will be solicited for specific requirements, valued at over the AIT threshold of \$100,000 and below \$400,000 (including all applicable taxes), from all pre-qualified suppliers who were issued a SA under the area of expertise, without publication of a Notice of Proposed Procurement.

The Canadian Content Policy itself states:

“The Policy applies to competitive procurements with an estimated value of \$25,000 or more, except for the following:

i) government procurements subject to the international trade agreements”

Therefore for requirements between \$100,001 and \$400,000, do international trade agreements apply and therefore the Canadian Content Policy does not apply ? If it does not apply for requirements in that range of values then how can this RFSA be limited to Canadian Services entirely?

A16 In response to the first question no, international trade agreements do not apply to this RFSA. In response to the second question yes, under the AIT the Canadian Content Policy applies to this RFSA. Further, PWGSC chose Solely Limited due to a sufficient number of Canadian suppliers. Reference RFSA, Part 1, 1., last paragraph.

Q17 The RFSA document, page 15, Part 6 A 1. refers to providing support to 5 Regions yet the Canadian Coast Guard re-organization will result in only 3 regions. Will this impact the resultant SAs awarded?

A17 Please refer to A13 from Amendment 004.

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- Q18 Will PWGS provide the annual business volume for 2011/2012 resulting from the Supply Arrangements currently in place for the Coast Guard for the various categories of labour (not looking for a specific, but an aggregate number)?
- A18 Please refer to A2 from Amendment 001.
- Q19 On page 8 Section 1 Technical Arrangement, it states: “suppliers should explain and demonstrate how they propose to meet the...” The other requirements in this section are “musts”, is this an error?
- A19 No. This passage is an introductory statement only. The Mandatory Technical Criteria are detailed on Page 9 and 10 of the RFSA in Part 4.
- Q20 Work days are defined, page 18, Section 10, Definition of a Day/Proration, as 8 hours exclusive of meal breaks whereas most standard workdays are 7.5 hrs. Why does the RFSA specify an 8 hour day?
- A20 A work day is defined as an eight (8) hour day for the purposes of this evaluation.
- Q21 Why is there a requirement for Marine insurance for collision and pollution, page 19, section 14.1?
- A21 Marine Liability Insurance RFSA, Part 6 A, 14 is required, when necessary in performance of the work to address certain liabilities to Canada not just for collision and pollution. Marine Liability Insurance may be required for performance of the work, refer to RFSA, Annex A SOW, 3.1.
- Q22 a) Please clarify the statement on page 26 section 2: “The threshold for a year of an occupational level will be the average of all technically compliant maximum per diem rates submitted by suppliers for that year in that occupational level, excluding the lowest 10% technically compliant maximum per diem rates submitted, plus 10% added to the that average.” Does this mean that all suppliers whose maximum rates are either 10% higher or 10% lower than the average rate are financially non-compliant?
- b) Likewise on page 26 section 3 please clarify “Should the threshold of any occupational level in any year be such that more than 10% of the technically compliant maximum per diem rates are financially non-compliant, Canada will increase the threshold until no more than 10% of these technically compliant maximum per diem rates are declared financially non-compliant.” What constitutes Financially non-compliant?
- A22 These statements define the mathematics used to obtain the threshold of the maximum per diem rate. Bidders in the bottom 10% were still deemed compliant for the purposes

of the evaluation and those in the top 10% were given an opportunity to reduce their rates to within the threshold.

- Q23 On page 26, section 4, what are mandatory occupational levels? i.e. “Suppliers must be declared financially compliant in each year of each mandatory occupational level for the area of expertise selected to receive a supply arrangement.” Bidders are supposed to qualify for any 2.
- A23 Please refer to page 10 of the RFSA, Part 4, 2.2.
- Q24 Resources must be employees or associates/sub of bidder page 2, section 3.2 of the Technical Evaluation Plan. What is the definition of Associate?
- A24 An Associate is an entity that is not within the Bidding company that is part of a Bidder’s proposal.
- Q25 Please advise of the number of days bidders were given to submit proposals in response to the previous CCG TIES RFSA including all extensions.
- A25 The publish date of the previous RFSA was February 11, 2011. The solicitation closing date was March 14, 2011. An extension was given to March 29, 2011.



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Amendment 006

THIS AMENDMENT TO THE SOLICITATION IS RAISED TO PUBLISH SET NO. 6 OF BIDDERS QUESTIONS AND CANADA'S ANSWERS.

