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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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Title - Sujet Weather Radar Replacement Solution	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation K3D33-141144/B	Amendment No. - N° modif. 003
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client K3D33-141144	Date 2015-07-02
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File No. - N° de dossier TOR-4-37044 (018)	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
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Signature	Date

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Please see attached.

THE SOLICITATION AMENDMENT No. 003 IS RAISED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE INDUSTRY.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question # 006

<u>Reference:</u> RFP
<u>Question #006:</u> In respect of the referenced RFP, can Canada identify whether Bidders are required to form a joint venture legal entity in order to use any of a Bidder's partner's experience in satisfaction of any discrete element of the Mandatory Evaluation Criteria? Could a Bidder satisfy a discrete RFP experience requirement by identifying the experience of one of its subcontractors?
<u>Answer #006:</u> Bidders who bid as a joint venture must align with the standard instruction described in subsection 17 Joint Venture in Standard Instructions – Goods or Services –Competitive Requirements 2003 (2014-09-25). The party which satisfies the definition of Joint Venture, i.e. bidder's subcontractor, would be considered as Joint Venture member for the purpose of bid evaluation. The Joint Venture member experience will be accepted to satisfy the RFP requirements. However as described in subsection 3.1 (d) of Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions, "Joint venture members cannot pool their abilities to satisfy any single mandatory requirement of the solicitation. Wherever substantiation of a mandatory requirement is required, the Bidder is requested to indicate which joint venture member satisfies the requirement."

Question # 007

<u>Reference:</u> RFP
<u>Question #007:</u> Will the Government of Canada reimburse Provincial Sales Taxes (PST) levied by Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia for project services purchased in those provinces?
<u>Answer #007:</u> The Government of Canada only pays provincial taxes payable by law. Since the provincial sales taxes of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia are not payable by law, the Government of Canada will not pay them. If paid by a supplier, these taxes will constitute a cost to the supplier just like any other cost.

Question # 008

<u>Reference:</u> RFP

Question #008:

RFP page 19, Part 7.1.2-7.1.2.1, Task Authorizations: The Bidder intends to submit a Project Implementation Plan reflecting a Site by Site infrastructure installation schedule with its proposal.

Question: If this Implementation Plan is accepted for the project, can it be expected that Canada will provide Task Authorizations for site work in the same sequence as provided in the Implement Plan?

Answer #008:

The Task Authorization (TA) will be used for the deliverables described in Appendix B to Annex A - Radar Infrastructure and Construction Deliverables. The sequence of site installation schedule will be discussed and accepted after Contract award upon approval of Project Authority and Contracting Authority.

Question # 009

Reference:

Annex B – Pricing Schedule

Question #009:

RFP Annex B, Pricing Schedule, Part 2 (Milestone Payments), Milestone 4 (Operational Implementation Phase): This milestone 4 is for prescribed payment for the systematic infrastructure and construction completion and installation/acceptance of Radar systems 3-10 and 11-20.

It is the Bidders interpretation of the RFP that work, as defined and priced by individual Task Authorizations (Part 7.1.2), will be paid for when completed, as an incremental portion of the overall Milestone value.

Question: Can Canada confirm that this Milestone incremental payment is a correct interpretation of the potential contract payment approach?

Answer #009:

Canada confirms that the milestone payment described in Annex B is the intended Contract payment schedule. The Contractor must deliver all the deliverables and meet all the requirements listed in Milestone 4 in order to be paid in accordance with the proportional percentage assigned from the Maximum Contractor Fee. The Radar Infrastructure and Construction portion will be paid proportionally through Task Authorization process in accordance with the ceiling price provided in Annex B, Table 2 – Radar Infrastructure and Construction – Task Authorization.

Question # 010

Reference:

RFP

Question #010:

In the case of bid proposals submitted by the representative of a joint venture, would Canada please confirm that the combined experience of the parties forming the joint venture will be considered in the experience of the bidder?

Answer #010:

Please refer to the Answer # 006 in this document.

Question # 011

Reference:

Attachment 3 – Point Rated Evaluation Criteria

Question #011:

RFP Attachment to Part 4, Attachment 3, Point-Rated Criteria, R27:

- (a) Question: Is it acceptable to provide a clutter system which is of equal capability to these two and receive full point credit?
- (b) Question: If the bidder can provide a clutter technology that is proven superior to the GMAP and CMD, will EC award extra points for this section?

Answer #011:

- (a) Yes. The evaluation will be based on the availability of ground clutter filtering techniques and not only on the performance.
- (b) No. The maximum of 30 points will be assigned for this criterion.

