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**AMENDMENT TO INVITATION TO
QUALIFY
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À SE QUALIFIER**

The referenced document is hereby
revised; unless otherwise indicated, all
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Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé;
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| Title - Sujet Data Centre Server and Storage Infrastructure Infrastructure de serveur et de stockage pour les centres de données | |
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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 7:

We would like to ask the follow question in reference to the Data Centre Server and Storage Infrastructure ITQ.

Can the crown please clarify the OEM Certification.

5.3 OEM Certification (applicable to Category 1)

a) Any Respondent that is not the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for every item of hardware proposed as part of its qualification response is required to submit the OEM's certification regarding the Respondent's authority to provide and maintain the OEM's hardware, which must be signed by the OEM (not the Respondent). No contract(s) resulting from any subsequent bid solicitation will be awarded to a Qualified Respondent who is not the OEM of the hardware it proposes to supply to Canada, unless the OEM certification has been provided to Canada. Respondents are requested to use the OEM Certification Form included with the ITQ. Although all the contents of the OEM Certification Form are required, using the form itself to provide this information is not mandatory. For Respondents/OEMs who use an alternate form, it is in Canada's sole discretion to determine whether all the required information has been provided. Alterations to the statements in the form may result in the response being declared non-compliant.

If an OEM provides a certification to a respondent are they (OEM) deemed as being part of the respondent group?

Answer 7:

This Invitation to Qualify requires companies to demonstrate how they meet the mandatory evaluation criteria based on their existing experience only. The OEM Certification will be removed from the ITQ and possibly re-introduced at a future procurement phase, at which point it will serve to substantiate the existence of an authorized working relationship between the organizations.

The OEM Certification therefore does not have any bearing on the structure of the Respondent Group for the ITQ.

See Modifications 005 and 006.

Modification 005:

On Page 17 of 48 of the ITQ, Section 5.3 OEM Certification (applicable to Category 1):

Delete in its entirety.

Modification 006:

On Page 47 of 48 of the ITQ, Form 3, OEM Certification Form:

Delete in its entirety.