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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.

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Title - Sujet SBIPS (Solutions Based Informatics)		
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EN537-05IT01/J		Date 2015-10-21
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client EN537-05IT01		Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
File No. - N° de dossier 002ei.EN537-05IT01	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME	
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$EI-002-29542		
Date of Original Request for Supply Arrangement Date de demande pour un arrangement en matière d'app. originale		2015-10-15
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2015-11-25		Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Danny, Tsui		Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 002ei
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (819) 956-1149 ()	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 defined in resulting contracts		
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 Accusé de réception requis	Yes - Oui <input type="checkbox"/>	No - Non <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		

Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation

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Buyer ID - Id de l'acheteur

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See amendment 001 attached herein.

SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 001

This amendment is raised to:

- A. Revise the previous SBIPS SA number from the EN537-05IT01/G to EN537-05IT01/H.**
 - B. Provide responses to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**
 - C. Provide responses to questions received from bidders for this SBIPS Re-compete solicitation**
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A.

- 1. At pp. 20 of 41, Mandatory Criteria M3 - Experience and Expertise of the Supplier:

DELETE the following:

- (a) Suppliers issued a SBIPS SA under SBIPS EN537-05IT01/G that do not wish to modify its qualification against this criterion, must provide for this mandatory, the fully completed Grandfather Certification in Part 5 and fill in which Streams they are already qualified for by selecting "Currently Offered" in DCC.
- (b) Suppliers issued a SBIPS SA under SBIPS EN537-05IT01/G that wish to modify its qualification against this criterion by adding more Streams or increasing the Tier of a Stream must provide all information addressing all criteria in "M.3 Mandatory Criteria" below for the new Streams/Tier, complete DCC indicating which streams are "Newly Offered" and fully complete the Grandfather Certification in Part 5 for those Streams already in the SA. The Supplier must also complete the DCC with the streams they are already qualified for by selecting "Currently Offered".

INSERT the following:

- (a) Suppliers issued a SBIPS SA under SBIPS EN537-05IT01/H that do not wish to modify its qualification against this criterion, must provide for this mandatory, the fully completed Grandfather Certification in Part 5 and fill in which Streams they are already qualified for by selecting "Currently Offered" in DCC.
 - 1. Suppliers issued a SBIPS SA under SBIPS EN537-05IT01/H that wish to modify its qualification against this criterion by adding more Streams or increasing the Tier of a Stream must provide all information addressing all criteria in "M.3 Mandatory Criteria" below for the new Streams/Tier, complete DCC indicating which streams are "Newly Offered" and fully complete the Grandfather Certification in Part 5 for those Streams already in the SA. The Supplier must also complete the DCC with the streams they are already qualified for by selecting "Currently Offered".
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B. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

FAQ 1:

My company is an existing SBIPS supplier. We currently hold a valid SBIPS SA and do NOT wish to apply for additional Streams of Expertise 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 SBIPS?
- (iii) In Table 1 of Part 3.1.4 - Submission Guide, under which column would I fall?

Answer FAQ 1:

- (i) Yes
- (ii) Yes
- (iii) Column C (the middle column)

FAQ 2:

My company is an Existing SBIPS Supplier. We currently hold a valid SA Tier 1. Our intent is to qualify for additional Streams of Expertise 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, include the Bidder's Statement, and the Grandfather Certifications.
- (ii) In Table 1 of Part 3.1.4 - Submission Guide, under which column would I fall?

Answer FAQ 2:

- (i) Your understanding is correct.
- (ii) Column D (the column to the right).

FAQ 3:

My company is an existing SBIPS 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 SBIPS, 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 Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions, and Attachments B 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/espfccd-sesdcc-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.

FAQ 7

I noticed that the "The National Zone" was changed to "Remote/Virtual Zone".

- (i) What impact will this change have on my existing SBIPS SA?
- (ii) The CPSS website still makes reference to the National Zone. When will this be revised?

Answer FAQ 7:

- (i) The renaming of the "National Zone" to "Remote/Virtual Zone" was done to improve clarity, since some supplier's misunderstood the previous wording to imply a national service area, which was incorrect. The new wording better reflects the definition provided in Article 1.3.5 of the RFSA.

- (ii) The CPSS website will be updated shortly.

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:

PART 5, Sub-section "5.1.5 Certification of Formal Arrangement related to Mandatory Requirement M.3" – If the Bidder is an existing/current SBIPS SA holder and is NOT making any changes to their existing SA, please confirm that there is no response required specifically to this certification.

A1:

Correct. The Certification of Formal Arrangement (Part 5.1.5) is not required if you are NOT making changes to your existing SA (i.e. adding additional Streams of Expertise, Regions, etc.)

Q2:

ANNEX B: SA Holders Eligible Streams of Expertise, Regions and Metropolitan Areas – Please confirm that Bidders are not required to complete Annex B and that this will be completed by the SA Authority and provided in a resulting contract upon SA award

A2:

Correct. You do not need to complete Annex B of the RFSA. This section will be completed by the Supply Arrangement Authority at SA award.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RFSA REMAIN UNCHANGED.