Question # 012

Reference:

Attachment 3 – Point Rated Evaluation Criteria

Question #012:

RFP Attachment to Part 4, Attachment 3, Point-Rated Criteria, R36:

Question: Could Canada provide a definition for the word 'Command'?

Answer #012:

"Command" power refers to the power that is supposed to be transmitted according to the settings in the transmitter operation program. That is opposed to actual or "read-back" power, which is the power actually transmitted.

Question # 013

Reference:

RFP

Question #013:

The bidder hereby requests a bid due date extension of forty days, or until 10 October, 2015.

Answer #013:

Canada does not contemplate any extension at this point.

Question # 014

Reference:

Appendix G to Annex A - SOW

Question #014:

Document G1 defines the heights of the antenna feedhorn. Is there a certain margin for adjustment of this height, or must the given feedhorn height for each site be maintained exactly?

Answer #014:

As stated in the RFP, any adjustments in height of feedhorns would have to be determined on a case-by-case basis and approved by the Project Authority. For some sites, small to moderate height changes may have no impact. That being said, for bidding purposes ONLY, please assume that the feedhorn heights given are the heights required within 30 cm.

Question # 015

Reference:

RFP

Question #015:

Could you please explain the procedure that will be followed if the top ranked bid is outside of Environment Canada's budget?

Answer #015:

Please refer to section 5.1.4 of Attachment 1 – Evaluation Methodology and Basis of Selection.

Question # 016

Reference:

RFP

Question #016:

Does the contract allow for adjustment of price over the course of the contract?

Answer #016:

No. The Contractor will be paid the firm price in accordance with the Milestone Payment Schedule described in Annex B – Pricing Schedule.

Question # 017

Reference:

RFP

Question #017:

- (a) Could you please explain the procedure for submission of multiple/alternative offers?
- (b) Should alternatives be submitted as a completely separate bid?

Answer #017:

- (a) Bidders are allowed to submit multiple bids. Please refer to Part 2 and Part 3 of RFP for the procedure to submit the bid. Canada reserves the right to apply additional scrutiny, in particular, when multiple bids are received in response to a bid solicitation from a single bidder or a joint venture. Canada reserves the right to:
 - i. reject any or all of the bids submitted by a single bidder or joint venture if their inclusion in the evaluation has the effect of prejudicing the integrity and fairness of the process, or;
 - ii. reject any or all of the bids submitted by a single bidder or joint venture if their inclusion in the procurement process would distort the solicitation evaluation, and would cause a result that would not reasonably have been expected under prevailing market conditions and/or would not provide good value to Canada.
- (b) Yes. The bidder is requested to submit the separate bid in a completely different package.

Question # 018

Reference:

RFP

Question #018:

According to Section 22 (Warranty) of General Conditions 2030 (2014-09-25), the warranty is for duration of 12 months from delivery or acceptance of the goods.

We understand that the 12 month warranty for each radar begins directly after delivery or acceptance of each individual radar (i.e. not that warranty for all radars begins after delivery of the final radar).

Could you please confirm this understanding?

Answer #018:

Yes. The warranty will take effect after the successful acceptance of technical performance test of each radar.

Question # 019

Reference:

Appendix A to Annex A - SOW

Question #019:

Ref.: Appendix A to Annex A, 2.0 Technical Statement of Mandatory Requirements

Can EC clarify if a compliance matrix (table) is required for the mandatory requirements listed in this

section?

Answer #019:

No. Please refer to section 3.1 of Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions. The bidders must follow the instructions described in the RFP and any extra information (formatting) must be provided in addition to the materials requested.

Question # 020

Reference:

Appendix A to Annex A - SOW

Question #020:

Ref.: Appendix A to Annex A, 2.1.1 System Operating Requirements, Item 27, The transmitter must operate at a minimum of 4 user-selectable frequencies within the identified band for network operations and interference mitigation of adjacent radars. The frequencies will be managed by EC.

Can EC provide “the identified band” of frequencies that the radar is required to operate within?

Answer #020:

The bidder is requested to provide “the identified band” in its proposed solution. Furthermore, please refer to Appendix A to Annex A 2.4.4 Electromagnetic Interference and Compatibility, requirement number 125, “The Contractor must ensure that the identified frequencies will be authorized and approved for use by Industry Canada.”

Question # 021

Reference:

Appendix A to Annex A - SOW

Question #021:

Appendix A to Annex A, 2.4.6 Data Model, Item 133, The radar volume data must include the BITE, maintenance, status, and alert data.

Can EC provide the preferred format for the required data?

Answer #021:

There is no preferred format for the required data. However, the data and metadata (including format) must be fully documented to allow Canada to integrate it into our systems.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BID SOLICITATION REMAIN UNCHANGED