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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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Title - Sujet DRMIS PROF SVCS FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8474-126279/D	Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W8474-126279	Date 2014-06-20
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$XQ-008-27724	
File No. - N° de dossier 008xq.W8474-126279	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2014-07-22	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Hradecky, Micahel	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 008xq
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Instructions: See Herein

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Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
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

Public Works and Government Services Canada
Request for Proposal (RFP) For
Defence Resource Management Information System (DRMIS)
and SIGMA System Support Services
Solicitation No. W8487-126279/D

Note, questions are numerically sequenced upon arrival at PWGSC. A question and its answer will be provided via BuyandSell as the response becomes available. Potential bidders are therefore advised that questions and answers may be issued via BuyandSell out of sequence. The following questions have been received from a potential bidder. In accordance with Article 13 under 2003 Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements (2014-03-01) which has been incorporated into the RFP in accordance with Article 1 of Part 2 of the RFP, the questions and corresponding answers are provided to all potential bidders as set out below:

Question 1:

I am trying to see how long this contract is for? I can see the options to extend (as pasted in below) but I cannot find how long is the actual contract, is it a 1,2,5 year etc.

8. Term of Contract

8.1. Period of the Contract

The period of this Contract is from the date of contract award to _____ inclusive.

8.2 Option to Extend the Contract

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to extend the term of the Contract by up to 5 additional one-year periods under the same conditions. The Contractor agrees that, during the extended period of the Contract, it will be paid in accordance with the applicable provisions as set out in the Basis of Payment.

Answer 1:

In accordance with Annex B-1 – Basis of Payment DRMIS and Annex B-2 – Basis of Payment SIGMA, the initial contract period will be for a length of 3 years, commencing on the date of contract award.

Question 2:

Reference RFP page 1.

We would like to request an extension of the closing date of at least 5 weeks to 26 August, 2014 for the following reasons:

To meet the requirements and score well enough to be competitive will require extensive resource and project research and partnering discussions, all of which will take considerable time. Failure to have sufficient time may result in our firm no-bidding this opportunity.

Working with partners during the summer holiday season is difficult at best, and a non-starter (or no-bid) at the worst.

Given the addition of PWGSC – SIGMA to the RFP, it has changed since the draft RFP, so prior bidding plans need to be modified to accommodate this addition.

Answer 2:

We are not considering an extension to the RFP at this time.

Question 3:

Ref: ATTACHMENT A – TECHNICAL EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA; 3. RESOURCE TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA; C. Resource Point-rated Technical Evaluation; Application Solution Architect (ASA) R4 requirement for all 3 positions: FI, PM, and MM.

It would be common for an ASA to have demonstrated many project management roles, such as team leadership, technical issues, release content planning, some estimating of time required, and some status reporting. However, typical duties would not generally include the creation of the Project Management Plan, mastery of Project Management Software (MSProject, Primavera) for complex dependency management & resource levelling, Business Case creation, overall schedule and scope management, resourcing, resolving client non-technical issues, timesheets, billings, preparation for and delivery to major status meetings, etc. which are within the scope of a Project Manager. Architects are typically responsible for the overall design and then roll off the project once the design is complete. Furthermore, the tasks to be performed by the ASA, as detailed on page 107/202 have very limited project management requirements:

- b. Development and submission of an Implementation Plan for system expansion, including estimates of time, cost and scope; and
- p. Assist the project manager in managing issues relevant to their solution areas;

We respectfully request that the requirement for a PMP or equivalent certification be modified to add the project management related tasks as specified in the task list (b. and p.) as acceptable equivalents that, if demonstrated, would score 100%. This addition would provide DND/PWGSC with the resources that have demonstrated ability to do the required tasks as specified. This change will result in appropriately qualified resources as opposed to overqualified and hence more expensive resources.

Answer 3:

The PMP or equivalent was determined to be a valid skill set for this resource category and, as such, is included as a rated criteria.

Question 4:**Ref: : Annex F-1 and Annex F-2, Assessment for Resource Evaluation at Task Authorization, under Application Solution Architect, Required Qualifications**

- b. Development and submission of an Implementation Plan for system expansion, including estimates of time, cost and scope; and

The above task specifies that the ASA is responsible to create estimates of 'cost'. Since the ASA normally will have no knowledge of the per diem rates which are in the contract, we respectfully request that the 'cost' be removed – as it is in the scope of the Project Manager. May we suggest that this be reworded to:

- b. Development and submission of an Implementation Plan for system expansion, including estimates of scope; duration (number of working days), and effort (person-days) by category, and;

Answer 4:

Although it will not be the sole responsibility of the ASA to provide cost estimates, knowledge is required to support the Project Manager. It was determined that this is a valid skill set for this resource category and, as such, is included as a rated criteria.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RFP WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.