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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**

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<b>Title - Sujet</b> PROF SERVICES FOR THE TNO PROJECT	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> W7714-156010/B	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 003
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> W7714-156010	<b>Date</b> 2016-02-26
<b>GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG</b> PW-\$\$ZM-617-29875	
<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> 617zm.W7714-156010	<b>CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME</b>
<b>Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2016-03-29</b>	<b>Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT</b>
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<b>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)</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 003**

This amendment is raised to:

Answer Bidders' questions 1, 5 and 6; and  
Modify the solicitation accordingly.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

<b>Q1</b>	<p>While we do meet the <b>Corporate Mandatory Criteria</b>, we do have a two (2) questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Is there now, or has there recently been (in the last 6-12 months), a contractor or contractors delivering to services identical or similar to those being solicited with this RFP?</li> <li>2) If so, who is the incumbent contractor, what are the start and end dates of the contract (or contracts), and what is the overall value of the engagement?</li> </ol>
<b>A1</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) No.</li> <li>2) N/A</li> </ol>
<b>Q2</b>	<p>On page 44 the '<b>Place of Work</b>' is described as "Work conducted at the contractors facilities." Can Canada please clarify if work can be done from the proposed resources place of business or must the work be conducted at contractors/bidders location? Can Canada also clarify if the proposed resource needs to have registered in Controlled Goods or is the contractors/bidders registration in Controlled Goods sufficient?</p>
<b>A2</b>	<p>In section <b>7.5 Security Requirement</b> it is clearly stated that the Contractor must, at all time during the performance of the Contract, hold a valid Facility Security Clearance at the level of SECRET with approved Document Safeguarding Capability at the level of SECRET issued by the Canadian Industrial Security Directorate (CISD), PWGSC. Also, for <b>Contractor's Site(s) or Premises Requiring Safeguarding Measures</b>, the Contractor must diligently maintain up-to-date, the information related to the Contractor's and individual(s) site(s) or premises, where safeguarding measures are required in the performance of the work. Addresses must be provided and the Company Security Officer (SCO) must ensure through the Industrial Security Program (ISP) that the Contractor and individual(s) hold a valid security clearance at the required level.</p> <p>For <b>Controlled Goods</b>, you should refer to SACC Clause A9130T and A9131C. You can also contact CISD as specified in Section 6.1 of the RFP.</p>
<b>Q3</b>	<p>Regarding clause 1.4 <b>Conflict of Interest</b>, we understand that the information gathered by the winning bidder in the performance of the resulting Contract may give rise to concerns of real or perceived conflict of interest or confer an unfair advantage with regards to participation in future solicitations related to Tactical Edge Cyber Command and Control (TEC3).</p> <p>Would Canada consider addressing these concerns by allowing the winning bidder to put in place an effective Chinese wall, and thus allow it to participate in and potentially win subsequent solicitations regarding TEC3?</p>

<b>A3</b>	No. A winning bidder of this solicitation process is likely to have access to information in the performance of the resulting Contract that may be used by Canada in development of a potential solicitation or in the evaluation of proposals for the TEC3 Project. Having access to this information would be deemed as an unfair advantage. While a supplier might make every endeavour to isolate specific groups within its organization to prevent the sharing of information, the situation remains that the information would be held by the organization. In the interest of maintaining integrity of the procurement processes and fairness to all suppliers, Canada will not permit the winning bidder, its affiliates, employees, agents or subcontractors of this solicitation process to participate in a solicitation for the TEC3 Project.
<b>Q4</b>	With regard to the subject solicitation, may we please request <b>Word versions</b> of Attachment 4.1- Bid Evaluation Criteria?
<b>A4</b>	<p>Canada 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>
<b>Q5</b>	<p><b>Extension request</b></p> <p>Each of the five resource technical and rated requirements matrices are quite extensive and will take the resources and the vendor community a significant amount of effort to demonstrate compliance against the stated criteria. Prior to completing these grids, vendors need to identify and obtain permission to bid resources. Would the Crown please consider providing the vendor community with a 2 week extension so that we can provide the best possible team in a quality response?</p>
<b>A5</b>	Canada accept the request for two (2) weeks extension.
<b>Q6</b>	<p><b>M5 for 1.2.3 Software Programmer (Manet/EXat Simulation)</b></p> <p>Based on the scoring criteria in R6 and R7 for the Software Programmer (Manet/Exata Simulation), it appears that the Qualnet platform is the priority tool. On that basis would the Crown consider modifying M5 of the Mandatories for 1.2.3 Software Programmer (Manet/Exata Simulation) to recognize the importance of Qualnet experience.</p> <p>We would propose the following: The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of six months of experience within the last five years from the date of bid closing with the Qualnet simulation platform, OR two years of experience within the last five years from the date of bid closing in one of the following simulation platforms: NS2, OPNET, OMNeT++, or NS3.</p>
<b>A6</b>	Canada accept to partially modify criterion M5 to decrease the experience. Please see solicitation revision No. 001.

**SOLICITATION REVISIONS**

THE RFP IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

<b>001</b>	<p>At Attachment 4.1 of 1.2.3 - A.6 Programmer/Software Developer Level 3: Software Programmer (MANET/EXata Simulation)</p> <p><b>DELETE Mandatory Requirement M5</b> in its entirety.</p> <p><b>INSERT:</b></p> <p>The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of six (6) months of experience within the last five years from the date of bid closing in one of the following simulation platforms: NS2, OPNET, OMNeT ++, NS3 or Qualnet.</p>
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