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**Revision to a Request for Supply
Arrangement - Révision à une demande
pour un arrangement en matière
d'approvisionnement**

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.

Comments - Commentaires

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Title - Sujet TBIPS-SPICT	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EN578-055605/F	Date 2014-03-21
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client EN578-055605	Amendment No. - N° modif. 004
File No. - N° de dossier 003ei.EN578-055605	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
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Date of Original Request for Supply Arrangement	2014-02-14
Date de demande pour un arrangement en matière d'app. originale	
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2014-11-14	
Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Benoit, Real	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 003ei
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (819) 934-4667 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX (819) 956-7827
Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	
Security - Sécurité This revision does not change the security requirements of the solicitation. Cette révision ne change pas les besoins en matière de sécurité de l'invitation.	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Acknowledgement copy required	Yes - Oui	No - Non
Accusé de réception requis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer. Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre.		
Signature	Date	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of offeror. (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du proposant. (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)		
For the Minister - Pour le Ministre		

SOLICITATION AMENDMENT N° 4

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE LAST AMENDMENT TO ANSWER QUESTION UNDER SOLICITATION EN578-055605/F PERIOD 1

B: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

B: This amendment is raised to answer the following questions:

Q 40:

(i) Are there specific instructions for new jv submissions? If so, could I be directed to them please.

(ii) Is there a possibility of an information session to provide orientation to suppliers on how to submit a joint venture proposal on TBIPS?

A 40:

(i) Please refer to Attachment C and to Attachment H article 16.

(ii) We are unable to accommodate this request.

Q 41:

We previously submitted for TBIPS and did not qualify, mainly due to price I believe.

We understand that perhaps this is no longer an obstacle under new TBIPS. As such, large companies like ours may have an opportunity to now qualify. If that is the case, we are not clear on the process resubmit.

We have reviewed the attached RFP. Is the next deadline for submission end of March 2014? Is there another submission period ending June 2014? Is there someone we talk to in order to be very clear on the process/opportunity?

A 41:

Please refer to Solicitation Amendment 003, A18 (ii).

Q 42:

We would like to apply for the new categories for Stream 5, Project Management Services, P.13 and P.14. Our firm already qualifies for ten (10) of the categories in this Steam as Currently Substantiated. Using the 50% rule, can we apply for the two new categories as Newly unsubstantiated?

A 42:

Newly Unsubstantiated categories can only be awarded against Newly Substantiated Categories from this bid process. Unsubstantiated categories cannot be awarded using categories that received a positive reference from a previous bid process. Please refer to Attachment C, M5 article 7 (iii).

Q 43:

Question for current refresh closing March 31st, 2014.

We submitted for Tier 1 and Tier 2, but due to an issue with our insurance, we were not granted Tier 2.

We would like to reapply for Tier 2. What is required? Do I provide grandfather certification, so Tier 1 information is transferred over to Tier 2 automatically? So all I need to apply for Tier 2 is to provide grandfather certification and provide proof of insurance certificate? Please advise.

A 43:

Please refer to Solicitation Amendment 002: Q & A 3 (i), (ii), (iii).

Q 44:

If a company was qualified for the Tier 1 and Tier 2 in the last submission, but did not qualify for 2 categories in the Cyber Protection stream, do we just grandfather everything and input into CPSS the references to the categories that we did not meet.

A 44:

You would fall under Column D in the Submission Grid located in Component I, Part 3 article 1.4.

Q 45:

1. We are two existing TBIPS SA holders that will be bidding as a JV. Please confirm whether or not we are considered a new TBIPS bidder or an existing TBIPS bidder with the option to make use of the Grandfather Certification.

2. Re M4: Are we required to submit invoices to substantiate our billing or is providing the required information in the suggested table format sufficient?

3. Re M4: Can we claim the entire value of the contract as long as the finish date falls within the 3 years from bid closing or can we claim only the portion of the contract that falls within the 3 years?

A 45:

1. You are considered a new bidder. The Grandfather Certification does not apply.
2. Bidders are not required to submit invoices with the bid submission and the suggested table format is sufficient. However, for verification purposes Canada may request the bidder to provide invoices to meet M.4.
3. The start and end date represent the range of time in which the invoices were submitted to the client (invoice date). Only the portion relevant to IPS can be used.

Q 46:

We have a couple of questions regarding the CPSS data entry forms for M.5 (Category – Substantiation):

1. Is “Contract/Project Reference #” a mandatory or optional field?
2. Please confirm that the “Name of Resource” field is optional as it was in EN578-055605/E (Ref: EN578-055605/E, AMD 007, Q&A 87-1)

A 46:

1. This field is optional. Bidders must ensure that the details provided are sufficient so that when the reference is contacted, he (she) can properly substantiate that the work was performed for the given category.
2. This field is optional.

