



SHARED SERVICES CANADA

Amendment No. 002 to the Request for Information for the Procurement Process for Government of Canada (GC) Wi-Fi Services

Request for Information No.	15-34077	Date	February 23, 2016
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This Amendment revises the RFI originally released by SSC on February 1, 2016. The RFI remains unchanged, except as expressly amended by this document.

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Question No.	Question	Answer
20	On page 4, section 12 ii) Purpose of this Request for Information, paragraph 2 it states: The current intention is that the successful supplier would own and manage the Wi-Fi service and the GC would pay a monthly subscription. The Wi-Fi traffic would be carried over the supplier’s owned and managed network and terminate on a network peering point with the GC either via the public Internet or a peering point between the supplier and the SSC-managed common network. End-users would sign on with their SRA desktop client, VPN tunnel into their host department, and from there gain access to their departmental network and the public Internet (via the departmental network). Can SSC please confirm if the reference to “supplier’s owned network” is referring to a LAN or WAN? I.e. is SSC expecting the provider of the managed Wi-Fi service to also provide	The GC is not yet committed to any particular network infrastructure design / model. Respondents are invited to comment or provide suggestions in regard to how the supporting external internet connectivity services could or should be provided.

	external internet connectivity services (DSL, MPLS, or otherwise?).	
21	Does SSC expect the managed wireless service to be standalone from the SSC (and its agencies) network and only cross connecting at a certain point, or will the wireless APs be connecting to each locations existing switch environment?	Respondents are invited to provide suggestions and recommendations in their response in regard to how their managed service should or should not interface with SSC and partner networks.
22	Is the government of Canada intending to deploy an autonomous WLAN network per ministry? Much like the WLAN contract issued in 2011.	The current intention of the GC is described in Section 1.2 "Overview of the Project" within the RFI.
23	Is it Canada's intention to receive an all-encompassing, single wireless solution to support all ministries, much like an "internet Cafe" model, where employees from all ministries are not confined to a single WLAN and free to roam to any secure GC WLAN area and VPN back into their minister's services?	Please see Answer #22.
24	Will you please confirm if you are looking for a "Starbucks" type Wi-Fi public offering that people have become very familiar with in numerous retail settings that has minimal to no security requirements?	Please see Answers #5 and #22.
25	It is unclear on Canada's intent regarding the network component of this service. Network deployment in coast to coast varies based on many factors. It is our understanding Canada already has network contracts in place to provide these services. Please confirm one of the following: a) SSC plans to leverage their existing LIAS contract for Internet Access Services for each Wi-Fi site deployment. b) SSC will leverage their existing enterprise grade network contract (i.e. GCNet, CNS, etc.) for access. c) SSC wants the winner of this procurement to provide as part of the service, a LIAS comparable Internet Access service.	Please see Answer #20.