

IC401614 – Questions and Answers

We will not accept any other additional questions related to this requirement.

Q1. Due to the complexity of the requirements for this solicitation, would the Crown please consider granting a 1 week extension? / Due to the complexity of logistics when it comes to properly sourcing, qualifying relevance of experience to the requirement, obtaining and confirming references, and presenting all information in the specified format requested by the client for two (2) individual candidates, we respectfully request a one (1) week extension to the submittal date to September 29, 2016.

A1. The closing date has been extended by one week, now closing Thursday September 29 at 11:00 a.m.

Q2. With regards to M3, we have more than qualified BI Developers to propose that are not currently doing work for GoC departments or agencies or crown corporations. Will the Crown accept 2 client references within the last 5 years for which the proposed resource acted in the role of a BI Developer that are not from government departments and/or agencies and/or crown corporations? / Mandatory requirements M3 and M12 are eliminating highly qualified candidates who have worked longer contracts and given the combination of skills required for this solicitation is rare, the Crown is limiting the amount of potential candidates. Would the Crown please consider expanding the timeframe to within the last 7 years and allow 1 of the 2 references to be from non-government department. The requirement would read as follows: *“The Bidder must provide two (2) client references within the last seven (7) years where the proposed resource acted in the role of a BI Developer. One (1) reference must be for a Government of Canada (GoC) department and/or agency and/or crown corporation.”*

A2. Non-government references will be accepted however the timeframe remains within the last 5 years. See revised M3 and M12 below.

<p>M3</p>	<p>The Bidder must provide two (2) client references within the last five (5) years for separate and distinct Government of Canada (GoC) departments and/or agencies and/or crown corporations and/or private sector firms where the proposed resource acted in the role of a BI Developer.</p> <p>Note: Each client reference cited must have a minimum duration of six (6) months/183 calendar days. Each client reference cited must include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the client organization; • the project name; • the duration and level of work effort; • a brief description of the work performed; and • the GoC client <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (employee) name, ○ title ○ telephone number and/or email address of the client’s technical/project authority or authorized representative. 	<p>Provide examples of 2 client references for which the proposed resource acted in the role of a BI Developer.</p>
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<p>M12</p>	<p>The Bidder must provide two (2) client references within the last five (5) years for separate and distinct Government of Canada (GoC) departments and/or agencies and/or crown corporations and/or private sector firms where the proposed resource acted in the role of a BI Developer.</p> <p>Note: Each client reference cited must have a minimum duration of six (6) months/183 calendar days.</p> <p>Each client reference cited must include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the client organization; • the project name; • the duration and level of work effort; • a brief description of the work performed; and • the GoC client <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (employee) name, ○ title ○ telephone number and/or email address of the client's technical/project authority or authorized representative. 	<p>Provide examples of 2 client references for which the proposed resource acted in the role of a BI Developer.</p>
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Q3. Please refer to point-rated requirement PR7 on page 44 of the RFP. Would the crown consider experience with any other Cognos ETL tools such as Cognos Data Manager?

A3. Criteria Remains as is.

Q4. We understand that the document mentions, "There are no contractors performing services described in this RFP" which seems to assert that there is not currently/presently any contractors performed these services, but can you let us know if there have been within the last 24 months, any resource(s) performing similar or identical services as those requested in this RFP? / Is there currently a Contractor doing this some or all of this work, or in the past 6 months? / . Are the requested services for the above-referenced solicitation currently being provided or have they been provided previously? If so, please identify the means by which such services have been supplied (e.g. direct and/or term employee(s), personal services contract(s), or contracted services through a company). If the services were contracted through one or more companies or individuals, please provide the name(s) of the contractor(s), the duration and dollar amount of the contract(s)

A4. There are no contractors currently or within the last 24 months performing the services described in this RFP.