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**Revision to a Request for Supply
Arrangement - Révision à une demande
pour un arrangement en matière
d'approvisionnement**

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.

Comments - Commentaires

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Title - Sujet TBIPS		
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EN578-055605/G		Date 2015-02-13
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client EN578-055605		Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
File No. - N° de dossier 003ei.EN578-055605	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME	
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$SEI-003-28442		
Date of Original Request for Supply Arrangement		2015-02-06
Date de demande pour un arrangement en matière d'app. originale		
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2015-03-23		Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Bouliane Manon L.		Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 003ei
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (819) 934-4667 ()		FAX No. - N° de FAX (819) 956-7827
Delivery Required - Livraison exigée		
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction: As per contract		
Security - Sécurité This revision does not change the security requirements of the solicitation. Cette révision ne change pas les besoins en matière de sécurité de l'invitation.		

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Acknowledgement copy required	Yes - Oui	No - Non
Accusé de réception requis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer. Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre.		
Signature	Date	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of offeror. (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du proposant. (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)		
For the Minister - Pour le Ministre		

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Buyer ID - Id de l'acheteur

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Amendment #1 follow:

SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 001

This amendment is raised to:

- A. Revise the solicitation closing date time, from Eastern Standard Time to Eastern Daylight Saving Time**
 - B. Provide responses to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**
 - C. Provide responses to questions received from bidders for this TBIPS Re-compete solicitation**
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A. On page 1 of the Solicitation;

Delete the following;

Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2015-03-23	Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST
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Insert the following:

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B. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

FAQ 1:

My company is an Existing TBIPS Supplier. We currently hold a valid TBIPS SA and SO. I do NOT wish to apply for additional categories, Streams, or Tier at this time.

- (i) Is it mandatory that I submit a bid in response to this Re-compete solicitation?**
- (ii) If I don't submit a bid in response to this solicitation, will I lose my qualifications for TBIPS?**
- (iii) In the Submission Grid located in Component I, Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions, article 1.4; under which column would I fall?**

Answer FAQ 1:

- (i) Yes
- (ii) Yes
- (iii) Column C

FAQ 2:

My company is an Existing TBIPS Supplier. We currently hold a valid SO and SA Tier 1. Our intent is to qualify for additional categories and for the SA Tier 2.

- (i) **Please confirm if my understanding is correct. I have to identify the new categories for which I am applying for in the DCC and provide the appropriate contact information for the references in the DCC. I have to verify that all the mandatory criteria are met paying special attention to M.3, M.4, M.5, the Bidder's Statement, and the Grandfather Certification.**
- (ii) **In the Submission Grid located in Component I, Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions, article 1.4; under which column would I fall?**

Answer FAQ 2:

- (i) Confirmed. Please refer to Attachments B, C and E of this Solicitation as well as Component I, Part 3, Part 4, Part 5.
- (ii) Column D

FAQ 3:

My company is an Existing TBIPS Supplier. As a result of the last Solicitation, I qualified for the SA Tier 1 but I was non-responsive for the SA Tier 2. What do I include with my bid to now qualify for Tier 2?

Answer FAQ 3:

Please refer to FAQ 2 (i) & (ii) from this solicitation amendment.

FAQ 4:

If I want to qualify (as the same legal entity) in TBIPS, TSPS, and/or ProServices, do I use the same PBN for all three methods of supply?

Answer FAQ 4:

Yes

FAQ 5:

Is there a guide you can provide that will help me understand:

- (i) What I am required to submit with my bid, and**
- (ii) How to complete the information in the DCC?**

Answer FAQ 5:

- (i) Refer to Component I, Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions, and Attachments B, C and E of the Solicitation.
- (ii) Refer to the following link for "Supplier Easy Steps - for the Data Collection Component":
<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/spc-cps/espfcdd-sesdccc-eng.html>

FAQ 6:

This question relates to my company's profile information. Are there any pro-active measures I can take to ensure that my company's information is current in all the right places?

