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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AMENDMENT

The Request for Proposal is hereby amended; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal remain the same.

RFP Amendment No. 7	RFP Amendment Date: July 7, 2014
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer File No. ECRS-RFP-13-0702	
Title: Event Field Office Services (EFOS)	
Request for Proposal Closing Date: July 23, 2014 2:00pm (ET)	
ENQUIRIES – address enquiries to the Contracting Authority: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada Procurement and Contracting Services 30 Victoria Street Gatineau (QC) K1A 0M6 proposition-proposal@elections.ca	
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Part 1. Interpretation

- 1.1** Elections Canada hereby amends in accordance with this amendment the Request for Proposal for Event Field Office Services (EFOS) bearing number ECRS-RFP-13-0702 and dated June 2, 2014 (the "RFP"). This amendment hereby forms part of the RFP.
- 1.2** Unless defined herein or unless the context otherwise requires, all of the words and phrases defined in the RFP and used in this amendment shall have the same meanings assigned to them in the RFP.

Part 2. Questions and Answers

The following questions have been asked in response to the RFP and Elections Canada hereby answers as follows:

2.1 Question No. 47

Question: Reference Section 4.1.1 (d) and Section 6.1.1 (d) would the Crown change the requirement to VT-x or AMDV as opposed to VT-x and AMDV?

Answer: Yes. The RFP is hereby amended in accordance with section 3.1 of this amendment.

2.2 Question No. 48

Question: Reference Section 7.1.1 (d) and 8.1.1 (d) high-performance duplexer: capable of handling two-sided printing on 90 lb index paper with horizontal perforations. Would the Crown modify the requirement to 32 lb as the specs provided in this section are consistent with an office printer that supports duplex printing of typical office paper and heavier stock is typically fed through the bypass tray. There are limited printers available that meet this requirement however they are typically large format (11 x 17) floor standing models.

Answer: Yes. The RFP is hereby amended in accordance with section 3.2 of this amendment.

2.3 Question No. 49

Question: Reference: Section 2.1.1(h) Our proposed server offers a total of 8 x USB ports. Only 3 of the ports are the USB 3.0 while the rest is USB 2.0. Would the Crown please change the requirement for the minimum amount of the USB 3.0 ports from 4 to 3 so that we can bid our server.

Answer: As per our response to Question #25, Elections Canada accepts two USB 3.0 and two USB 2.0 interface ports.

2.4 Question No. 50

Question: Reference Section 2.1.1(d) Will the Crown accept a 2.5GHz 4-core processor as an equivalent/better to a 3-core processor model?

Answer: Yes. The RFP is hereby amended in accordance with section 3.3 of this amendment.

2.5 Question No. 51

Question: Reference Section 2.1.1(d) The VT-X and AMD-V are virtualization technologies unique to Intel and AMD processors respectively. Servers usually support one of these technologies, depending on the processor used but not both. Would the Crown change the requirement so that it states 'VT-X or AMD-V'.

Answer: Yes. The RFP is hereby amended in accordance with section 3.3 of this amendment.

2.6 Question No. 52

Question: Under Appendix A to Annex A – SOW: 4.1.1(d) states: 2.2 GHz processor with three cores that natively supports Intel VT-x and AMDV with ability to enable it via BIOS;

1. It is technically impossible to have Intel's VT-X and AMDV's technology on one single processor. Please confirm only one of the two technologies is required.

A 2.2Ghz processor with three cores is a AMD processor (AMD Phenom 8550) released in Q2 2009. Please see the public benchmarks of the processor versus modern technology. [http://www.cpubenchmark.net/compare.php?cmp\[\]=290&cmp\[\]=1947](http://www.cpubenchmark.net/compare.php?cmp[]=290&cmp[]=1947)

Answer: Please refer to response provided for Question #47.

2.7 Question No. 53

Question: To ensure Elections Canada obtains exactly what they desire, as it seems the specifications are from 2009, would they please supply industry with the minimum processor allowed to be bid based on the current generation of intel and AMD processors or the minimum 'CPU Mark' based on <http://www.cpubenchmark.net/>?

Answer: Elections Canada seeks to obtain current production releases of required technologies. Please refer to responses provided for Question #47 and Question #51.

