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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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Signature	Date

SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 001

This amendment is raised to:

Answer Bidders' questions 1 – 11; and
Modify the solicitation accordingly.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1	<p>Word copy</p> <p>Would Canada please forward a Word version of the RFP to in order to prepare grids for our response?</p>
A1	<p>Canada will not provide a Word version of the RFP but can provide a Word version of Attachment 4.1 and 4.2 for bidder to prepare their responses. If a Bidder would like the Word version of those documents please send an email to the Contracting Authority requesting it.</p> <p>Please note that if Canada has provided bidders with multiple formats of a document (for example, a document may be downloaded through Buy and Sell, but may also be made available on CD-ROM through Buy and Sell), the format downloaded through Buy and Sell will take precedence. Additionally, if Canada issues an amendment to the bid solicitation revising any documents provided to bidders in multiple formats, Canada will not update all formats to reflect these revisions. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that revisions made through any solicitation amendment issued through Buy and Sell are taken into account in the alternate formats it uses of bid solicitation documents.</p>
Q2	<p>MA1 Corporate Mandatory Requirements</p> <p>Enterprise Architecture is a specialty of our organization and we have extensive experience in this area. It has been our experience that most significant Enterprise Architecture assignments typically take between 1 and up to 3 resources, not more. Would the Crown consider modifying point (e)?</p> <p>Currently the requirement reads:</p> <p>(e) Included a minimum of four (4) architect resources each with a personnel security clearance at the level of SECRET.</p> <p>Would the Crown please consider modifying the requirement to read:</p> <p>(e) Included a minimum of three (3) architect resources each with a personnel security clearance at the level of SECRET.</p>
A2	<p>A reduction in the number of resources required in Attachment 4.1, Corporate Mandatory Requirements, MA1 e) from four (4) to three (3) is acceptable. Please see Amendment 001.</p>
Q3	<p>Incumbents</p> <p>Is there currently or has there been a vendor providing the services within the past year? If yes, who is the vendor, how long was the contract, what is the value of the contract and are they precluded from bidding on this requirement?</p>

A3	Similar services to those described in this requirement are being provided under Contract W6369-12P5TG/001/ZM with DARE HR. The period of the Contract is from 17 September 2012 to 16 September 2016, and the current value is \$2,491,650.00. No qualified vendors are precluded from bidding on this requirement.
Q4	Security clearance Would DND please confirm that vendors with a Facility Security clearance at the level of Secret are qualified to bid of this solicitation.
A4	Due to the nature of the work and the associated security requirements, Facility Security Clearance (FSC) at the level of TOP SECRET is required. For details, please see: Part 6, paragraph 6.1, Security Requirement; Part 7, paragraph 7.5, Security Requirement; and Annex C, Security Requirements Check List.
Q5	Enterprise Architect Regarding the Enterprise Architect criteria- please confirm that MB6 was duplicated in error.
A5	There is an error in the numbering scheme under category MB: Enterprise Architect, Level 3 - Resume 1: each criterion should be sequentially numbered from MB1 to MB8. Please see Amendment 2.
Q6	Information Architect Regarding the Information Architect criteria- please confirm that ME4 and ME5 were duplicated in error.
A6	There is an error in the numbering scheme under category ME: Information Architect, Level 3: each criterion should be sequentially numbered from ME1 to ME9.
Q7	Enterprise Architect (Security) Regarding the Enterprise Architect (Security) criteria MC3- please confirm that experience is within the last 5 years as both 10 years and 5 years are indicated.
A7	Under Attachment 4.1, MC: Enterprise Architect (Security), Level 3, MC3, the correct timeframe is 10 years. Please see Amendment 004.
Q8	Instructions to bidders Please confirm that vendors are not required to cross reference both page and paragraph in the mandatory requirements matrix, as long as the project #, substantiation and resume page are clearly indicated in the cross reference response.

