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**Revision to a Request for Supply
Arrangement - Révision à une demande
pour un arrangement en matière
d'approvisionnement**

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

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

Comments - Commentaires

**Vendor/Firm Name and Address
Raison sociale et adresse du
fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur**

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Electronic Information Technology Professional Srv
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11 Laurier St. / 11 rue Laurier
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Title - Sujet TBIPS / SPICT	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EN578-170432/A	Date 2016-07-26
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 20170432	Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
File No. - N° de dossier 004ei.EN578-170432	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$EI-004-30363	
Date of Original Request for Supply Arrangement 2016-07-21 Date de demande pour un arrangement en matière d'app. originale	
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2016-08-31	
Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: IMOS MDAI	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 004ei
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (866) 930-4667 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX (819) 956-7827
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 solicitation. Cette révision ne change pas les besoins en matière de sécurité de l'invitation.	

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		

SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 001

This amendment is raised to:

- A. Revise the first page of the Solicitation**
 - B. (left blank)**
 - C. Answer questions received from bidders**
 - D. Answer frequently asked questions (FAQ)**
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A. Modification #1 & #2

Modification #1

On Page 1 of the Solicitation;

Delete:

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RETOURNER LES SOUMISSIONS À:
Bid Receiving - PWGSC / Réception des soumissions - TPSGC
11 Laurier St. / 11, rue Laurier
Place du Portage, Phase III
Core 0B2 / Noyau 0B2
Gatineau
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K1A 0S5

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Modification #2

On Page 1 of the Solicitation;

Delete:

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Div/Div des srv professionnels en technologie de l'information électronique
11 Laurier St. / 11 rue Laurier
Portage III 0A1 - 1
Gatineau
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Insert:

Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution

Electronic Information Technology Professional Srv
Div/Div des srv professionnels en technologie de l'information électronique
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Portage III, 4C1
Gatineau
Québec
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B. N/A

C. Questions and Answers

Question 1:

- (i) Can you please clarify what is meant by the statement on Page 3 of 15 in Component 1 that says: Please note that this is the final solicitation (“re-compete”) for Standing Offers for this request for standing offers/request for supply arrangement (RFSO/RFSA)?
- (ii) Can you please confirm that this means it is the last opportunity to refresh/re-compete for this year?
- (iii) Can suppliers bid for a TBIPS Standing Offer in the future? If yes, when will the next solicitation be posted for a TBIPS Standing Offer?

Answer to Question 1

- (i) The Standing Offers that will be issued as a result of this RFSO will be the last. Please refer to FAQ 10.
- (ii) This is the very last opportunity bid for the TBIPS Standing Offer.
- (iii) Suppliers will not be able to bid for the TBIPS Standing Offer in the future.

D. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

FAQ 1:

My company is an Existing TBIPS Supplier. We currently hold a valid TBIPS SA and SO. I do NOT wish to apply for additional categories, Streams, or Tier at this time.

- (i) Is it mandatory that I submit a bid in response to this Re-compete solicitation?
- (ii) If I don't submit a bid in response to this solicitation, will I lose my qualifications for TBIPS?
- (iii) In the Submission Grid located in Component I, Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions, article 1.4; under which column would I fall?

Answer FAQ 1:

- (i) Yes
- (ii) Yes
- (iii) Column C

FAQ 2:

My company is an Existing TBIPS Supplier. We currently hold a valid SO and SA Tier 1. Our intent is to qualify for additional categories and for the SA Tier 2.

- (i) Please confirm if my understanding is correct. I have to identify the new categories for which I am applying for in the DCC and provide the appropriate contact information for the references in the DCC. I have to verify that all the mandatory criteria are met and pay special attention to M.3, M.4, M.5, the Bidder's Statement, and the Grandfather Certification.
- (ii) In the Submission Grid located in Component I, Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions, article 1.4; under which column would I fall?

Answer FAQ 2:

- (i) Confirmed. Please refer to Attachments A of this Solicitation as well as Component I, Part 3, Part 4, Part 5.
- (ii) Column D

FAQ 3:

My company is an Existing TBIPS Supplier. As a result of the last Solicitation, I qualified for the SA Tier 1 but I was non-responsive for the SA Tier 2. What do I include with my bid to now qualify for Tier 2?

Answer FAQ 3: Please refer to FAQ 2 (i) & (ii) from this solicitation amendment.

