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AMENDMENT TO INVITATION TO QUALIFY MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION À SE QUALIFIER

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THIS SOLICITATION AMENDMENT IS ISSUED TO:

Publish Canada's Responses to Respondents' questions and to modify the ITQ.

NOTE: Respondents' clarification questions are numerically sequenced upon arrival at SSC. Respondents are hereby advised that questions and answers for this solicitation may be issued via BuyandSell.gc.ca out of sequence.

Question 2:

I have a question in regards to solicitation 10040747/A - Data Centre Server and Storage Infrastructure.

The question is would Shared Services Canada (SSC) consider proposals for solutions that are housed in non SSC data centres? *Company* and *Company* International have data centre capacity in Canada which could be leveraged for this type of opportunity. We also have the associated professional services resource capabilities, but don't generally make them available for solutions outside of our own data centre environments. As a result, we are wondering if you would entertain a proposal that would be hosted in our environment?

Answer 2:

At this time, Canada will only consider proposals for solutions that primarily meet SSC's requirement of being managed on premises in SSC's data centres across Canada.

Question 4:

Given the complexity of the reference requirements and the teaming possibilities of this ITQ, we request a 3 week extension in order to provide the best possible response to SSC.

Answer 4:

Please refer to Canada's response to Question 3.

Question 5:

Sections 1.3.8 (Page 6 of 48) and Annex B (page 33 of 48) of the ITQ document reference technologies from the previous generation of UNIX systems. This terminology includes "RISC" and "PA-RISC". We request that the sections be updated to include "EPIC Architecture" and "Itanium processor" as follows:

Section 1.3.8 (Category 1 - Server and Storage Infrastructure)

General and specific purpose converged infrastructure based on X86 or RISC/EPIC architecture for the purposes of running Windows and Linux or Unix operating systems. Standalone servers and physical and virtual storage product solutions to support online and offline storage requirements.

Annex B

A UNIX server is a server that conforms to the latest IEEE/Open group POSIX.1 standard (IEEE Std 1003.1, 2013 Edition). The chipset architecture can include SPARC/Itanium/Power.

Answer 5:

See Modification 003 and 004.

Question 6:

We are requesting a 3 week extension to the bid closing date due to the in-depth analysis that must be completed to ensure qualification.

Answer 6:

Please refer to Canada's response to Question 3.

Modification 003:

On Page 8 of 49 of the ITQ, Section 1.3.8, Table 2: DCSSI Requirements Summary, Category 1, Server and Storage Infrastructure:

Delete: General and specific purpose converged infrastructure based on X86 or RISC architecture for the purposes of running Windows and Linux or Unix operating systems.

Standalone servers and physical and virtual storage product solutions to support online and offline storage requirements.

Insert: General and specific purpose converged infrastructure based on X86 or RISC or EPIC architectures for the purposes of running Windows and Linux or Unix operating systems.

Standalone servers and physical and virtual storage product solutions to support online and offline storage requirements.

Modification 004:

On Page 33 of 49 of the ITQ, Annex C, Definitions of Terms, Unix Servers:

Delete: A UNIX server is a server that conforms to the latest IEEE/Open group POSIX.1 standard (IEEE Std 1003.1, 2013 Edition). The chipset architecture can include SPARC/PA-RISC/Power.

Insert: A UNIX server is a server that conforms to the latest IEEE/Open group POSIX.1 standard (IEEE Std 1003.1, 2013 Edition). The chipset architecture can include SPARC/Itanium/Power.