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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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Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EN578-131350/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 018
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 20131350	Date 2014-11-24
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$XN-111-27555	
File No. - N° de dossier 111xn.EN578-131350	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
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See attached.

Letter of Interest (LOI)

Solicitation Amendment 18

Purpose:

- A) To identify changes to the LOI.
- B) To respond to questions regarding the LOI.

(A) CHANGES

CHANGE 16

AT the LOI:

Insert:

At the front page of the LOI:

Delete:

Solicitation Closes – L’invitation prend fin

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On – le 2014-11-26

Insert :

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At –à 02:00 PM

On – le 2015-01-05

(B) QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION 172

Please confirm next steps in the solicitation process.

ANSWER 172

As identified in LOI Amendments 013, 014, and 016 the anticipated next step in the solicitation process is the competitive Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) process.

Further to question and answer 148 in LOI Amendment 013, the procurement milestone for the ITQ is now:

ITQ - Anticipated release on the Government Electronic Tendering Service (GETS): **January 2015**

Please also refer to Change 16 in this LOI Amendment.

QUESTION 173

Can you please confirm that no further action is required from suppliers in order to participate in the upcoming ITQ? Our understanding is the ITQ will be issued in December and will be open to all suppliers. I just want to be sure we don’t miss any required action prior to the next phase of this process.

ANSWER 173

At this time, there is no further action required by suppliers to enable participation in the ITQ. The ITQ will be open to all suppliers as identified in LOI Amendments 013, 014 and 016.

Please refer to question and answer 172 in this LOI Amendment which identifies the revised anticipated ITQ release date and also references Change 16 in this LOI Amendment.

QUESTION 174

Regarding question answer 165 in LOI Amendment 016, can the GC please confirm which customers in the US and UK they have spoken with? This will assist suppliers in providing additional reference customers.

ANSWER 174

Please refer to LOI Amendment 008, question and answer 16. We recommend that if suppliers have specific initiatives that they would like the GC to include in its research, then please provide the appropriate contact information. The GC may engage with the contacts you provide if we have not already communicated with them.

QUESTION 175

For complex contracts, such as construction, will GC accept digitally executed surety bonds (bid, performance etc.) in the new system?

If yes, then:

- a. Currently, digital surety bonds are available in PDF. Will GC accept PDFs?
- b. Will GC accept a single PDF file that contains the appropriate bonds at a particular stage in the procurement? For example, a PDF file would contain a bid bond and an agreement to bond that is uploaded into a vendor's bid.
- b. Will the GC accept digital bonds from supplier systems that the Surety Association of Canada has reviewed and reported that the supplier's system meets all of the mandatory requirements of the industry.

ANSWER 175

Canada is considering requirements that would allow for the receipt of digital bonds and welcomes information that would support decision making with regards to the acceptance of digital bonds.

QUESTION 176

Do you see the spend information from other government departments.

ANSWER 176

Government of Canada Spend Data is managed by PWGSC Acquisitions and is a summary of procurement expenditures grouped by main commodities. The data is collected annually from 56 departments on a voluntary basis and covers about 95 per cent of the Government of Canada procurement expenditures as published in Public Accounts of Canada. This expenditure data is used for analysis and reporting, to inform PWGSC procurement strategies, and to respond to information requests from across government.

Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) has recently added Government of Canada Spend Data to the Open Government portal to support Canada's Action Plan on Open Government 2.0 that was launched on November 6, 2014 by Treasury Board President. The Action Plan makes available information on federally funded scientific research, government spending and contracting data, and more. The dataset is available at the following link <http://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/078af0f7-4b15-455d-a466-db5c44409205>.

QUESTION 177

Is SAP mandated for use as a Financial Management System in the federal government?

ANSWER 177

Yes. In accordance with the Standard on Enterprise Resource Planning Systems (<http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=25687§ion=text>) SAP is the GC standard for Financial Management. However, not all departments and agencies are currently using SAP. For more information please reference the Industry Day presentation "Government of Canada's Vision on Financial Management" included in LOI Amendment 005.

QUESTION 178

Are you running any cloud systems within the Government of Canada?

ANSWER 178

Yes, the GC is currently using some cloud solutions within the GC.

QUESTION 179

Please further describe the potential opportunity to support an enhanced client base not currently served by the Acquisitions Program (AP)?

ANSWER 179

Further details regarding the anticipated client base, beyond those already provided in Section 2.1 - PWGSC'S Acquisitions Program of the LOI, will be included in future phases of the solicitation process.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME