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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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Signature	Date

SOLICITATION No.: A0109-130009/A**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)****FOR CONTRACT AGAINST A SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT
FOR TASK-BASED INFORMATICS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (TBIPS)****REQUIRED BY****DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT****AMENDMENT NO. 5**

This amendment is raised to answer Bidders' questions.

1 BIDDERS' QUESTIONS:

Question No.	Question	Response
31	Amendment 1, Answer 5 modified the RC2 criterion in the Data Conversion Specialist category to include older versions of the DataStage ETL tool. Given the resource must possess experience with InfoSphere DataStage in the mandatory criterion MC2, it is unnecessarily restrictive to only accept experience with DataStage in RC2 given that this criterion accounts for 7% of the points in that category. We request that the Crown adjust the requirement to include other comparable ETL tools such as IBM Data Manager, IBM DecisionStream, etc.	The Crown is not considering the requested amendment.
32	Ref 1: A0109-130009/A, Amendment 2, Q&A 9, dated 2014-09-24, "Due to the small pool of resources and the large number of firms invited, would the Crown permit subcontractors to bid with more than one vendor? No." Ref 2: A0109-133103/A, Aboriginal Set-Aside, Q&A 7, dated 2014-09-29, "Yes, A sub-contracting resource may be named in multiple vendor bids". Ref 3: A0109-130009/A, Amendment 4, dated 2014-09-30, "NOTE: Under Amendment No.2,	The Crown will extend the closing date of the solicitation until October 15th, 2014.

Response No. 9: DELETE: "No." INSERT: "A sub-contracting resource may be named in multiple vendor bids".

The first clarification above had a significant impact on bidders' responses: based upon the original RFP, we had selected resources who have now been disqualified. Consequently, bidders' proposal responses were set back several weeks such that we could identify alternate resources and re-start the process of responding with them.

The second clarification above, being in opposition to the first, threw our proposal responses into utter confusion: having stopped work on our original candidates, we had to ask whether we were to stop work on our alternate candidates and re-start the original ones, if that is even possible?

The third clarification above has now reconciled the difference, but at this point, our proposal responses have been de-railed: some of us will be continuing with the alternate candidates and others are trying to re-start with the original candidates.

Please understand that neither option is as simple and straightforward as it might appear from the outside, and the confusion might give one bidder a competitive advantage over the others. Also recognize that most bidders, including this one, will have planned to submit responses to both RFPs. Finally, note that this confusion has arisen at the eleventh hour, within a week of the closing date.

This is a large-scale procurement, critical to both AANDC and the vendor community. In the interests of a fair procurement process, please extend the closing date by at least two weeks, i.e. 21 October 2014.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RFP REMAIN UNCHANGED.