

**Various Level 3 Resources For IT Operation Support**

**REQUEST FOR PROPSAL**

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

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Question	Answer
<p><b>Q28.</b> With regard to the subject RFP we have the following questions:</p> <p><b>Reference #1 – M1</b></p> <p><b>*Definition of equivalent:</b> For the purposes of mandatory requirement #M1, Canada will accept as equivalent to the identified TPIBS Category, resources that delivered services similar to the responsibilities listed in both TBIPS SA, and the General Roles Responsibilities of the Statement of Work (Annex “B”). This applies to all three Categories of personnel.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The onus is on the bidder to clearly demonstrate the equivalency. Failure to do so will result in non-compliance.</p> <p><b>Reference #2 - Amendment No. 1, dated May 9, 2016, Q&amp;A # 20</b></p> <p>Please confirm that when applying the M1 Definition of Equivalent, the Bidder may choose to demonstrate equivalency, in full, against the labour category’s TBIPS responsibilities only and does not have to demonstrate, in addition, against the RFP’s SOW labour category responsibilities.</p>	<p>Further to our answer to <b>Q20</b> from RFP amendment 002, in addition to addressing the applicable category descriptions in the TBIPS SA, Bidders must also demonstrate their equivalence by describing experience similar to items listed within the General Role Responsibilities in Annex "A". Bidders do not have to address the activities listed under Annex "A" (Scope of Work)"</p>
<p><b>Q29.</b> On page 66 of 74, under ATTACHEMENT 2 to Part 4, Financial Evaluation of Proposal, please confirm that the sentence “ Bidders Must propose the same per diem rate for both resources” does not pertain to this TBIPS.</p>	<p>Correct. This does not pertain to this TBIPS.</p>

<p>There is 3 different categories and we can bid 3 different rates.</p>	
<p><b>Q30.</b> This requirement seeks specific expertise in the domains of IT Security and Data Centre operations. There are companies with expertise in both domains that may not have qualified as TBIPS Tier 2 SA holders.</p> <p>By limiting eligibility to only TBIPS Tier 2 SA Holders, the crown is narrowing the field to only a few SA Holders and the crown will essentially get what they have traditionally with no new influx of expertise or resources. A teaming arrangement or similar JV-style agreement, led by an existing Tier 2 SA holder compliant with the SRCL, would enable firms to provide access to new and expanded services and resources that would in turn benefit Canada.</p> <p>Question: Please confirm that a Team Bid would be accepted, provided the Lead Member of the Team is an existing Tier 2 SA holder who is compliant with the SRCL?</p>	<p>This RFP has been issued under the Tier 2 SA, given the spending forecast, according to TBS procurement rules.</p> <p>Vendors that are Tier 2 SA holders, including formalized TBIPS JV arrangements prior to solicitation posting date and qualify on the three required Personnel Categories, may submit a bid. No other arrangements such as suggested “teaming arrangement or similar JV-style agreement” will be accepted, as per TBIPS requirements.</p>

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS INVITATION TO QUALIFY  
REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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Following is a summary of Amendments issued to date to this Request for Proposal (RFP)

Document Tracking	Date	Description
Amendment No. 001	May 05, 2016	Administrative changes and published responses to questions
Amendment No. 002	May 12, 2016	Published responses to questions
Amendment No. 003	May 17, 2016	Published responses to questions