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SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
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The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

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Solicitation Amendment No. 1

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING A BID IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 7, 2014 FROM THE ORIGINAL DATE OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014.

Questions and Answers Set No. 1

Question No. 1: In regards to Solicitation number A0109-133103/A - Statement of Work - Appendix 1 - Glossary and Acronyms the Crown provides a definition of Business Intelligence as well as one for an Enterprise Data Warehouse. In Annex D - Bid Evaluation Criteria - a number of the mandatory and rated requirements request corporate and Resource Experience with BI and EDW solutions such as M1.1.3, MA3, MB2, MD1, MG1, MH2, RA3, RB1, RB7, RC4, RD5, RD7, RE4, RF3, RG4, RG5, and RH1. Please clarify if the experience must be based on an environment that is comprised of a data warehouse, data marts and a BI tool to meet these criteria?

Response No. 1: Yes, the experience must be based on an environment that is comprised of a data warehouse, data marts and a BI tool to meet these criteria.

In order to help alleviate confusion, the following definition is added to Appendix 1, Annex A - DIAND Enterprise Data Warehouse Technical Environment and Glossary:

BI/EDW environment: a technical environment comprising both an enterprise data warehouse (EDW) and business intelligence (BI) capacity that includes data warehousing, data marts, and a BI analytical reporting tool(s).

Question No. 2: In regards to Solicitation Number A0109-133103/A - Annex D - Bid Evaluation Criteria - MG1 the crown has asked for experience managing enterprise level BI/EDW AND/OR analytical reporting projects. These skillsets are very different in BI/EDW projects versus analytical reporting projects. An analytical reporting project may use a variety of tools such as Crystal Reports, Excel, MS SQL Reporting Services, etc. Please clarify if it is required for the resource to have experience with Cognos BI environments or would any analytical reporting project experience qualify?

Response No. 2: Please delete the original wording for criterion MG1 and replace with the following:

“The proposed resource must demonstrate that they possess three (3) full years of experience in the past ten (10) years managing enterprise level BI/EDW based analytical reporting projects (over 100 users).”

Prospective Bidders should also keep in mind the new “BI/EDW environment” definition added to Appendix 1, Annex A - DIAND Enterprise Data Warehouse Technical Environment and Glossary as noted in Question and Answer no. 1 above.

Question No. 3: In regards to Solicitation Number A0109-133103/A - Annex D - Bid Evaluation Criteria - MH2 - the crown has asked for experience as a business analyst in the development or maintenance of enterprise level BI/EDW AND/OR analytical reporting projects. These skillsets are very different in BI/EDW projects versus analytical reporting projects. An analytical reporting project may use a variety of tools such as Crystal Reports, Excel, MS SQL Reporting Services, etc. Please clarify if it is required for the resource to have experience with Cognos BI environments or would any analytical reporting project experience qualify?

Response No. 3: Please delete the original wording for criterion MH2 and replace with the following:

“The proposed resource must demonstrate that they possess two (2) full years of experience in the past five (5) years working as a business analyst in the development or maintenance of enterprise level BI/EDW based analytical reporting solutions.”

Prospective Bidders should also keep in mind the new “BI/EDW environment” definition added to Appendix 1, Annex A - DIAND Enterprise Data Warehouse Technical Environment and Glossary as noted in Question and Answer no. 1 above.

Question No. 4: In regards to Solicitation Number A0109-133103/A - we would like to request a two week extension to the closing date.

Response No. 4: The Crown will extend the closing date of the solicitation until October 7th, 2014.

Question No. 5: In MC2, the Data Conversion Specialist is required to have experience with IBM InfoSphere DataStage 8.1. In RC2, the resource must have over five years of experience with IBM InfoSphere DataStage 8.1 to obtain full points; however, IBM InfoSphere DataStage 8.1 was only released by IBM in late 2008. This will excessively restrict the number of resources who could meet this criterion. In order for the Crown to obtain best value, would AANDC accept experience with other comparable ETL tools offered by IBM such as IBM Data Manager or IBM DecisionStream?"

Response No. 5: Please delete the original wording for criterion RC2 and replace with the following: "The proposed resource must demonstrate that they possess experience developing ETL scripts and jobs using IBM InfoSphere DataStage v8 or above.

7pts = 1 to 2yrs;

14pts = 2+ yrs to 3 yrs;

21pts: 3+ yrs to 5 yrs;

30pts = 5+ yrs"

Question No. 6: Mandatory Requirements: Corporate Experience 1.1.3 requires experience providing 6 different resources on BI/DW projects over 3 different contract/project summaries. Since firms are required to demonstrate their ability to provide BI/DW resources by proposing 9 different candidates, we would like to request that the corporate experience allow projects that are not necessarily in the BI/DW realm but any IT projects.

Response No. 6: The Crown is not considering the suggested amendment. The requirement remains as originally stated.

Noted RFP changes:**Change No. 1: at Part 4 - Evaluation Procedures and basis of Selection, 4.1(c):**

Insert: (iv) **"Requests for Further Information:** if Canada requires additional information in order to do any of the following pursuant to the Section entitled "Conduct of Evaluation" in 2003, Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements:

verify any or all information provided by the Bidder in its bid; or contact any or all references supplied by the Bidder (e.g., references named in the résumés of individual resources) to verify and validate any information submitted by the Bidder, the Bidder must provide the information requested by Canada within 2 working days of a request by the Contracting Authority".

Change No. 2: at RG5 in Annex D and Annex E:

Delete: the scoring scoring grid;

Insert: 7pts = 3+ yrs to 5yrs;

14pts = 5+ yrs to 8yrs;

20pts = 8+ yrs.