

SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 003

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- C. **Questions and Answers**

Q11:

We are an existing TBIPS supplier, and we also belong to a CJV.

We have been issued existing TBIPS contracts under our supply arrangement, also our CJV has been issued contracts.

We would like to know, is it possible for us to withdraw from our CJV, so that we can form a CJV with another firm, without invalidating the existing CJV contracts?

In other words, if we leave our CJV does that automatically invalidate the existing contracts under the existing CJV, or would they continue to operate?

We would not be dissolving the CJV, simply leaving it. We are not the prime contractor for the CJV.

A11:

Any contracts your CJV would have, would require a contract assignment. Contract assignments are done on an individual contract by contract basis. Please refer to the General Conditions 2035 (Services – Higher Complexity), and the General Conditions 2010C (Services – Medium Complexity), which are incorporated by reference in any resulting contract or call-up issued against the TBIPS SO, TBIPS SA:

General Conditions 2035 – Services – Higher Complexity:

2035 27 (2008-05-12) Assignment

1. The Contractor must not assign the Contract without first obtaining the written consent of the Contracting Authority. Any assignment made without that consent is void and will have no effect. The assignment will be effective upon execution of an assignment agreement signed by the Parties and the assignee.
2. Assignment of the Contract does not relieve the Contractor from any obligation under the Contract and it does not impose any liability upon Canada.

General Conditions 2010C – Services – Medium Complexity:

2010C 19 (2008-05-12) Assignment

1. The Contractor must not assign the Contract without first obtaining the written consent of the Contracting Authority. Any assignment made without that consent is void and will have no effect. The assignment will be effective upon execution of an assignment agreement signed by the Parties and the assignee.

2. Assignment of the Contract does not relieve the Contractor from any obligation under the Contract and it does not impose any liability upon Canada.

In conclusion, Contracts may be assigned, if Canada assesses that it is in its best interests to do so, and only on a case by case basis.

Q12:

I have pullulated (*sic*) the rates under the National Zone, however, I do not see the function that will allow me to transfer the rates to all other areas? Please advise if I need to put in the rates for all areas.

A12:

Yes, for each category for which you are submitting a bid, you must provide per diem rates in all the Regions, Metropolitan Areas, and Levels (that you are bidding for).

For step by step instructions on how to enter and copy rates, please refer to sections "*Financial Rates for the Standing Offer*" and "*Copying Rates from one Region/Metropolitan Area to another*" from the "Supplier Easy Steps - for Data Collection Component" link:

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/spc-cps/espfccd-sesdcc-eng.html>

Q13:

We currently hold an individual TBIPS SA/SO, Tier 1.

If we wish to enter a TBIPS JV with another firm (which also holds an individual TBIPS SA/SO, Tier 1).

- (i) Can both firms simply Grandfather the Streams/Categories we both hold to the new TBIPS JV, or**
- (ii) do we have to do a NEW TBIPS Application and provide "Substantiation" for all Streams/Categories again?**

A13:

- (i) No, the Grandfather Certification would not apply because your new JV would be considered as a new bidder.**
- (ii) Yes, you would need to submit a full bid as a new bidder. Please refer to Component I, Part 2, article 1.3 Bid Participation, as well as Component I and Attachments A through H.**

Q14:

I would like to submit the following questions regarding TBIPS:

- 1) **Is this the correct address to show on the hard-copy submission envelope?**
Bid Receiving – PWGSC
11 Laurier Street
Place du Portage, Phase III
Core 0A1
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0S5
- 2) **Is there a Point of Contact (i.e. a person's name) that should be listed on the hard-copy submission envelope? Or, should we just say, Attention: Manager of the Informatics Method of Supply (IMOS) on the envelope?**
- 3) (a) **Is it possible to submit hard-copy proposals earlier than the March 23, 2015 deadline and**
(b) **if so, do we need to notify anyone in advance of our arrival?**
- 4) **What are the directions to the physical floor/suite for submission of hard-copy proposals?**

A14:

- 1) No. The correct address to submit your bid is located at the top left hand corner on the first page of the solicitation:
RETURN BIDS TO:
RETOURNER LES SOUMISSIONS À:
Bid Receiving - PWGSC / Réception des soumissions - TPSGC
11 Laurier St. / 11, rue Laurier
Place du Portage, Phase III
Core 0B2 / Noyau 0B2
Gatineau
Québec
K1A 0S5
- 2) There is no name in particular. A few suggestions are:
 - TBIPS SO/SA Authority
 - Manager of the Informatics Method of Supply (IMOS)Note: Bidders should clearly identify the TBIPS solicitation number (EN578-055605/G) on the hard copy of their bid submission.
- 3) (a) Yes, you can submit your bid anytime before the closing date and time.
(b) No, this is not necessary.
- 4) The Bid Receiving Unit is located in Place du Portage, Phase III, at the base of Tower B, directly to the left of the convenience store called "La Difference".

