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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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See attached.

Invitation To Qualify (ITQ)

Solicitation Amendment 006

Purpose:

A) To respond to questions regarding the ITQ.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION 25

In order to provide a quality response to this RFP, we respectfully request that an additional two (2) week's extension be granted (for an April 2, 2015 close date).

ANSWER 25

No additional extensions will be granted. The close date of the ITQ remains March 26, 2015 in accordance with solicitation amendment 004, Change 8.

QUESTION 26

The solicitation document requires that applicants demonstrate experience in having implemented a system with >10,000 users processing over \$500M, and that they must have been providing such services since 2004. Please advise what provision ACQB has made in the criteria for this selection process to accommodate bids from:

- (a) Suppliers that have been founded within the past 10 years;
- (b) Small and medium enterprises with solutions that could potentially meet all the technical requirements and are fully scalable;
- (c) The new generation of procurement management solutions that have appeared on the market only within the past 5 years.

ANSWER 26

For clarity this questions seems to be related to the original version of Mandatory Evaluation Criteria M2 issued in Attachment 1 to Part 4 of the ITQ. Please note that M2 has been amended as per Solicitation Amendment 001 Change 2. It is the Respondents responsibility to read the full ITQ and all solicitations amendments when responding to this solicitation.

In response to the questions above:

a. For clarity, M2(b) as last amended states "...must have started after December 31, 2004 ..." it does not state a Respondent 'must have been providing services since 2004' as indicated in the question above. Canada's requirement does not preclude suppliers founded in the past 10 years that meet the experience criteria.

b. and c. Canada's ITQ requirements assesses the experience of the Respondent, not of a potential solution that will be further detailed in the RFP. Nothing in the ITQ requirements precludes a Respondent meeting the experience criteria from proposing a solution that has recently appeared on the market or is the product of a small or medium business (provided such solutions meet Canada's technical requirements).

QUESTION 27

Requirement #s M1

In the M1 requirement, it reads: (b) The Respondent's work on the project must have started after December 31, 2004 and the project implementation must have been completed before January 1, 2015.

Would the Crown consider projects for which the respondents implementations are still in-flight?

ANSWER 27

The referenced project's implementation must have been completed before January 1, 2015 to demonstrate the implementation experience required. Respondents with projects in flight are reminded that the RFP will be made publicly available for all potential suppliers. Should the status of a suppliers projects change such that the requirement is met by the time the RFP is released, the supplier will have the opportunity to bid on the RFP.

QUESTION 28

Amendment 001 of the solicitation indicated that the firms are not required to meet the ISO 27001 Certification during the ITQ process, although the amendment indicated "Respondents are reminded that the anticipated RFP may contain a requirement for ISO 27001 Certification". Since there are many levels/types of ISO certification a firm may hold, can PWGSC please outline what other ISO certifications would be deemed compliant.

ANSWER 28

Further details regarding the anticipated certification requirements for the RFP will be addressed during the RRR process, and detailed in the RFP documents.

QUESTION 29

Requirement #s M2 & M3 "D"

If the crown's objective is to establish capabilities within the e-Procurement marketplace; the volume of transactions is not necessarily representative of the breadth of experience vendors have with this solution. In this respect, the crown could be limiting the number of respondents with the capability, competency and related project qualifications to address the business need.

Would the Crown please consider reducing the online transactions requirement in M2 (d) and M3 (d)?

ANSWER 29

As indicated in Solicitation Amendment 004 question and answer 18, the Government of Canada's procurement environment is highly complex and processes a large number of procurement transactions. The number of transactions is an indicator of the solution's capability to manage a large and complex client. As last amended in Solicitation Amendment 001, M2 (d) and M3 (d) remain unchanged.

QUESTION 30

M1 "C" and M1 "D"

For respondents who have projects in the process of being rolled out to other Public Sector European jurisdictions/countries for which the # of users and # of transaction volumes can be met by the time the RRR and RFP phases are out, would the Crown consider the request to apply the number of users and transaction volumes at those procurement stages and not at the ITQ stage?

ANSWER 30

For the ITQ, all mandatory evaluation criteria must be met at response submission. The RFP will be made publicly available for all potential suppliers. Should the status of a suppliers project change such that the requirement is met by the time the RFP is released, the suppliers will have the opportunity to bid on the RFP.

QUESTION 30

M1 "C" and M1 "D"

For respondents who have projects in the process of being rolled out to other Public Sector European jurisdictions/countries for which the # of users and # of transaction volumes can be met by the time the RRR and RFP phases are out, would the Crown consider the request to apply the number of users and transaction volumes at those procurement stages and not at the ITQ stage?

ANSWER 30

For the ITQ, all mandatory evaluation criteria must be met at response submission. The RFP will be made publicly available for all potential suppliers. Should the status of a suppliers project change such that the requirement is met by the time the RFP is released, the suppliers will have the opportunity to bid on the RFP.

QUESTION 31

Reference Amendment 001 Change 2: Recognizing that the Government of Canada's procurement environment is highly complex and includes a large number of stakeholders and the number of users is an indicator of the solution's capability to manage a large and complex client; the number of transactions is also an indicator of the solution's capability to manage a large and complex client. We respectively request that M2(c) OR M3 (c) and M2 (d) OR M3 (d) is changed to:

M2 OR M3 (c): "...5,000 users...";

AND

M2 OR M3 (d): "...100,000 online transactions..."

ANSWER 31

Reference Solicitation Amendment 004 question and answer 18, as well as question and answer 29 in this solicitation amendment. As last amended in Solicitation Amendment 001, M2 (c) and (d) and M3 (c) and (d) remain unchanged.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME