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**Amendment #6
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL**

**Amendment n ° 6
DEMANDE DE
PROPOSITION**

Proposal to: Public Works and Government Services
Canada

We hereby offer to sell to Her Majesty the Queen in
right of Canada, in accordance with the terms and
conditions set out herein, referred or attached hereto,
the supplies and services listed herein or on any
attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefore.

Propositions aux: Travaux publics et Services
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Nous offrons par la présente de vendre à sa Majesté la
Reine du chef du Canada, aux conditions énoncées ou
incluses par référence dans la présente et aux annexes
ci-jointes, les articles et les services énumérés ici et sur
toute
feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

Comments - Commentaires

Questions and answers/ Les questions
et les réponses.

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Title-Sujet Arctic Offshore Patrol Ship (AOPS) and Joint Support Ship (JSS) In-Service Support/Le soutien en service (SES) du navire de patrouille extracôtier et de l'Arctique (NPEA) et du navire de soutien interarmées (NSI)	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8476-133818/C/B	Date August 5, 2016/le 5 août 2016
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W8482-156698	
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-16-00738522	
Solicitation Closes – L'invitation prend fin October 25, 2016 at 14 :00 /le 25 octobre 2016	Time Zone / Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) / Heure avancé de l'est
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This Amendment #6 is being issued to make changes to the Arctic Offshore Patrol Ship (AOPS) and Joint Support Ship (JSS) In-Service Support and to answer questions received against this solicitation.

Part 1 Amendments to the RFP

1. To issue new Reference Document – Comparative Scoring AHP Spreadsheet

2. Reference Attachment 1 to Part 4 – Table 1 – Mandatory Criteria for Bid

Delete in its entirety:

M1: The Bidder must demonstrate, in its Bid response, current experience, or experience within the last ten (10) years, having contracting and ISS experience with at least one contract of \$10M or more dealing with preventative or corrective maintenance for marine vessels of 500 tonnes or greater.

Insert in its entirety:

M1: The Bidder must demonstrate, in its Bid response, current experience, or experience within the last ten (10) years, having ISS experience with at least one contract or project of \$10M or more dealing with preventative or corrective maintenance for marine vessels of 500 tonnes or greater.

To demonstrate that the mandatory requirement is met, the Bidder must provide the following information:

1. a detailed description of a project or contract that demonstrates that the Bidder meets the mandatory requirement with the start and finish dates of the project as applicable;
2. the role and responsibilities of the Bidder in the referenced project or contract
3. the name of the Client Contact for the referenced project or contract who may be contacted for verification purposes; and
4. the e-mail address and telephone number of the referenced Client Contact.

3. **Reference: Attachment 1 to Part 4 - Item 1A:** Technical Experience, No. 2, Engineering Support Services, Assessment Criteria, last sentence in paragraph 2

Delete in its entirety: *The submission is to include but not be limited to the following areas:*

Insert in its entirety: *Each example within the submission is to include the following areas:*

4. **Reference: Attachment 1 to Part 4 - Item 1A:** Technical Experience, No. 3 –Maintenance Support Services – Docking, Assessment Criteria, last sentence in paragraph 2

Delete in its entirety: *The submission is to include examples within the last 12 years and include, but not limited to, the following areas:*

Insert in its entirety: *The submission is to include examples within the last 12 years and each example is to include the following areas:*



Part 2 Questions and Answers

Q60: Reference RFP Part 4 Attachment 1: Where should the information requested in Table 1 M1 be included? ("The Bidder must demonstrate, in its Bid response, current experience, or experience within the last ten (10) years, having contracting and ISS experience with at least one contract of \$10M or more dealing with preventative or corrective maintenance for marine vessels of 500 tonnes or greater")

All other mandatory requirements refer to submission elements required in Section I or II; however, the content of M1 does not appear to be required in those sections.

A60: The Bidder must demonstrate, in their Bid response, current experience, or experience within the last ten (10) years, having ISS experience with at least one contract or project of \$10M or more dealing with preventative or corrective maintenance for marine vessels of 500 tonnes or greater.

To demonstrate that the mandatory requirement is met, the Bidder must provide the following information:

5. a detailed description of a project or contract that demonstrates the Bidder meets the requirements complete with start and finish dates (if applicable);
6. the role and responsibilities of the Bidder in the referenced project or contract
7. the name of the Client Contact for the referenced project or contract who may be contacted for verification purposes; and
8. the e-mail address and telephone number of the referenced Client Contact.

Q61: Reference Annex B 4.1, 4.2, 4.10: Paragraphs 4.1 and 4.10 refer to a "Program Annual Operating Plan" and paragraph 4.2 refers to a "Program Annual Operation Plan (PAOP)"

Are these one plan or two?

A61: There is only one PAOP. Amend all references to "Program Annual Operation Plan" to read "Program Annual Operating Plan".

Q62: Reference RFP Part 2, Article 2.7: When might a detailed schedule and breakdown of activities for the optional site visits to Esquimalt, British Columbia (13 September 2016) and Halifax, Nova Scotia (15 September 2016) be provided?