2.8 Question No. 54

Question: Reference Section 2.3.1 As specified in a Packaging Notice and associated Blueprints, the Contractor must supply any of the following Consumable Goods related to the use of Business Servers:

- (a) USB 3.0 memory sticks;
- (b) writable CD-R+ 700 MB disks; and
- (c) any other similar Business Server consumable goods.

Would the Crown please provide some estimates for the consumables listed above

Answer: The ROTC is currently finalizing Field Office configurations and system designs, and Business Server Consumable Goods have not yet been determined.

Elections Canada intends to provide the Contractor with advanced notice of any official Blueprints and Field Office configurations to enable the Contractor to acquire any required Consumable Goods. As stated in paragraph 2.3.1(c) of Appendix A to Annex A – Statement of Work, Elections Canada may order Business Server Consumable Goods that are not expressly stated in paragraph 2.3.1 (a) and (b). In all cases, the Contractor must ensure such Consumable Goods are compatible with the devices.

2.9 Question No. 55

Question: Reference Section 7.1.1 (j) ink cartridge yield above 10,000 copies @ 5% coverage; Would the Crown please modify this requirement to “toner cartridge yield of 7,000 or more copies @ 5% coverage?”

Answer: Yes. The RFP is hereby amended in accordance with section 3.4 of this amendment.

2.10 Question No. 56

Question: Reference Section 8.1.1 (j) ink cartridge yield above 30,000 copies @ 5% coverage; Would the Crown please modify this requirement to “toner cartridge yield of 12,000 or more copies @ 5% coverage?”

Answer: During Events, typical RO Offices print between 40,000 and 60,000 pages from their Large Monochrome Printers. To minimize printing disruptions during heavy printing activities, Elections Canada requires high-yield toner cartridges that have greater capacity than 12,000.

To minimize disruptions and optimize the use of toner cartridges, Elections Canada hereby amends subsection 8.1.1 (j) of Appendix A to Annex A – Statement of Work as follows: “(j) toner cartridge yield above 20,000 copies @ 5% coverage;”. Please see section 3.5 of this amendment.

Part 3. Amendments

3.1 Amendment to Appendix A – Hardware and Software Requirements to Annex A – Statement of Work

The RFP is hereby amended by deleting paragraphs 4.1.1(d) and 6.1.1(d) of Appendix A – Hardware and Software Requirements to Annex A – Statement of Work in their entirety and replacing them with the following:

4.1.1 (d) 2.2 GHz processor with four cores that natively supports Intel VT-x or AMD-V with ability to enable it via BIOS;

6.1.1 (d) 2.5 GHz processor with four cores that natively supports Intel VT-x or AMD-V with ability to enable it via BIOS;

3.2 Amendment to Appendix A – Hardware and Software Requirements to Annex A – Statement of Work

The RFP is hereby amended by deleting paragraphs 7.1.1(d) and 8.1.1(d) of Appendix A – Hardware and Software Requirements to Annex A – Statement of Work in their entirety and replacing them with the following:

7.1.1 (d) high-performance duplexer: capable of handling two-sided printing on 32 lb index paper with horizontal perforations;

8.1.1 (d) d) high-performance duplexer: capable of handling two-sided printing on 32 lb index paper with horizontal perforations;

3.3 Amendment to Appendix A – Hardware and Software Requirements to Annex A – Statement of Work

The RFP is hereby amended by deleting paragraph 2.1.1(d) of Appendix A – Hardware and Software Requirements to Annex A – Statement of Work in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

2.1.1(d) 2.5 GHz processor with four cores that natively supports Intel VT-x or AMD-V with ability to enable it via BIOS;

3.4 Amendment to Appendix A – Hardware and Software Requirements to Annex A – Statement of Work

The RFP is hereby amended by deleting paragraph 7.1.1(j) of Appendix A – Hardware and Software Requirements to Annex A – Statement of Work in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

7.1.1(j) toner cartridge yield above 7,000 copies @ 5% coverage;

3.5 Amendment to Appendix A – Hardware and Software Requirements to Annex A – Statement of Work

The RFP is hereby amended by deleting paragraph 8.1.1(j) of Appendix A – Hardware and Software Requirements to Annex A – Statement of Work in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

8.1.1(j) toner cartridge yield above 20,000 copies @ 5% coverage;