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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT**  
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## SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 002

### This amendment is raised to:

#### 1) Incorporate questions and answers into the Solicitation

### 1) Please include the following Questions and Answers:

**Question 1:** System Administrator (I.9) – Level 1. Can the crown please explain what makes the DLCSPM Media Library unique? What is the specific experience one must have to deal with the DLCSPM Media Library as opposed to another similar media library in the Industrial Security Program and Controlled Goods Program environments? This requirement seems geared to an incumbent supplier's ability and experience.

**Answer:**

The DLCSPM Media Library has a specific submission and approval process for media submissions. The requirement is not geared to an incumbent supplier's ability and experience; many companies have experience submitting media to the DLCSPM Software Library and have the opportunity to obtain maximum points for this criterion.

**Question 2:** Project Manager (P.9) Level 3. The RFP's Project Manager definition and required qualifications do not seem to align with the usual duties of a PM, with the skills industry would consider necessary for similar work, or with the skills previous DND RFPs have considered necessary for similar work. Rated Criteria R1 is understandable, as a PM usually needs domain knowledge of the project he or she is to manage. Rated Criteria R2 to R5 are, however, covered and rated in the requirements for more technical resources as stated in the bullet points below. As stated, Criteria R2 to R5 seem to point to specific individuals who have worked on specific systems delivered to the Canadian Army, and would therefore limit competition to a very few individuals who might already be providing this exact service.

- Rated Criteria R2: "Demonstrated Java development experience..." describes the experience of a Technical and Engineering Lead and is more suited to an Application/Software Architect or Programmer/Software Developer.
- Rated Criteria R3: "Demonstrated C/C++ development experience..." describes the experience of a Technical and Engineering Lead and is more suited to an Application/Software Architect or Programmer/Software Developer.
- Rated Criteria R4: "Demonstrated experience configuring and troubleshooting DIS settings to establish DIS federations" describes the experience of a Technical and Engineering Lead and is more suited to an Application/Software Architect or Programmer/Software Developer.

- **Rated Criteria R5:** “Demonstrated experience on the following: (1) Operating ABACUS, JCATS, VBS, or JSAF on a Canadian military exercise. (2) Operating ABACUS, JCATS, VBS, or JSAF on any military exercise. (3) Operating a constructive or virtual simulation on any military exercise” describes the experience of an Exercise Coordinator or an Exercise Controller.

Industry has available highly qualified PMs who have managed the design, delivery, and support of similar and more complex simulation and training systems for the Canadian Forces, including the Canadian Army. These PMs clearly should qualify for this TBIPS requirement. As such, will the crown modify the PM position requirements to allow industry to offer the services of highly qualified PMs while reducing the risk to the Canadian Forces and the Crown? Also, will the crown provide a clear definition of the term “Project Manager,” as well as source of the definition, to ensure bidders provide the right qualified resource for the PM position?

**Answer:**

Project Managers do qualify for this TBIPS requirement as per M1 and M2 in the Mandatory Criteria section. Software Development Project Management and a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification deem the proposed resource compliant.

DND is looking for a Project Manager with extensive experience in managing large software projects of a specific nature, therefore points are given for the areas identified R2 to R5. The Project Manager will be required to perform the tasks identified in Annex A Section 5.16 while understanding advanced technical details associated with the topics identified in R2 to R5.

**Question 3:** In part 7 Resulting Contract Clauses, sub-section 7.1 item C of the RFP the Crown States:

*“Contractors Response to Draft Task Authorization: The Contractor must provide the Technical Authority, within 2 working days of receiving the draft Task Authorization(or within any longer time period specified in the draft TA), the proposed total price for performing the task and a breakdown of that cost, established in accordance with the Basis of Payment specified in the Contract. The Contractor’s quotation must be based on the rates set out in the Contract. The Contractor will not be paid for preparing or providing its response or for providing other information required to prepare and validly issue the TA.”*

Could the Crown extend the allotted timeframe to respond from 2 days to 5 days in accordance with most standing offers?

**Answer:**

Canada is in agreement. Canada will replace the wording to state 5 days.

**Question 4:** As “Simulated to Live Interface” Software is not an industry-standard term and appears to have been constructed for this RFP (Google returns precisely one hit on the phrase: the RFP), could the Crown please provide examples of software other than VCCI that meets the definition. The definition seems geared so that only VCCI will qualify?

**Answer:**

This term was constructed for this RFP. DND has an operation requirement to develop, modify and support the Virtual Command and Control Interface, therefore it is looking for a company who has worked on software that fits the Simulated to Live Interface (STLI) Software description. This definition was written in order to not limit the rated criteria experience descriptions to only include VCCI and to allow other companies to show that they have worked on software similar to VCCI. As can be seen in Annex A Figure 1 – VCCI Supported Interfaces, VCCI has many interfaces including the ones listed in the Simulated to Live Interface (STLI) description. In order to not limit the requirement to only VCCI, most of the interfaces in Figure 1 were not included in the STLI description.

**Question 5:** System Analyst (A.8) ABACUS Level 3. Rated requirement R6 requires “experience...during army unit or formation headquarters training events in Canada or the UK.” Other categories such as the System Analyst (A.8) JSAF or Test Coordinator (A.10), for example, are limited to *Canadian* experience. Why is UK experience acceptable for the System Analyst (A.8) ABACUS Level 3? This seems to favor one of the incumbents who had carried out support for DND under an MOU with UKMoD.

**Answer:**

UK experience is acceptable for System Analyst (A.8) ABACUS Level 3 because ABACUS is a UK Ministry of Defence tool that Canada obtains through a Command and Staff Training Memorandum of Understanding. As stated in the requirement, experience for Canada **OR** the UK is accepted.

**Question 6:** Tester (A.11) Simulation Level 1. Rated Requirement R1: Could the Crown explain what the Paradigm Software Framework is? Is a development framework? Is it a software application, and if so, who is the vendor?

**Answer:**

Paradigm is the software framework upon which the VCCI, CAMX, Moving Map Display (MMD) and Military Aerodrome Control Unit (MACU) applications are built. Both incumbents (ADGA and SimFront) have worked with the Paradigm framework.

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