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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.

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SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 005

This amendment is raised to:

Answer Bidders' questions 8 and 9; and

Amend the solicitation as described in revision 002 below.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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| Q1 | <p>While we do meet the Corporate Mandatory Criteria, we do have a two (2) questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 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? |
| A1 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No. 2) N/A |
| Q2 | <p>On page 44 the 'Place of Work' 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> |
| A2 | <p>In section 7.5 Security Requirement 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 Contractor's Site(s) or Premises Requiring Safeguarding Measures, 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 Controlled Goods, you should refer to SACC Clause A9130T and A9131C. You can also contact CISD as specified in Section 6.1 of the RFP.</p> |
| Q3 | <p>Regarding clause 1.4 Conflict of Interest, 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> |

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| A3 | 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. |
| Q4 | With regard to the subject solicitation, may we please request Word versions of Attachment 4.1- Bid Evaluation Criteria? |
| A4 | <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> |
| Q5 | <p>Extension request</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> |
| A5 | Canada accept the request for two (2) weeks extension. |
| Q6 | <p>M5 for 1.2.3 Software Programmer (Manet/EXatat Simulation)</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> |
| A6 | Canada accept to partially modify criterion M5 to decrease the experience. Please see solicitation revision No. 001. |

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| Q7 | Could you please confirm if the work to be done by the successful Bidder's resources will be 100% on-site at the Bidder's premises, or if this work, or any part of it, will be done on-site at DND? |
| A7 | <p>As per the Statement of Work, the work must be done at the contractors premises:</p> <p>11. PLACE OF WORK Work must be conducted at the Contractor's premises.</p> <p>The work will be conducted at the Contractor's facilities. The Contractor may be required to conduct demonstrations, trials, training and integration work at a DND facility within the NCR, to be specified within the Task Authorization.</p> <p>We require that some work be done on site, that will be defined within the task authorization (i.e. a trial is part of a task and the integration work on site is required).</p> |
| Q8 | <p>The answer provided in Amendment #2, Question and Answer #2 is unclear. We are trying to determine whether or not proposed resources are able to work from home/their own place of business to complete the work for this contract or not. Canada would best be able to interpret the SACC clauses and specific security requirements of this solicitation for bidders, as these are regulations specific to the Federal Government. Would Canada please kindly clarify as follows:</p> <p>Are resources able to work from home/their own place of business and NOT at the contractor's site on this contract – yes or no?</p> <p>Do the Bidder's resources need to possess facility security clearance at the level of Secret to work from home/their own place of business on this contract – yes or no?</p> <p>Do the Bidder's resources need to personally be registered under the Controlled Goods program to fulfill the requirements of the contract – yes or no?</p> <p>Do the Bidder's resources need to personally be registered under the Controlled Goods program if they are working from home/their own place of business – yes or no?</p> |
| A8 | <p>All the security requirements are defined in the solicitation and SRCL. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure the work site location meets the security requirements of the resulting contract. Also, it is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that it is registered in the Controlled Goods Program of PWGSC. For specific security questions, it is recommended that the Bidder contact the Canadian Industrial Security Directorate (CISD) at General Inquiries Toll-Free: 1-866-368-4646 or National Capital Region: 613-948-4176, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.</p> |

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| Q9 | <p>1) Para 3.3 (c) states: "All Costs to be Included: The financial bid must include all costs for the requirement described in the bid solicitation for the entire Contract Period, including any option periods. The identification of all necessary equipment, software, peripherals, cabling and components required to meet the requirements of the bid solicitation and the associated costs of these items is the sole responsibility of the Bidder."</p> <p>The Statement of Work mentions many things that the contractor will be expected to work with that could have an implied cost for the contractor, including: wireless equipment; networks; MANET; TEC3; AMNO; Radio Hardware; Android Operating system; laptops; tablets; smart phones; handheld devices; external and internal radios; Linux; COTS; GOTS; Blade RF; Hack RF; 802.11 devices; tethered radio; heads up display; C++; python; java; test equipment.....</p> <p>We anticipate that much of the equipment and software described above already exists in DRDC labs and could be made available for use by the contractor. Would the Crown provide some further guidance on what equipment is expected to be supplied by the contractor?</p> |
| A9 | <p>The contractor is required to provide their own IT equipment for software development (Laptop or desktop) including software integrated development environment (including C++, python and Java) and document writing software (MS Word format).</p> <p>All other hardware including: wireless equipment; networks; MANET; TEC3; AMNO; Radio Hardware; Android Operating system; laptops; tablets; smart phones; handheld devices; external and internal radios; Linux; COTS; GOTS; Blade RF; Hack RF; 802.11 devices; tethered radio; heads up display; test equipment... are to be provided by Canada.</p> <p>Specific software simulation tools (such as EXata) will be provided by Canada.</p> |

SOLICITATION REVISIONS

THE RFP IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

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| 001 | <p>At Attachment 4.1 of 1.2.3 - A.6 Programmer/Software Developer Level 3: Software Programmer (MANET/EXata Simulation)</p> <p>DELETE Mandatory Requirement M5 in its entirety.</p> <p>INSERT:</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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| 002 | <p>The wording for 7.5 Security Requirement (first paragraph) is being revised as follows:</p> <p>Delete: The following security requirement (SRCL and related clauses) as set out under Annex “B” to the Supply Arrangement applies to and forms part of the Contract.</p> <p>Insert: The following security requirement (SRCL and related clauses) applies to and forms part of the Contract.</p> |
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