

Questions and Answers – IC401574

Q1: We could not access the map functionality on the CID website (Géoclip would not load) – is there a requirement to continue using the Géoclip software ?

A1: Occasionally it takes time to load Géoclip. Presently, Industry Canada prefers to continue with Géoclip to be able to maintain the actual cartographic representation for statistical data.

Q2: How are the different sources of data interacting with the database ? Are they all imported as .csv or .ivt files?

A2: All .ivt files are presently loaded using the Beyond 20/20 builder. Data can sometimes be provided in .csv or .xls and then be converted to .ivt. They are mostly imported as .ivt.files.

Q3: In the scope of work, Section A) Updating Maps and Analysis Platform

a) “The mapping device needs constant upgrading in order to remain useful”. Could you specify what you mean by that?

b) Would the user have the option to display several overlay at the same time?

A3:

a) This means that the Contractor is responsible to cover the cost of the Géoclip license on an annual basis.

b) The Community Information Database is one of the very few application to use a dynamic mapping interface as a central tool to access and select data about communities. For example, users can select an area or group of communities for an analysis by using the circular and rectangular selection tools. Users can then conduct a socio-economic analysis of the selected study area.

Q4: In the scope of work, section C) Feature Improvements:

The work described in this paragraph is said “to be completed by March 2016”. Is this work completed yet? If so, are there any update to the technical specifications or scope of work resulting from the completion of the work?

A4: The project to include the Labour Market Area (LMA) lens with indicators broken down by Official Language Minority and Non-Official Language Minority population to the database using 2011 Census was completed in March 2016.

Q5: Technical specifications

a) The current Drupal site is on Drupal 6.26. The latest secure release of Drupal 6 is 6.39, which means your site may have been compromised. Also, Drupal 6 came to its end of life in February this year. Do you plan to upgrade the site to Drupal 7 or Drupal 8?

b) Is there a plan to upgrade the Windows servers to a more recent version of Windows (i.e. Windows server 2012 R2 or 2016 when the beta testing is completed)?

c) Are you open to a cloud-based hosting?

A5: a) Yes, Industry Canada is aware of this issue and we are looking into possible solutions.

b) There is currently no discussion at this point to upgrade the Windows servers to a more recent version.

c) Since the department doesn't have a risk-management framework or guidelines in place for cloud computing, this option is not considered at this time.