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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 RFP Amendment No. 008 is raised to:

1. Address further questions from bidders.

1. **Bidders' Questions and Answers Set** (Questions #39 to 43 inclusive)

Q.39: In reference to Section 1.2.1 Production b) Capability and whether it is necessary to meet the mandatory Production Capability for each of the 5 cable families. By citing cables that are representative of each of the five cable families such as the HIDS-213/LS cable for the HIDS Family, does Canada mean that bidders must “demonstrate experience manufacturing at least 1 product within the last year and 2 other products within the past 5 years where the manufactured products were similar in technology and complexity” for each cable family in order to be considered eligible to be awarded that family?

A.39: Yes. Bidders must “demonstrate experience manufacturing at least 1 product within the last year and 2 other products within the past 5 years where the manufactured products were similar in technology and complexity” for each cable family in order to be considered eligible to be awarded that family. The concept is to demonstrate experience in manufacturing a cable of that technology and complexity. The same cable type may be used to demonstrate more than a single cable family.

Q.40: In reference to Table F1-2 Rated Technical Evaluation Criteria 1. A Similar Products: Is it possible to claim the maximum 50 points for 5 products or more if the products cited as cross-references are only similar to 1 or 2 cable families as opposed to all 5?

A. 40: Yes. The concept is to ensure experience in manufacturing therefore the similar products must be similar to the cable families on which the Bidder is bidding.

Q.41: The current version of the RFP will result in an increased cost to the Government because of the duplication of the project management activities, both for the government's team, and potentially a 5X increase of the project management on the suppliers side if the work is split up to 5 different suppliers. There is also a cost increase because of reduced volume buys from the lower level suppliers if the work is split up. There is no way to create greater value for the Government by providing a complete quote that would significantly reduce the impact of these issues. Can a complete package price be submitted and how would it get evaluated?

A.41: Awards will be made as noted in Section 2.1 of Part 4 of the RFP. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that their bids are submitted such that their bids can be evaluated as explained in the RFP (Part 4).

Q.42: The fact that monthly meetings are required to be held in the Capital region and that a team of three people attend these meeting is creating an unfair disadvantage for anyone outside of the capital region. Now that the packages of work are smaller these costs become a significant percentage of the overall cost. Can one of these two options be used to address this?

- (i) **teleconference calls to cover the same material**
- (ii) **and/or have the meetings held at the supplier's facility.**

A.42: Para 3.1.5 of Annex A - Progress Review Meetings - is hereby amended:

Delete: Para 3.1.5 in its entirety:

and

Replace with:

“ 3.1.5 Progress Review Meetings

Progress Review Meetings (PRM), unless otherwise specified, shall be conducted at least once per month following the Kickoff Meeting and whenever the Technical Authority or the Contract Authority deems it necessary, for the duration of the Contract. The Contractor shall hold a maximum of four PRMs in the National Capital Region with the remainder being held at the Contractor's facilities or by telecom. The TA may, at its discretion, decrease the frequency of Progress Review Meetings. Any use of the TA's discretion to reduce the frequency of the PRMs or the manner in which they are conducted i.e. either at the specified location or by telecom shall be communicated by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor shall submit Progress Reports in accordance with CDRL 005, DID PM-005. The Contractor shall submit and maintain a Master Project Schedule (MPS) in accordance with CDRL 004, DID PM-004. ”

Q.43: Now that the work has been broken into smaller packages, does the Canadian Content apply to each individual package and as such the certification should be for each package?

A.43: Yes. This has been addressed at RFP Amendment no. 005, please see Section 3. Part iii) (a). One certification per Cable family grouping (“*package*”) included in the proposal will be required.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.