A62: Tentative schedules for site tour and Bidders' Conference:

13 September 2016: FMF Cape Breton

0800 – 1000: Presentation from Fleet Maintenance Facilities Commanding Officers on Strategic Capabilities

1000 – 1200 and 1300 - 1600: Tours of Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton

15 September 2016: FMF Cape Scott

0800 – 1000: Presentation on Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott.

1000 – 1200 and 1300 – 1600: Tours of Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott.

Q63: Reference RFP Part 4 Attachment 1: Please confirm that there is no Mandatory #5 in Table 1. The list currently goes from M1-M4, then M6 &M7.

A63: Amend the numbering of the Mandatory Criteria after M4 to read M5 and M6.



Q64: Reference RFP Part 3 Article 3.2.2.c and Part 4 Attachment 1: Paragraph 3.3.2c in the RFP states, in part, that “Joint venture members cannot pool their abilities with other joint venture members to satisfy a single technical criterion of this bid solicitation.”

Please confirm the definition of "single technical criterion". For example, are each of points 1-8 in ISS Program management considered a separate "single technical criterion"

A64: In Part 3, Article 3.2.2 c., the terms “criterion, or “criteria” take the meaning of:

- a) Technical Element – in Part 4 Attachment 1, Item 1;
- b) Relational Area – in Part 4 Attachment 1, Item 2; and

Q65: Reference RFP Part 4 Attachment 1: Various Technical Elements such as ISS Program Management and Engineering Support Services - Engineering Change, request or allow for the use of multiple examples. Can the examples be drawn from more than one member of the Bidder or Bidders Team? E.g. Technical Element No. 2 - Engineering Support Services – Engineering Change requests 3 examples be provided. It is conceivable that this requirement may be met by 2 separate members of a Joint Venture and a Subcontractor each referencing one example, while adhering to the rules in Part 1, Para 3.2.2c. Would this approach be accepted?

A65: The limitations specified in Article 3.3.2 in relation to a Joint Venture Bidder will apply. In the Elements or Areas where a Bidder’s Team experience is permitted the examples may be provided by either the Bidder, or a subcontractor or both.

Q66: Reference RFP Annex B, Basis of Payment, Article 1.1 and ANNEX A PWS 713: Please clarify that the intended duration of the Start-up phase is up to the delivery of the 1st AOPS.

- a) We believe that the RFP and the PWS intend for the Start-up phase to end when the ISS Contractor is ready to support the first AOPS, following acceptance by Canada. However, the RFP Annex B, Basis of Payment, para 1.1, states that the start-up phase goes from “from contract award to the achievement of Support Readiness Verification Preliminary (SRVP) Milestone” and PWS 713 states that “the Start-Up Phase starts at contract award, and ends when acceptable readiness to execute the Transition Plan has been demonstrated by the Contractor through delivery of a Support Readiness Verification Preliminary (SRVP) report to support the 1st ship delivered from the build contractor to Canada.”
- b) The impact of this will be that the end of the start-up phase cannot be fully defined, without a clear understanding of the schedule for delivering an AOPS to the west coast.
- c) The Start-up Phase does not include Core Work, according to Annex B, Basis of Payment, para 1.1.1

A66: a) The Start-up phases commences at contract award and ends with the achievement of the SRVP Milestone, which is to be completed by delivery and acceptance of the 1st ship by Canada. b) Canada disagrees (see response to point a). c) Correct.

Q67: Reference Annex A PWS Appendix A: Appendix A provides the schedule for ship delivery but does not indicate when the ships will be sent to their home ports east or west. Please provide the intended schedule for the basing of each AOPS and each JSS, east and west.



A67: The tentative schedule for the delivery of ships is provided in Appendix A. The home port of each vessel is not yet confirmed and is therefore not available.

Q68: **Reference Annex B, Basis of Payment Article 2.3.** This article states in part that “The cost of Information Technology (IT) equipment (software and hardware) that will be used in the office facilities will also be excluded from overhead, and will also be paid at cost”. Could Canada please clarify that any related Software commissioning or related support costs would also be excluded from overhead and billed directly at cost?

A68: The cost of software commissioning and support services is to be included in the quoted rates for management services.

Q69: **Reference Annex K, para 1.1.32,** Definition of SMB as an eligible donor: The definition of Small and Medium Business precludes the Contractor from counting transactions with SMBs who are Eligible Donors on other contracts with IRB/ITB obligations. This provides no incentive or advantage for the Contractor to use this pool of SMBs. We assume this is not Canada's intent. **Can the reference to "or an Eligible Donor on any contract with IRB/ITB obligations" therefore be stricken from the definition of SMB?**

A69: Canada has reviewed your question and the definition of Small and Medium Business (SMB) will remain unchanged.

Q70: **Reference Amendment #2, A53:** My experience in the past is that we submit our name(s) for site visit/bidder's conference attendees to PWGSC. Your response to A53 implies that I should contact each unit directly to inform them of my visit which seems inconsistent with standard practice.

A70: You are correct, names for attendees who are Canadian Citizens are to be forwarded to the Contracting Office in accordance with Part 2, Article 2.7 c) of the RFP.