FAQ 4:

If I want to qualify (as the same legal entity) in TBIPS, TSPS, and/or ProServices, do I use the same PBN for all three methods of supply?

Answer FAQ 4:
Yes

FAQ 5:

Is there a guide you can provide that will help me understand the bid submission process, and how to complete the information in the DCC?

Answer FAQ 5:

Yes, please refer to:

- (i) Component I, Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions,
- (ii) Attachment A – Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria,
- (iii) Attachment C – Guide to CPSS Supplier Module for Technical and Financial Responses, and
- (iv) The "Supplier Easy Steps - for the Data Collection Component" available at:
<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/spc-cps/espfccd-sesdcc-eng.html>

FAQ 6:

This question relates to my company's profile information. Are there any pro-active measures I can take to ensure that my company's information is current in all the right places?

Answer FAQ 6:

Yes,

- (i) Verify that your company's information is up-to-date in:
 - a. The Supplier's Registration Information System (SRI): <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/for-businesses/selling-to-the-government-of-canada/register-as-a-supplier>
 - b. Centralized Professional Services System (CPSS): <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/spc-cps/spc-cps-eng.html>
 - c. Canadian Industrial Security Directorate (CISD). <http://iss-ssi.pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca/index-eng.html>
- (ii) Ensure that the correct legal name and Procurement Business Number (PBN) are entered into the DCC. If you are bidding as a joint venture, then ensure that:
 - (a) The PBN for each member of the JV is provided, and
 - (b) The Bidder (the joint venture) has a PBN that is unique to the Joint Venture. Please refer to Attachment D, article 16 – 1

FAQ 7

My company is a new bidder and does not have the minimum required security clearance (DOS Reliability Status). Where do I request sponsorship for my company?

Answer FAQ 7:

In the DCC for this bid solicitation, go to the "Supplier Response – Home" page. Select "Certifications" and then select "Security Sponsorship".

FAQ 8

My company already has security clearance and would like to request sponsorship for a security upgrade. Where do I request sponsorship for my company?

Answer to FAQ 8:

In the DCC for this bid solicitation, go to the "Supplier Response – Home" page. Select "Certifications" and then select "Security Sponsorship".

FAQ 9

The bid submission process has changed. Please confirm that my understanding is correct:

- (i) The Bidder must submit its online bid through the DCC of CPSS by the closing date and time indicated on page 1 of the solicitation. Failure to do this will render the bid non responsive.
- (ii) After the closing date, Canada will inform the Bidder by email, of a time frame within which to submit the required documentation. Failure to submit the required documentation within the time frame provided will render the bid non-responsive.
- (iii) This is a paperless bid submission process. Therefore, the Bidder is instructed to NOT submit a paper copy bid to the Bid Receiving Unit.

Answer to FAQ 9:

(i), (ii), and (iii) Yes, that is correct.

FAQ 10:

Component I, Part 1, article 2.5 states that this is the last solicitation for the TBIPS Standing Offer (SO).

- (i) Please confirm that this is correct?
- (ii) Does this have any impact on the TBIPS the Supply Arrangement (SA)?
- (iii) How does this impact TBIPS Holders that only have an SO?

Answer to FAQ 10

- (i) Yes, this is the last solicitation for the TBIPS SO. The new SO's will expire one year from the award date.
- (ii) No, the SA will continue to be refreshed on a quarterly basis.
- (iii) TBIPS Suppliers that only have an SO are required to submit a bid to qualify for the SA **before their SO expires** (i.e.: either in response to this re-compete solicitation or in response to Period 1, Period 2 or Period 3 of the subsequent RFSA Refresh). These suppliers need to pay special attention to Mandatory Criterion M.4 TCVB because the M.4 requirements are \$1M for the SO but \$1.5 M for the SA Tier 1.

FAQ 11:

The solicitation I downloaded from the Buy and Sell website for this RFSA/RFSA is 124 pages. I understand the importance of reading this entire document. However, are there certain sections of this 125 page document that specifically address what I need to know and do to submit a bid to qualify for TBIPS?

Answer to FAQ 12:

Yes, refer to Component I and to Attachments A, B, C, and D.

(Note: Components II and III and their Annexes contain the information pertaining to the resulting Supply Arrangement and Standing Offer)

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.