



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #1

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### **Question 1**

I am corresponding to you regarding the "Developing a Strategic Plan and Proof-of-Concept Pilot Projects for Testing the Use of Social Finance Mechanisms in the Domain of Crime Prevention" Request for Proposal.

The reason for my email is two-fold: 1) To provide you with a suggestion (I.e. Improvement of Requirement During Solicitation Period) and 2) To submit a question. See both below:

#### A) Suggestion

In Section 6.2 of the Statement of Work, we would suggest the following addition to the specified tasks:

- Assist PS with the solicitation of investor interest and raising of investor capital to fund and / or finance the pilot(s)

#### B) Question

Can the contracted party (i.e., the individual or the organization that performs Phase 1 and Phase 2) also be contracted to execute work activities (e.g. capital raising, ongoing performance management, etc.) over and above the project management function requested for Phase 2?

### **Answer #1**

A) Public Safety will amend the Statement of Work to include this suggestion on an as required basis. Please see Amendment #1.

B) At this time, it is unknown if the successful bidder would be precluded from being contracted with in Phase 2 to execute the work activities over and above the project management function.

Bidders must note that they are required to be in continuous compliance with the certifications contained in Part 6 of the Request for Proposal during the bid evaluation period (before award of a contract) and after award of a contract, including the certification on Conflict of Interest.

In addition, Bidders should also note that Sections 14 and 15 of the Resulting Contract Clauses also require that during the performance of the work, the Contractor must avoid any real or apparent conflict of interest. This also includes the potential exclusion of bidding on work where a conflict of interest may exist.

### **Question #2**

In the Rated Requirements, the subtotal of points listed for R3 is listed as 40 points. Can you confirm that the correct addition is 50 points?

### **Answer #2**

Yes, the subtotal of points listed for R3 is 50. Please see amendment #1.



**Question #3**

For Phase 2, we recognize the Resources listed in Table 5 are for financial evaluation purposes only, but can we list more than one resource at the same per diem?

**Answer# 3**

It is acceptable to have more than one resource listed at the same per diem.

**Question #4**

Regarding Phase 2, an overall financial limitation of \$50,000 is indicated and Levels of Effort of 40 days for the lead resource and 12 days for a support resource are provided. Can the Bidder adjust the Levels of Effort between listed resources in the proposal to make the most efficient use of time?

**Answer# 4**

Phase 2 of the work will be based on task authorizations only. At this time, we are unable to determine the exact work that would be required. Therefore, the level of effort based on the number of days is set out for evaluation purposes only.

**Question #5**

Regarding Phase 2, in Section 11.2 in the Statement of Work, it is anticipated that any Phase 2 work will occur during FY April 2016 to March 2017. Is it expected that pilot projects themselves will be completed during this timeframe or just the completion of a feasibility assessment and administration component?

**Answer #5**

Due to the scope of the work involved with implementing Phase 2 it is anticipated the that the pilot project work may extend past March 2017.

**Question #6**

I had a couple of questions about this request for proposals and I can't seem to find the answers on the internet or in the RFP. The two primary questions that I have are:

- a) Is there a maximum allowable budget for Phase 1 of the project?
- b) Has the Government of Canada, through the Sanding Committee on Public Safety and National Security or otherwise, engaged consultants previously to investigate the concept of social finance as it relates to crime prevention? Or as it relates to other subject areas? Are you able to share the names of these consultants?

**Answer #6**

- a) There is no ceiling amount for the budget but the department will be considering value for dollar in assessing bids.
- b) The Government of Canada (GOC) has not engaged any consultants to date on social finance as it relates to crime prevention. With respect to other subject areas, Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) is the lead on social finance and social innovation for the GoC and may have engaged consultants. Other departments are also looking at this tool and may have engaged consultants as well. We are not in a position to provide this information and would encourage bidders to contact ESDC and other departments directly to obtain further information.