Q 47:

1. With regards to adding unsubstantiated categories (so long as we have the required number of substantiated categories) does Canada have a preference that we provide these categories as newly substantiated? The reason I ask is that we can certainly provide references in all areas of the TBIPS streams but it would save our firm much time & hassle if we already qualify to add the additional categories as unsubstantiated. If Canada does have a preference for substantiated categories then we will certainly proceed with this method.

2. With regards to the DCC and references I am uncertain about the bottom portion of the request (simple text pasted below), ie:

- (i) what does subsidiary refer to in this case.
- (ii) Would the name of subsidiary be “Company X” and the name of resource be the consultant(s) provided to our above listed client for the category reference?

Provided by

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Reference Provided by: Subsidiary
Name of Subsidiary:
Name of Resource:

A 47:

1. Please refer to Q & A 42 from this Solicitation Amendment.
2. (i) This field is optional. If the services were provided through a Subsidiary it can be identified in this cell.
(ii) Yes

Q 48:

For the TBIPS Refresh which closes March 31, 2014.

QUESTION:

In the last TBIPS Submission the reason our Tier 2 was not awarded was our "Insurance Form" wasn't accepted.

1) If we apply again for Tier 2, can we Grandfather all Streams/Categories from Tier 1 and simply include the individual Insurance Forms for all JV Members?

2) The online system has been cleared of all fields we entered in the last submission.

PWGSC has already done all verification.

A 48:

1) You would fall under Column D in the Submission Grid located in Component I, Part 3, article 1.4. Please refer to Attachment C and to Amendment 002, Q & A 3.

2) Regarding "The online system has been cleared of all fields we entered in the last submission":
Please refer to Clarification #1 from Solicitation Amendment 003.

Q 49:

My company is a TBIPS SA holder, and I would like to add two categories to my SA, C.9 Level III and C.10 Level III. My SA document states:

Quarterly Evaluation Schedule 2014/2015

Submission Period: January 2014 to March 31, 2014

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Submission due date (14:00 submit in DCC and at BRU March 31, 2014)

Evaluation Start Date: April 1, 2014

Estimated Award Date (subject to change): June 2014

A supplier may choose to submit a quarterly bid containing an entirely new arrangement, or may propose to modify its arrangement by adding or removing Categories. Participation in a quarterly evaluation is entirely optional and not required to maintain any TBIPS arrangement. However, all arrangements whether issued quarterly or as the result of a bid submitted on the bid closing date of a refresh bid solicitation will be replaced when a refresh bid solicitation occurs. Therefore, all bidders must submit a bid before the closing date of a refresh bid solicitation in order to continue to provide services under its resulting Supply Arrangement.

What information do I have to provide to qualify these categories?

A 49:

You would fall under column D in the Submission Grid located in Component I, Part 3, article 1.4.

Q 50:

The BID solicitation for TBIPS Supply Arrangements (SA) Module .3 Insurance requirements for SA Tier 2, the insurance certification, can you kindly, provide an address of the Certificate Holder? OR confirm that the below address is correct for the Certificate Holder.

Manager of the Informatics Method of Supply (IMOS)

Public Works and Government Services Canada

Acquisitions Branch

Informatics and Telecommunications Systems Procurement Directorate

Portage III - 0A1, 11 Laurier Street, Gatineau, Quebec, K1A 0S5

Telephone: 1-866-930-4667

E-mail address: RCNMDAI.-NCRIMOS@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

Attention:

A 50:

IMOS would not be the Certificate Holder. The addresses identified on your insurance documents would be those of your company and your insurance company.

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Q 51:

In M5, point 5. a), PWGSC refers to a “table” that will be included in the email to our references. What will be in this table? Please provide an example.

A 51:

The table would include:

Category	YES	NO	UNABLE	Contract / Reference Number
(Example: A.9 System Auditor)				(Example: AU333200b)

Q 52:

In Component 1 – Attachment C – Article M.5 – item 5 – example of an email that PWGSC will send to all the references provided in the bid submission, it says:

“Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) has received a bid from (*Insert Bidder's legal name*) to provide informatics professional services to the federal government. As part of PWGSC's evaluation process, your name and contact information were provided by the Bidder as the project reference that could substantiate that the Bidder has provided informatics professional services that:

a) closely match the TBIPS Categories listed in the table below. (For a description of the TBIPS Categories, please see the following link (<http://www.tpsgc.gc.ca/app-acq/sptb-tbps/categories-eng.html>)).....”

Question:

We would like to know what is the “table” that will be sent with the email? Is it a copy of the reference screen that includes the reference number and the name of the resource that provided the informatics professional services?

A 52:

Please refer to Q & A 51 from this Solicitation Amendment.