Set No. 6

- Q26 Please hold another suppliers' conference and grant an extension to October 16, 2012 to allow Bidders a 47 day bid solicitation period as was the case for the initial RFSA.
- A26 In the absence of compelling reasons, Canada will grant no extension to the solicitation closing date. Further, having been made public on February 11th, 2011 this requirement has been public for over a year and half and is one of many of the on-going opportunities for new suppliers to qualify. The next on-going opportunity will be published by Canada in August 2013. Canada will not hold another suppliers' conference as the Bidder's conference was open to all suppliers at the time of the RFSA's initial release.



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Amendment 007

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BIDDERS QUESTIONS AND CANADA'S ANSWERS.

Set No. 7

Q27 Can Canada provide the templates of the tables in Annex B for Bidders to fill in for the
purposes of preparing a proposal?

A27 The MS Word files of the Solicitation F7048-090005/D are available upon request.

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Amendment 008

THIS AMENDMENT TO THE SOLICITATION IS RAISED TO PUBLISH SET NO. 8 OF BIDDERS QUESTIONS AND CANADA'S ANSWERS. AND TO MODIFY PART 5 OF THE RFSA.

1. Question and Answers Set No. 8

Q28 With respect to the response given to Question 26, “In the absence of compelling reasons, Canada will grant no extension to the solicitation closing date...”, we believe the following reasons are compelling:

a) companies enter the TIES marketplace on a constant basis and so for those companies, in the interest of fairness and equitable treatment, we reiterate our request for an extension to the bid closing date.

b) the complexity of how the evaluation is structured creates additional challenges for new entrants and this is recognized in the RFSA document itself. Section 2.2 of the Supplier Instructions recommends starting at the end of the evaluation methodology and working backwards.

c) An extension to the closing date does not negatively impact the Canadian Coast Guard nor existing SA holders as TIES requirements continue to be satisfied while this new process is conducted.

Therefore we once again request an extension to October 16, 2012.

A28 Again, Canada finds no compelling reason in the Bidder’s question and statements to grant another extension to the Solicitation Closing date. Please refer to Answer 26.

Q29 Further to the reply received for Question 16 wherein it stated: “In response to the first question no, international trade agreements do not apply to this RFSA. In response to the second question yes, under the AIT the Canadian Content Policy applies to this RFSA.”

The Canadian Content Policy itself states:

“The Policy applies only to procurements carried out by Supply and Services Canada (SSC), which is now a part of Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC). Therefore, this policy will normally apply to goods and services contracting carried out by Acquisitions Branch, except for those categories of procurements which were not done by the former SSC. Furthermore, the Policy does not apply when another government departments does its own contracting and would not normally apply to construction procurement that had been previously carried out by the former Public Works Canada.”

The RFSA is creating a list of suppliers with whom Canadian Coast Guard will be doing its own contracting via individual RFP processes. The RFSA itself is not a procurement. Therefore in accordance with the Canadian Content Policy wording, The Policy does not apply. Therefore please explain how the resulting procurements carried out by Canadian Coast Guard could be restricted to Canadian Services in accordance with The Canadian Content Policy?

- A29 This RFSA originates from PWGSC and PWGSC is the Supply Arrangement Authority. CCG is not doing its own contracting in this case. Please refer to Answer 16.
- Q30 Are existing per diem rates for current CCG TIES SA holders included in the calculation for determining the financial compliancy of new bidders or are new bidders maximum per diem rates only used in the financial compliancy calculation?
- A30 This question is irrelevant to the current procurement process. The Bidder is requested to submit its financial proposal in accordance with the RFSA. Please refer to Answer 22.
- Q31 In Annex B, section 3.2, are bidders required to propose resources for each of the 8 occupational levels for each Area of Expertise applied for? So for 1 area of expertise 8 resources, for 2 areas of expertise 16 resources, etc. understanding of course that a single resource can appear at both his and a lower level as well as in another discipline both at the higher and lower level if qualified?
- A31 No. No. Please refer to Answer 14.
- Q32 Please clarify the definition of "directors". Does this include anyone who carries the title of Director within the company?
- A32 The Bidder refers to Part 5, article 1.1. The answer is no. It is not everybody with the title of director within the company but as a pre-award condition, the Bidder is required to provide the list of names of individuals who are currently on the board of directors within the company, and the buyer may request to obtain a consent form from the individual, as needed.

2. Modify article 1.1 (b) at Part 5 as follows:

Delete the text in its entirety.

Insert: by submitting a bid the Bidder agrees that if requested by Canada it will provide a Consent to a Criminal Record Verification form (PWGSC-TPSGC 229) for each individual on the list required in (a) of this article.