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Revision to a Request for a Standing Offer
Révision à une demande d'offre à commandes
National Master Standing Offer (NMSO)
Offre à commandes principale et nationale (OCPN)

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

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication
contraire, les modalités de l'offre demeurent les mêmes.

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Title - Sujet SO - HUMAN FACTORS	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W7707-145734/A	Date 2014-10-02
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W7707-14-5734	Amendment No. - N° modif. 002
File No. - N° de dossier HAL-4-73066 (305)	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$HAL-305-9339	
Date of Original Request for Standing Offer Date de la demande de l'offre à commandes originale 2014-09-19	
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2014-10-07	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Collier, Susan	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur hal305
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (902) 496-5350 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX (902) 496-5016
Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	
Security - Sécurité This revision does not change the security requirements of the Offer. Cette révision ne change pas les besoins en matière de sécurité de la présente offre.	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Acknowledgement copy required	Yes - Oui	No - Non
Accusé de réception requis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer. Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre.		
Signature	Date	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of offeror. (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du proposant. (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)		
For the Minister - Pour le Ministre		

Amendment 002 is being incorporated to answer questions from potential bidders:

Question 1:

1. On page 3 of Amendment to the RFSO the Crown outlines “Human Factors Engineering” as an occupational category.

***Human Factors Engineering** - is concerned with the application of human factors to the analysis, development, design, certification, operation, and maintenance of human-machine systems. These systems may be used in command and control environments for, but not limited to, military planning, options analysis, or mission management.*

One of the occupational categories in the RFSO is Human Factors Engineer. Does the Crown expect resources in this category to hold a valid Professional Engineer certification (P.Eng)?

Answer 1:

No they do not need a Professional Engineer certification.

Question 2:

Can the Crown please define what types of publications beyond peer reviewed publications would be considered as compliant, for example technical reports?

Answer 2:

Technical reports, DRDC / DND Contractor Reports, Contractor reports for non-DND organizations. Other types of published reports may also be included where they provide evidence of relevant expertise.

Question 3:

Can the Crown confirm that the total evaluated experience for a candidate includes overlapping project experience?

Answer 3:

Evaluation is based on team competency, not individual candidates, as per the Proposed Team and Company Criteria table. Experience of one candidate may be relevant to multiple criterion and mentioned more than once with relevant emphasis placed on the particular criterion.

Question 4:

In Annex E on page 29 of the RFSO the Crown states the following:

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL 140 POINTS MAX / 105 POINTS MIN

The Bidder should demonstrate understanding of the:

- a) Potential scope, research approaches, and methodologies; (50 points)*
- b) General proposed approach to work plan and deliverables; (50 points)*
- c) Recognition of direct as well as peripheral problems and solutions proposed.*

Can the Crown please define the difference between direct versus peripheral problems (as per item c above)?

Answer 4:

Direct problems are directly related to the specific type of research. Peripheral problems may be more general in nature but still have some impact on getting the research done. Assessment is based on identification of a comprehensive list of all potential problems and their solutions (not their categorization as direct or peripheral problems).

Question 5:

Annex B: Basis of Payment Page 27 states (TO BE DETERMINED). Could the Crown please confirm that it intends to publish an updated Annex B: Basis of Payment?

- a. If the answer is no, could the Crown confirm that it would like separate firm hourly rates based on the various occupational categories and levels (Sr., Int. and Jr) for the three years of the contract duration?

Answer 5:

Separate hourly rates are required for the various Occupational Categories and levels.

Question 6

The score substantiation of Item b) of the point rated management criteria on page 33 of the RFP states the following:

“21-30: Excellent. The bidder’s organization has provided extensive evidence to show experience/competence proven by work in all related fields that may be required, and has provided evidence that subcontractors possess relevant experience in related projects within their domain of expertise.”

Could the Crown please confirm that it is referring to; Human factors knowledge and research in maritime command, control, communication (C3I), human sciences, physical ergonomics, human simulation and modelling, systems simulation and modelling, and scenario and experiment design, with regards to “work in all related fields” in the statement above.

Answer 6:

This is correct.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME