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AMENDMENT TO INVITATION TO QUALIFY
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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 19:
Page 10 of 48 identifies that A Core Team is not permitted for category 1, would Canada please clarify if this is stating that the OEM and only an OEM may respond to this category?

Answer 19:
At the ITQ phase, Canada is seeking responses from the OEMs in Category 1, as the ITQ is based on past experience criteria only. Canada intends to review various distribution models, such as fulfillment partners at the Review and Refine Requirements phase of the procurement.

Question 20:
Page 10 of 48, section 2.4.1 "A Core Team is not permitted for Category 1." Would Canada Please amend the requirement to allow a Core Team in Category 1? Under such a scenario, during the final award contract phase could result in Canada working with a single Core Team for Categories 1 through 3, thus reducing the complexity of contract management

Answer 20:
No, Canada will not amend the requirement to allow for a Core Team under Category 1. Furthermore, vendors are not required to use the same Core Teams for categories 2 and 3 nor are they required to submit a response for all three categories.

Although Canada understands the administrative simplicity of working with a single Core Team for all categories, the structure of the final procurement vehicle(s) has not yet been finalized and it will be discussed during RRR.

Question 30:
Table 2 - DCSSI Requirement Summary - Category 2 Virtual Servers

Would the Crown also consider the inclusion of non x86 architectures under this category of the procurement? We can demonstrate specific cost-per-workload savings, added speed & agility as well as enhanced security on RISC based products running standard Linux distributions that may better support existing applications.

Answer 30:
No. Canada will not include non x86 architectures under category 2.

Category 1 includes UNIX systems on RISC/Power/Itanium architectures capable delivering virtual servers to support existing applications.
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