

This Amendment 1 to RFRE W847S-150033/B is raised to 1) respond to supplier questions and 2) capture the room number change of the Bid Receiving Unit.

1) Respond to supplier questions

Question 1:

This is an email to confirm that the RFRE qualification process for solicitation: W847S-150033/B applies only to potential Combat systems integrators and Warship Designers for the CSC project. Specifically, (company name) intends to provide sub-systems to the potential Combat systems integrators and we want to ensure we are not responsible for responding to this RFRE.

Answer 1:

The purpose of the RFRE is to qualify firms which have the required experience as Combat System Integrators and Warship Designers to participate in the CSC competitive procurement process. The responsibility for the business decision to respond (or not) to this RFRE for the CSC procurement process lies entirely with the Respondent.

Question 2:

We have been made aware of the RFRE to pre-qualify as an SLR for the CSC program. Our intention is to be a subcontractor to an SLR for either the Combat Systems Integrator (CSI) stream or the Warship Designer (WD) stream. Are we required to submit our own response to the RFRE, or would it be sufficient for us to be nominated by the SLR as part of their related group (per Section 1 of Annex B) in order that we may participate with the SLR in post-RFRE industry engagements?

Answer 2:

The purpose of the RFRE is to qualify SLRs and not to qualify subcontractors of SLRs. The decision to respond to the RFRE lies entirely with the Respondent. All responses will be evaluated in accordance with the terms of the RFRE regardless of a Respondent's intention to be a SLR or a subcontractor to a SLR.

SLRs may nominate a Canadian Affiliate as per terms of the RFRE. The decision to nominate a Canadian affiliate via Section 1 of Annex B lies with the SLR. Respondents that do not meet requirements of the RFRE cannot nominate a Canadian affiliate to participate in the CSC process.

Attendance requirements and eligibility for a specific post-RFRE Industry Engagement session varies and is outlined in the invitation for that session. Sessions may be targeted for SLRs and their affiliates, system and subsystems providers, small and medium enterprises or open to the public. Companies interested in attending post-RFRE sessions may express their interest by writing to the CSC Project mailbox (TPSGC.ProjetNCC-CSCProject.PWGSC@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca). Invitations also limit the number of participants per SLR and vary depending on the engagement facilities and nature of engagement session.

Question 3:

(Company name) potentially has both CSI and WD options to consider... With full understanding of and support for the reissue of an unchanged RFRE, in the context of the new procurement approach is there any particular advantage (or need) to go one way or another, or both? More specifically, does the Crown still intend to sequester or differentiate the information provided to SLRs along the previous CSI and WD lines, or are we now into a more “common information and engagements for all” posture?

Answer 3:

The purpose of reopening the RFRE is to allow firms which meet the requirements of the RFRE an additional opportunity to qualify for the CSC procurement process. The responsibility for the business decision on how to respond to this RFRE lies entirely with the Respondent.

Question 4:

Is the Crown open to considering provisions under item 8.6 in the RFRE, if required?

Answer 4:

Respondents submitting responses with significant deficiencies will not qualify as a SLR.

2) Capture the room number change of the Bid Receiving Unit.

The room number of the Bid Receiving Unit has changed from Core 0A1 to Core 0B2.

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RETURN RESPONSES TO:

RETOURNER LES RESPONSES A:

Bid Receiving PWGSC / Reception des sousmissions TPSGC

11 rue Laurier

Place du Portage, Phase III

Core 0B2 / Noyau 0B2

Gatineau, Quebec

K1A 0S5

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Insert: the following

7.2 RFRE responses shall include the duly completed and signed form in Annex B and should be forwarded to:

Bid Receiving Unit
Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC)
11 Laurier Street
Place du Portage, Phase III
Core 0B2
Gatineau, Quebec
K1A 0S5
Attn: Jim Finlayson