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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.

Comments - Commentaires

**Vendor/Firm Name and Address
Raison sociale et adresse du
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Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution
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Title - Sujet Professional Services	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W0113-14CS31/B	Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W0113-14-CS31	Date 2015-11-04
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$TOR-024-6933	
File No. - N° de dossier TOR-5-38032 (024)	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2015-12-03	
Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Brewster, Shannon	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur tor024
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (905) 615-2028 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX (905) 615-2060
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

SOLICITATION AMENDMENT No. 001

This solicitation amendment No. 001 is raised to:

- 1) publish questions and answers that have been received in relation to this solicitation; and
- 2) amend the solicitation.

- 1) The following Question and Answer has been provided:

QUESTION 1:

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In Part 6 paragraph 6.1 (a) states:

The following conditions must be met on or before 110 calendar days from the initial solicitation posting date of October 13, 2015:

- i. the Bidder must hold a valid organization security clearance as indicated in Part 7 – Resulting Contract Clauses;*
- ii. the Bidder's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work site(s) must each meet the security requirement as indicated in Part 7 – Resulting Contract Clauses; and*
- iii. the Bidder must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites.*

Would the crown please define what they mean by the highlighted area above?

How did the crown come up with 110 days to get a security clearance? If this was given by CISC please provide a contact for the bidder to submit a list of names so that we can be put to the front of the list in order to meet the 110 days. Note, it takes 60 days to get a duplication of a current clearance, aside applying for a new one from CISC.

Does this mean that all the individuals that we were to bid need this at bid close or prior to contract award? Does this mean that at day 110 you will verify the individuals that we have submitted have the clearance for all 77 resources? If they don't, then I would we be found non-compliant?

Does this hold true if say 2 individuals or 5 individuals or 10 individuals did not get their clearances within the 110 days restriction, will we still be eliminated?

We are unsure of the above statement and are requesting clarification.

ANSWER 1:

The '110 calendar days to obtain a security clearance' was not provided by CISC. This was the maximum time calculated by PWGWC that can be allocated without jeopardizing the project schedule.

PWGSC has granted potential bidders sufficient time to obtain mandatory security clearances for their proposed 78 resources instead of making it mandatory to have the resources cleared by bid closing. PWGSC must validate the bidders' security clearances before seeking the approval to award the resulting contract.

PWGSC has reviewed our project schedule and have made changes to the solicitation under Part 6 in order to allow for additional time without jeopardizing the project in service date.

All proposed resources must have the mandatory required security clearance on or before 130 calendar days from the initial solicitation posting date (October 14, 2015) which is calculated to be February 21, 2016. This date is not based on or tied to the bid closing date.

PWGSC will verify the clearances of all proposed resources of the top ranked bidder, on day 131 or February 22, 2016.

2) At Part 6, of the contract "**Security, Financial and Other Requirements**",

Delete: Article 6.1(a), in its entirety, and

Insert: The following conditions must be met on or before February 21, 2016:

- i. the Bidder must hold a valid organization security clearance as indicated in Part 7 – Resulting Contract Clauses;
- ii. the Bidder's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work site(s) must each meet the security requirement as indicated in Part 7 – Resulting Contract Clauses; and
- iii. the Bidder must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites.

2a) At Part 6, of the contract "**Security, Financial and Other Requirements**",

Delete: Article 6.1(c), in its entirety, and

Insert: Bidders are reminded to obtain the required security clearance promptly. In exceptional situations, defined below, Canada reserves the right to grant further extensions beyond the required February 21, 2016. Any delay in the award of a contract to allow the successful Bidder to obtain the required clearance will be at the entire discretion of the Contracting Authority.

An exceptional situation is when the sole bid or when the top ranked bidder (who has the highest combined rating of technical merit and price) has not able to obtain the required security clearances for all proposed resources by February 21, 2016, even though they have submitted their request at least 90 calendar days prior to February 21, 2016. In this situation, Canada may grant addition time to obtain security clearance without jeopardizing the period of the Contract.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED