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**AMENDMENT TO INVITATION TO
QUALIFY**

**MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION À
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Title – Sujet DATA CENTRE CO-LOCATION SERVICES (DCCS)	
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Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/firm (type or print)- Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date



THIS SOLICITATION AMENDMENT IS ISSUED TO:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publish Canada's Responses to Respondents' questions. 2. Modify ITQ <p>NOTE: Respondents' clarification questions are numerically sequenced upon arrival at SSC. Respondents are hereby advised that questions and answers for this solicitation may be issued via BuyandSell out of sequence.</p>	

Respondent's Question 2	<p>Section 2.3 Enquiries and Comments states: "a) All enquiries and comments, including suggestions to improve the specifications, regarding the ITQ and the draft bid solicitation must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than 7 calendar days before the ITQ closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered." And 2.3 c) states: "The draft RFP is attached herein in advance for the Qualified Respondents to provide written feedback during the next procurement RRR phase. Specific enquiries on the draft RFP may not be answered as further enhancement to the overall requirement may be conducted during the RRR phase only with the qualified respondents."</p> <p>Can SSC please confirm (on a priority basis) that Respondents are to hold their questions regarding the draft RFP documents to the RRR Phase? There are likely to be numerous questions on the draft RFP and the timeline to ITQ close is quite short.</p>
Canada's Response to Question 2	SSC is confirming that written feedback on the draft RFP will be accepted from the qualified respondents during the RRR phase of the procurement.
Respondent's Question 4	<p>4.2.1 Mandatory Location Requirement M01 states: "The Respondent must provide an existing, single co-location service within a range of not less than 10 kilometres in straight line distance and not more than 100 kilometres of fibre network distance, as measured from Angus Ontario (Latitude, Longitude: (44.313872, -79.8842912))."</p> <p>As the ultimate distance limitations of synchronous replication requirements in lab conditions is approximately 100Kms (more practically about 80kms is considered prudent when traversing third party networks, routers and switches), would Canada consider revising that statement to read:</p> <p>"The Respondent must provide an existing, single co-location service within a range of not less than 10 kilometres in straight line distance and not more than 80 kilometers of fibre network distance through existing fibre network connections, as measured from Angus Ontario (Latitude, Longitude: (44.313872, -79.8842912))."</p>
Canada's Response to Question 4	No. The SSC requirement is 100 kilometres of fibre network distance.



<p>Respondent's Question 6</p>	<p>Annex I -Definition of Terms Defines Client Organization as:</p> <p>"An entity of users, from either a public or private sector organization, receiving services from an Email Solution operated by the ITQ Response Lead or Core Team Members 2 and/or 3."</p> <p>We assume this is a cut and paste error from the ETI RFRE. We suggest changing the definition to:</p> <p>"An entity of users, from either a public or private sector organization, receiving Data Centre Co-Location services provided by the ITQ Response Lead or Core Team Members 2 and/or 3."</p>
<p>Canada's Response to Question 6</p>	<p>See correction below to the ITQ Annex I</p>
<p>Respondent's Question 7</p>	<p>The information required to respond to the above-mentioned ITQ is complex and not readily available. To properly respond to the ITQ will take significantly longer than the present time allotted.</p> <p>we would like to request a three week extension to the Closing Date.</p>
<p>Canada's Response to Question 7</p>	<p>See response to Question #1.</p>
<p>Respondent's Question 9</p>	<p><u>ITQ Section 2.3 (c) (Enquiries and Comments)</u> Given that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ITQ Section 2.3 (c) states "Specific enquiries on the draft RFP may not be answered as further enhancement to the overall requirement may be conducted during the RRR phase only with the qualified respondents." -ITQ Annex G, Section 2.7 (Anticipated Schedule) states the preliminary summary schedule for Week 3 is Draft RFP Q & A. -Draft RFP, Section 2.3 (Enquiries – Bid Solicitation) states as a Draft that "All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than 7 calendar days before the bid closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered." <p>As a consequence of the above, can the Crown please confirm that written enquiries regarding the procurement can be submitted by bidders during both the RRR and the RFP phases? (as examples; terms, pricing, etc).</p>
<p>Canada's Response to Question 9</p>	<p>Yes, qualified respondents will be able to submit written inquiries regarding the procurement during the RRR and RFP phases.</p>
<p>Respondent's Question 10</p>	<p><u>ITQ Section 2.3 (Enquiries and Comments) and ITQ Annex E</u> In the completion of the Mandatory requirements of Annex E, there's a difference of work effort for those bidders that are responding as UTI Equivalent from those responding as UTI certified.</p> <p>To ensure fair and transparent procurement, we respectfully request a two week extension to March 7 2014 to ensure all bidders have adequate time to provide a complete and compliant response to Annex E of the ITQ.</p>
<p>Canada's Response to Question 10</p>	<p>No extension will be given. The time period provided took into consideration the time required to complete the UTI equivalency checklist.</p>



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Modification

At ITQ Annex I:

Delete:

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Insert:

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ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SOLICITATION
REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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Following is a summary of Attachments/Amendments issued to date to this solicitation:

Document Tracking	Distribution	Date	Description
Amendment No. 001	Buy and Sell	13-02-2014	Canada's Response to Question 1