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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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To provide the attachment to Solicitation Amendment 004
See attached document - Solicitation Amendment 004.pdf

Solicitation No. 51019-144005/A
Solicitation Amendment No. 004
Title : Nurse Services

This solicitation is hereby amended to provide the following questions and answers :

Question 1 :

On page 6 of 21, under 5. Applicable Laws, the RFP reads that "Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Prince Edward Island." Can you confirm if Prince Edward Island should read Quebec?

Answer 1 :

Bidders may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their bid, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the bidders.

Question 2 :

On page 16 of 23, under 7.3 Travel and Living Expenses, the RFP provides an Estimated cost of travel as \$200.00 per Contract Year. Can you please confirm that this should read \$2,000.00 as indicated in Annex B Basis of Payment?

Answer 2 :

This should read \$2,000.00 per contract year.

Question 3 :

We note that a Bachelor's degree is a requirement for all nurses proposed. This mandatory requirement eliminates diploma nurses with extensive experience who are extremely qualified to deliver the nursing consultation services required under this contract. Would the Department of Veterans Affairs consider revising this requirement to include diploma nurses with a specific number of years' experience?

Answer 3 :

A diploma in nursing with a specific number of years experience is not acceptable. Graduation with a degree from a recognized university with an acceptable specialization in nursing as described in Mandatory 1 is the minimum standard for each proposed person to provide Field Office Contract Nurse services.

Question 4 :

Annex A, SOW, Page 4 of 6, Section 7.2 – Is training for replacement personnel the responsibility of our primary Nurse or will it be provided by VAC?

Answer 4 :

The contract requires backup and replacement personnel. The backup person is someone who is available to fill in for the primary nurse when she/he is unavailable due to vacation or illness. The replacement personnel is someone who will replace the primary or backup person if they leave the contract.

VAC will provide training for the primary and backup nurse at the same time (at the beginning of the contract) and the contractor will be paid for the training time. The contractor is responsible for paying the replacement personnel while they are in training but VAC will provide training.

Question 5 :

Annex D to tender notice indicates that the proposed person must have a recognized university degree. Is a university certificate in mental health accepted as a university degree?

Answer 5 :

No, a university certificate in mental health is not acceptable.

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Question 6 :

We have a resource we would like to propose who worked as a registered nurse for Veterans Affairs Canada in Montréal (VAC Montréal) in 2001-2002 and who holds a recognized Quebec college diploma (DEC). Given her experience with VAC Montréal in 2001-2002 and her Province of Quebec DEC as a registered clinical nurse, we would like to know if this individual with her work experience and qualifications can be proposed as a resource for these tenders.

Answer 6:

A diploma in nursing with a specific number of years experience is not acceptable. Graduation with a degree from a recognized university with an acceptable specialization in nursing as described in Mandatory 1 is the minimum standard for each proposed person to provide Field Office Contract Nurse services.

Question 7 :

Why do you now require a university degree in Quebec, when before a Quebec DEC used to be enough? We would like to know why a university degree is mandatory in Quebec when the DEC is recognized throughout the province of Quebec?

Answer 7:

A diploma in nursing with a specific number of years experience is not acceptable. Graduation with a degree from a recognized university with an acceptable specialization in nursing as described in Mandatory 1 is the minimum standard for each proposed person to provide Field Office Contract Nurse services.

Question 8

We are asking for a few more days to receive your answers and address them accordingly

Answer 8

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Question 9

The words « milieu de santé communautaire » in French (community health nursing) are not defined in Annex D and do not mean the same thing as « soins dans la communauté » (community-based care). Therefore, for the purpose of the tender notice, can community-based care be provided in community health settings, such as CLSCs, ambulatory clinics and nursing stations in remote areas? Or do you require that the resource has provided care specifically “in a residence, in a home”, i.e. in a “home care” situation?

Answer 9

Indeed care can be provided in various settings – the client must be residing at home and not in a hospital or long term care or other type of facility.

The nurse providing this care delivers it to the clients in their home, in a CLSC clinic or other type of outpatient clinic.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

If your bid has already been forwarded and you wish to revise same, this revision should be sent either in a sealed envelope and mailed to the above address or by facsimile (506) 851-6759 and reach the undersigned before the appropriate closing date. The solicitation number and the closing date are to be shown on the outside of the sealed envelope or on the facsimile transmission.