Q15:

We are an existing TBIPS holder. We would like to add additional categories as part of our renewal. Our question is:

- The substantiation of categories requires a reference to a project. Project information is supplied with the Cumulative Value report and not as far as we are aware in any other report. Our preference would be to Grandfather our Cumulative Value Report, but then where do we supply the project information required? Please see screen shot of DCC component for substantiation attached.

The screenshot shows a web form with the following fields and sections:

- Client (Government Department / Company Name):
- Contact Name:
- Position:
- Telephone:
- E-Mail:
- E-Mail 2:
- Contract/Project Reference #:
- Provided by:
 - Reference provided by : Subsidiary
 - Name of Subsidiary:
 - Name of Resource:
- Update the reference button

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Mandatory criterion M.4 Total Cumulative Value Billed (i.e.: TCVB billing details) and mandatory criterion M.5 Identification of Categories (i.e.: project references required for category substantiation) are separate mandatory criteria.

The billing details required to satisfy M.4 must be provided in hard copy. Existing Holders may satisfy this mandatory through the Grandfather Certification. Please refer to Attachments B and C, M.4 Total Cumulative Value Billed.

The reference details required to substantiate any new category under mandatory M.5 can only be submitted through the Data Collection Component (as per the screen shot from your question). Please refer to Attachments B and C, M5 Identification of Categories.

Note: Existing Holders must provide a fully completed Grandfather Certification to retain their technical qualifications (including M.4 and M.5) currently held by the bidder. See Attachment E to Component I.

Q16;

Question # 1

Please refer to Attachment "B" to Component I, Section M.5 Identification of Categories, numbering item 2 on page 4 of 9.

Where a bidder is a joint venture, would it be acceptable for one member of the joint venture to substantiate the minimum number of positive references for one stream only, and the other member of joint venture to substantiate the minimum number of references for the remaining streams? For example, if one member of the joint venture substantiates the minimum number of positive references for stream #1, and other member substantiates the minimum number of positive references for streams #2 to #7.

Question # 2

If a bidding entity wishes to add roles to their Stream 7 qualification; must the entire Stream be re-substantiated?

Question # 3

If a bidding entity wishes to add the two new roles to their Stream 5 qualification; must the entire Stream be re-substantiated?

Question # 4

How many bidding entities can one organization have on TBIPS?

A16

Answer to Question #1: Yes, this is acceptable.

Answer to Question #2: No, only the new categories require substantiation.

Answer to Question #3: No, only the new categories require substantiation.

Answer to Question #4: Two. Please refer to Component I, Part 2, article 1.3 Bid Participation.

Q17:

1. Is this the only clearance required:?

DOS/FSC Security Clearance - DOS Reliability

2. I selected DOS/FSC Security Clearance - DOS Reliability on the Security Sponsorship page.

For now I have "saved" my selections. Would I have to "Submit" the whole response in order to apply for the Clearance?

3. Can I still submit my response to this bid while my Security Clearance is in progress?

A.17:

Answer to 1: Yes. Bidders that do not have a minimum of DOS Reliability Status security clearance can request sponsorship for DOS Reliability Status through their DCC bid submission.

Answer to 2: Yes. Please refer to Component I, Part 3, article 1.3 Note to Bidders

Answer to 3: Yes

Q18:

We are currently a TBIPS SA/SO holder. In the last SA refresh we submitted for and were awarded the 2 new categories under Stream 5 – Project Management Services

P.13 Independent IT Project Review Team Leader

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1. For this refresh, are we then automatically awarded them under the SO here or do we have to substantiate them again in order to be able to use them under the Standing Offer?
2. Under the Mandatory Requirements, Stream and Category Selections, Stream 5 category selection section of the DCC, where (*sic*) have noticed that these 2 new awarded categories have no carried over as "Currently Substantiated". Should we be marking them as either "Currently Substantiated" ourselves or as "Currently Substantiated - Now Substantiated"?

A18:

1. You would be considered as technically qualified for these two categories for the standing offer. You do not have to substantiate these categories again.
2. If you were awarded these two categories as substantiated, then you would now identify them as "Currently Substantiated".
If you were awarded these categories as unsubstantiated (as explained in Attachments B & C, M.5, article 7.), then you can identify them as either "Currently Unsubstantiated", or "Currently Unsubstantiated – Now Substantiated" (if you are providing a reference). Please refer to Solicitation Amendment 002, A2.

Q19:

I am working on our submission. When we supply a reference to confirm our revenue (as part of the billing details for M.4), can we use a US customer?"

Answer:

Yes, this is acceptable.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.