

Various Senior Cyber Protection Services Class Resources to Provide Level 2 support to the Federal Information Protection Centre

REQUEST FOR PROPSAL

AMENDMENT NO. 1

This RFP amendment No. 1 is raised to;

- 1- Provide the cover page of the RFP;
- 2- Provide Word versions of the RFP documents;
- 3- Publish Canada's responses to Industry questions received during the question period.

1. **The RFP cover page is included in this RFP amendment.**
2. **The Word versions of the RFP have been posted as Attachments on buy&sell.gc.ca.**
3. **Publish Canada's responses to Industry questions received during the question period.**

Question	Answer
#1- With respect to the subject solicitation, is there now or has there been within the past 12 months an incumbent company providing these or similar services to Shared Services Canada? If so, please advise who the incumbent company is and the value and duration of the contract.	Bell SCNet PS contract expires Dec 31, 2014. \$2,980,000.00 approx. for one year.
#2- With regard to the above mentioned Solicitation, would it be possible to have the 1st page of the RFP sent as it appears to be missing from the RFP. Could we also request a word version of the document?	The requested documents are included in this RFP amendment.
#3- In the interest of allowing more competitive responses from smaller suppliers, and still acting as the Lead Member would the Crown allow us to combine corporate capabilities with other companies that want to partner with us so that together we can meet the corporate requirements.	SSC will not recognize corporate experience claimed through other types of partnerships. For the purposes of this RFP, only Joint Ventures registered as a formalized TBIPS Tier 2 entity prior to solicitation posting will be recognized.
#4- There are some resource categories where the security requirement is Top Secret while others are Secret. Would the Crown consider receiving bids based on categories that are only Secret or Top Secret?	No. The Crown will not accept bids on Secret, or Top Secret categories only.

<p>#5- Due to the size and complexity of the required response, we respectfully request an extension of two weeks, to move the bid closing to October 1, 2014.</p>	<p>No. Canada will not grant this extension request.</p>
<p>#6- Given the magnitude of this RFP (i.e the number of resources required as well as the number of locations/depts that will be using the resulting contract), we acknowledge that only TBIPS SA Holders for Tier 2 are invited to compete. However, we also note that the corporate requirements are extremely difficult to meet for any 1 company and that this could therefore seriously restrict the playing field to only 1 or 2 very large companies. There are some strong midsize companies in the NCR who are Tier 2 SA Holders and have depth of availability and quality in a few of the required resource categories but not all, while other strong midsize companies in the NCR who are Tier 2 SA Holders have depth of availability and quality in other categories. In order to allow better competition on this RFP (which is both healthy and necessary) and a better pool of available quality resources for SSC, please confirm that 2 or more Tier 2 SA Holders can submit a response as a JV provided 1 of the JV members is identified as the lead member of the JV.</p>	<p>Current, formalized TBIPS Tier 2 joint venture entities are permitted to bid. SSC will not recognize corporate experience claimed through other types of partnerships.</p>

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS INVITATION TO QUALIFY
REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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Following is a summary of Amendments issued to date to this Request for Proposal (RFP)

Document Tracking	Date	Description
Amendment No. 001	August 26, 2014	Administrative changes and published responses to questions