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Revision to a Request for a Standing Offer

Révision à une demande d'offre à commandes

Regional Individual Standing Offer (RISO)
Offre à commandes individuelle régionale (OCIR)

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Offer remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'offre demeurent les mêmes.

Comments - Commentaires

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Title - Sujet Sustainability & Greening Services	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EQ447-160412/A	Date 2016-06-02
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client EQ447-160412	Amendment No. - N° modif. 002
File No. - N° de dossier TOR-6-39005 (018)	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$TOR-018-7102	
Date of Original Request for Standing Offer Date de la demande de l'offre à commandes originale	
2016-04-28	
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2016-06-14	
Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Pan, Long	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur tor018
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (905) 615-2076 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX () -
Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	
Security - Sécurité This revision does not change the security requirements of the Offer. Cette révision ne change pas les besoins en matière de sécurité de la présente offre.	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Acknowledgement copy required	Yes - Oui	No - Non
Accusé de réception requis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer. Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre.		
Signature	Date	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of offeror. (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du proposant. (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)		
For the Minister - Pour le Ministre		

THE SOLICITATION AMENDMENT No. 002 IS RAISED TO

- 1. MODIFY THE RFP AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE INDUSTRY.**
- 2. EXTEND THE RFP BID CLOSING DATE TO 2PM JUNE 14, 2016.**

Modification # 001

Reference:

RFP

Modification #001:

The Section 6.1 Security Requirements is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

6.1 Security Requirements

1. Before issuance of a standing offer, the following conditions must be met:
 - (a) the Offeror must hold a valid organization security clearance as indicated in Part 7A - Standing Offer;
 - (b)
 - (c) the Offeror's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites must meet the security requirements as indicated in Part 7A - Standing Offer;
 - (d)
 - (e) (c) the Offeror must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites;
2. Offerors are reminded to obtain the required security clearance promptly. Any delay in the issuance of a standing offer to allow the successful Offeror to obtain the required clearance will be at the entire discretion of the Standing Offer Authority.
2. For additional information on security requirements, Offerors should refer to the [Industrial Security Program \(ISP\)](http://ssi-iss.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/index-eng.html) of Public Works and Government Services Canada (<http://ssi-iss.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/index-eng.html>) website.

Modification # 002

Reference:

RFP

Modification #001:

The following professional accreditation is hereby added to the list under Section 4.1.1.2 Point Rated Technical Criteria, P3: Corporate Capability Table, Accreditation:

Architect OAA

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question # 002

Reference:

RFP

Question #002:

Section M3. a) states : *“All individuals proposed must be employed directly by the Offeror (or by one of the companies forming a joint-venture); sub-contractors will not be considered.”* The term joint-venture is not explicitly defined in the RFP. We have established a formal, co-signed teaming agreement with another well-known consulting firm for the purposes of this contract. We believe this falls within the spirit of intent per your expectations concerning ‘joint-venture’. Please confirm whether this is deemed acceptable.

Answer #002:

Please refer to **2006** (2016-04-04) Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements described in RFP Section 2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions. Bidders are request to satisfy the definition of Joint Venture described in Section 17 of SACC 2006.

Question # 003

Reference:

RFP

Question #003:

Under Security Requirements, Section 6.1 (b), it is indicated that *“the Offeror’s proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work site(s) must meet the security requirements as indicate in Part 7A – Standing Offer”*. Section 6.1 (c) indicates that *“the Offeror must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites”*. We have in place the requisite organization level security clearance and a number of named individuals carry personal Reliability level security clearance (or higher). However, some individuals have not yet had an opportunity to undergo PWGSC screening. Can screening of those individuals take place immediately following contract award? This has been our experience with other federal contracts.

Answer #003:

Please refer to Modification 001. Offerors are reminded to obtain the required security clearance promptly. Any delay in the issuance of a standing offer to allow the successful Offeror to obtain the required clearance will be at the entire discretion of the Standing Offer Authority.

Question # 004

Reference:

RFP

Question #004:

Concerning the inclusion of SACC *Manual* clause M3020T (2016-01-28) Status and Availability of Resources – Offer. This clause stipulates that *“If for reasons beyond its control, the Offeror is unable to provide the services of an individual named in its offer, the Offeror may propose a substitute with*

similar qualifications and experience. The Offeror must advise the Standing Offer Authority of the reason for the substitution and provide the name, qualifications and experience of the proposed replacement. For the purposes of this clause, only the following reasons will be considered as beyond the control of the Offeror: death, sickness, maternity and parental leave, retirement, resignation, dismissal for cause or termination of an agreement for default.”

This clause provides protection to Canada and makes sense for senior level staff (e.g., those with 10+ years of experience). However, it severely limits the ability of the team to offer additional, highly qualified resources not specified in the tender package (due to the restrictive nature of the submission terms). Considering the varied nature of the anticipated work, it is likely that additional resources could be leveraged to the benefit of Canada should this clause be modified or removed. The details as specified in “Clause 2035 08 (2008-05-12) Replacement of specific individuals” from “2035 (2016-04-04), General Conditions - Higher Complexity – Services” would seem more appropriate (and these GC’s are also referenced). Is it possible to remove reference to *SACC Manual* clause M3020T (2016-01-28) Status and Availability of Resources – Offer and rely on the similar but more flexible “Clause 2035 08 (2008-05-12) Replacement of specific individuals” in “2035 (2016-04-04), General Conditions - Higher Complexity – Services”?

Answer #004:

The request to remove SACC M3020T is hereby rejected.

Question # 005

Reference:

RFP Part 4 - 4.1.1.1 - M3

Question #005:

Can Canada specify the 25 categories / specializations or indicate the part of the document providing this information.

Answer #005:

Please refer to Annex D – Form 3A.

Question # 006

Reference:

RFP

Question #006:

Would you consider adding to the list of professional accreditations acceptable, Registered Architects within the province of Ontario (OAA)?

Answer #006:

Yes. Please refer to Modification 002.

Question # 007

Reference:

RFP

Question #006:

We respectfully request a one week extension to the submission deadline.

Answer #006:

The bid closing date is hereby extended to 2PM, June 14, 2016.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BID SOLICITATION REMAIN UNCHANGED