A8	References to the information contained in the bid must be made as per Part 3, 3.2, (a), (iii): (iii) Substantiation of Technical Compliance: The technical bid must substantiate the compliance with the specific articles of Attachment 4.1, which is the requested format for providing the substantiation. The substantiation must not simply be a repetition of the requirement(s), but must explain and demonstrate how the Bidder will meet the requirements and carry out the required Work. Simply stating that the Bidder or its proposed solution or resources comply is not sufficient. Where Canada determines that the substantiation is not complete, the Bidder will be considered non-responsive and disqualified. The substantiation may refer to additional documentation submitted with the bid - this information can be referenced in the "Bidder's Response" column of Attachment 4.1, where Bidders are requested to indicate where in the bid the reference material can be found, including the title of the document, and the page and paragraph numbers; where the reference is not sufficiently precise, Canada may request that the Bidder direct Canada to the appropriate location in the documentation.
Q9	Financial bid The Crown has asked for 4 types of Enterprise Architecture resources, each with their own distinct skill set and qualifications, as outlined in Attachment 4.1 - Bid Evaluation Criteria. However, in Section 4.2 - Pricing Schedule, the Crown has provided only 3 resource categories to evaluate the bidder's response. The Enterprise Architect and Enterprise Architect (Security) are combined into the Enterprise Architect category. In our experience the cost rates for these resources are different. We respectfully request that the Crown modify the Pricing Schedule and allow respondents to provide four (4) Resource Categories prices for each skill set for the Contract Period and subsequent Option Periods.
A9	To maintain consistence with the resource categories in the TBIPS SA and to maintain a lower complexity in the management of any resulting contract, Annex B, Basis of Payment and Attachment 4.2, Pricing Schedule will remain the same.
Q10	International MB6, MC6, MD4, and ME4 all state that resources must have a minimum of 2 years of experience in using a defence architecture and consider DODAF (USA) and MODAF UK Ministry of Defence Architecture Framework (United Kingdom) equivalent to the Canadian DND/CF Architecture Framework. In order for DND to leverage international expertise, would the Crown kindly update MA1 Section e to state, "Included a minimum of four (4) architect resources each with a personnel security clearance at the level of SECRET or equivalent in the jurisdiction where the resource's experience was attained "
A10	A modification of the security requirement in Attachment 4.1, Corporate Mandatory Requirements, MA1 e) to allow equivalencies in other jurisdictions is acceptable. Please see Amendment 001.
Q11	Extension request This RFP requires a significant response for multiple resources and an elaborate corporate experience response, and thus somewhat more time is required to develop a quality proposal. Given this, and the fact that there are currently a large number of Government of Canada RFPs with closing dates around the same timeframe as this RFP, please consider a closing date extension of 1 week to allow bidders time to prepare quality proposals for DND's consideration.
A11	Canada accept the request for one (1) week extension.

SOLICITATION REVISIONS

THE RFP IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

001	<p>At Attachment 4.1, Corporate Mandatory Requirements, MA1 e):</p> <p>DELETE: in its entirety.</p> <p>INSERT:</p> <p>Included a minimum of three (3) architect resources each with a personnel security clearance at the level of SECRET, or the equivalent in the jurisdiction where the resource's experience was attained.</p>
002	<p>At Attachment 4.1, Mandatory Resources Requirements, MB: Enterprise Architect, Level 3, each criterion are sequentially renumbered from MB1 to MB8.</p>
003	<p>At Attachment 4.1, Mandatory Resources Requirements, ME: Information Architect, Level 3: each criterion are sequentially renumbered from ME1 to ME9.</p>
004	<p>At Attachment 4.1, MC3:</p> <p>DELETE: in its entirety.</p> <p>INSERT:</p> <p>The resource must possess a minimum of two (2) years demonstrated experience within the last 10 years in providing strategic and tactical advice to Director and Director General-level on strategic planning activities and complex policy leading to resolved operational issues related to the implementation of secret-level networks.</p>
005	<p>On the solicitation cover page:</p> <p>DELETE:</p> <p>Solicitation Closes at : 2:00 PM on 2016-02-16</p> <p>INSERT:</p> <p>Solicitation Closes at: 2:00 PM on 2016-02-23.</p>

ALL OTHERS TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.