

Questions and Answers for solicitation # K2AA0-14-0012

Q-1 “The Bidder must hold a valid Designated Organization Screening (DOS), with approved document safeguarding at the level of PROTECTED B issued by the Canadian Industrial Security Directorate (CISD), Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) at the time of response to this request for proposal. In order to demonstrate this requirement, the bidder must provide a copy of the confirmation letter from CISD for the DOS with Document Safeguarding – PROTECTED B registration with the proposal.”

Our organization has a valid Designated Organization Screening (DOS) at the level of PROTECTED B issued by the Canadian Industrial Security Directorate (CISD), Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) BUT without approved Document Safeguarding. Does that disqualify our company from bidding on this contract? I was under the impression that as long as the CBI documents are returned/destroyed at the end of the contract, Document Safeguarding approval is not required.

A-1 Designated Organization Screening (DOS), with **approved document safeguarding** at the level of PROTECTED B is absolutely necessary for this requirement.

Q-2 To allow us to submit a competitive bid, would Environment Canada consider eliminating the “document safeguarding” security designation in Mandatory Criterion #2 or replacing it with “SECRET Facility Security Clearance” designation?

A-2 Designated Organization Screening (DOS), with **approved document safeguarding** at the level of PROTECTED B is absolutely necessary for this requirement.

Q-3 M1 requires all team members to have security clearance at the time of bid submission. However, not all team members will have access to, or will require access to, confidential information. This requirement should only apply to the project manager and team members who will have access to confidential information.

A-3 EC requires **all team members** to have security clearance at the time of bid submission.

Q-4 Mandatory qualification requirements: M3 requires a team member to have a degree in chemical engineering, mechanical engineering or environmental engineering – this is unnecessarily prescriptive and should be expanded to science degrees in related disciplines in combination with relevant post-graduate experience. [for example, someone with a BSc in mechanical engineering and 7 years of experience in mechanical engineering in an area unrelated to this study would meet this M3 criterion whereas someone with a PhD in environmental science and 20 years of experience in

the study of the health and environmental impacts of chemicals used in various industrial sectors (i.e. directly relevant to the study) would not]

A-4 The Scope of Work includes several tasks. For example, this includes, but is not limited to:

- Developing a Canadian aircraft industry sector profile;
- Identification of chemicals of interest specific to the aircraft industry sector;
- Mapping chemicals of interest over the aircraft life-cycle;
- Providing a review of industry driven information exchange tools;
- Providing a review of existing control measures both domestically and internationally, articulation of roles and responsibilities between various tiers within the aircraft sector;
- Identifying existing government-industry practices/forums both domestically and internationally.

These tasks are considered to require the mandatory requirement M3.