Answer FAQ 6:

Yes

- (i) Verify that your company's information is up-to-date in:
 - a. The Supplier's Registration Information System (SRI): <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/for-businesses/selling-to-the-government-of-canada/register-as-a-supplier>
 - b. Centralized Professional Services System (CPSS): <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/spc-cps/spc-cps-eng.html>
 - c. Canadian Industrial Security Directorate (CISD). <http://iss-ssi.pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca/index-eng.html>
- (ii) Ensure that the correct Procurement Business Number(s) (PBN) is entered into the DCC. If you are bidding as a joint venture, then ensure that:
 - (a) The PBN for each member of the JV is provided, and
 - (b) The Bidder (the joint venture) has a PBN that is unique to the Joint Venture. Please refer to Attachment H, article 16 – 1

FAQ 7

I want to apply for all Regions and all Metropolitan areas. In the DCC, if I only select "The National Zone", does that mean that I've automatically selected all Regions and Metropolitan areas?

Answer FAQ 7:

No. The National Zone is a separate zone and does not include the other Regions or Metropolitan areas. It is used when a Client has no preference in terms of where the work is performed.

Note: The option "all Regions and Metropolitan areas" includes the National Zone, all Regions and all Metropolitan Areas. If applying for the Standing Offer, the Bidder must provide rates for each region and metropolitan area (including the National Zone) it is applying for.

FAQ 8

My company is a new bidder and does not have the minimum required security clearance (DOS Reliability Status). Where do I request sponsorship for my company?

Answer FAQ 8:

In the DCC for this bid solicitation, go to the "Supplier Response – Home" page. Select "Certifications" and then select "Security Sponsorship".

C. QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM BIDDERS FOR THIS SOLICITATION, AND ANSWERS:

Q1:

For existing TBIPS SA Holders who wish to Grandfather all previously awarded stream(s)/category(s) via utilization of Attachment E to Component 1 – Grandfather Certification, but wish to bid on a “NEW” stream/category.

- a. **Should that TBIPS SA Holder leave the M.5 initialized area blank on Attachment E to Component 1, considering they will provide DCC & ADD as per Submission Grid Component I, page 10 of 14?**
- b. **Will this ensure that all previously awarded Steam(s)/Category(s) are grandfathered while bidding on new stream(s)/category(s)?**

A1:

- a. No. Existing Holders must fully complete the Grandfather Certification (initial and sign) and provide it in hard copy. If bidding for additional categories, then the bidder must submit the reference details in the DCC, as described in M.5 Identification of Categories, part 1, articles a) and b) of Attachments B and C.
- b. Yes, if the Bidder provides a fully completed Grandfather Certification.

Q2:

Are we correct in interpreting that a company which currently holds TBIPS SA (but not SO) may use the grandfather certification to qualify for the same categories on TBIPS SO?

A2:

Yes. In the DCC, bidders are to ensure that the identification of a category is the same in all tiers for which they are submitting a bid.

For example: Company A is currently a SA Tier 1 and Tier 2 Holder (not a SO Holder). Company A currently holds the category A.10 as 'Currently Substantiated' (received a positive reference from a previous re-compete/refresh evaluation). In response to this bid solicitation, Company A is bidding for the SO. In the DCC, Company A will identify A.10 as 'Currently Substantiated' for the SO, for the SA Tier 1, and for the SA Tier 2.

Note: To identify a category as “currently substantiated” or “currently unsubstantiated” in the DCC, the bidder must first identify the Stream as “Currently Offered” on the “Streams and Category Selections” page of the DCC.

Q3

Buy and Sell indicates an amendment dated 2015/02/10 but there is no amendment document at the bottom of the NPP. Could you please confirm if an amendment was made to this opportunity.

A3:

The 2015/02/10 amendment was issued to add the Notice of Proposed Procurement (NPP).

Q4:

We qualified in June 2014 for TBIPS and we are awaiting our DOS. Do we have to re-bid or do we need to make sure that our DOS is issued before the Solicitation closes (March 23rd)?

A4: If your company does not receive its DOS Reliability security clearance by the closing date of this Re-Compete Solicitation, then its technical qualifications will no longer be valid. In such a case, you would be required to submit a new bid (as a new bidder).

Q5:

In reference to M.5, Identification of Categories,

- (a) can the same reference be used to substantiate multiple categories?**
- (b) Is there a limit to how many times the same reference can be used?**

A5:

- (a) Yes
- (b) No

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.