



SHARED SERVICES CANADA

Amendment No. 008 to the Invitation To Qualify for the Procurement Process for Public Cloud Services

Solicitation No.	16-42051-0/A	Date	September 22, 2016
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This Amendment is issued to provide clarification to suppliers on submission requirements. Except as expressly amended by this document, all the terms and conditions of the ITQ remain unchanged.

THIS SOLICITATION AMENDMENT IS ISSUED TO:

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1. CLARIFICATION TO SUPPLIERS ON SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Canada would like to kindly remind all suppliers to review all published ITQ documents (including all Annexes) and all Amendments and ensure their bid submission meet all requirements stated in these documents.

Canada would also like to highlight the following three (3) sections contained in Annex B of the ITQ – SSC Standard Instructions:

1. Page 8 – Section 1 – Standard Instructions for All Procurement Documents

Section 1.8 – Bids

- k) **Bids Must Be Complete:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, Canada will evaluate only the documentation provided with the bid. **Canada will not consider information such as references to website addresses where additional information can be found, or technical manuals or brochures not submitted with the bid.**

2. Page 9 – Section 1 – Standard Instructions for All Procurement Documents

Section 1.10 – Bidder Responsibilities

Each bidder is responsible for:

- a) obtaining clarification of the requirements contained in the solicitation, if necessary, before submitting a bid;
- b) **preparing its bid in accordance with the instructions contained in the solicitation;**
- c) **submitting a complete bid by the closing date and time;**
- d) properly addressing and submitting its bid;
- e) ensuring that the bid clearly indicates the bidder's name, address, and contact information for the bidder's representative, as well as the solicitation number;
- f) providing a comprehensible and sufficiently detailed bid, including all requested pricing details, that will permit a complete evaluation in accordance with the criteria set out in the solicitation.

3. Page 24 – Section 3 – Standard Instructions for Invitations to Qualify

Section 3.1 – Terminology for Invitations to Qualify

- a) **the word "bidder(s)" in this document is replaced with the word "respondent(s)";**
- b) **the word "bid(s)" in this document is replaced with the word "response(s)";**
- c) *the "Invitation to Qualify" is simply a solicitation of interest, not a request for bids or tenders; and*
- d) *there is no bid validity period, since an Invitation to Qualify invites respondents simply to qualify.*

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The following is a summary of Attachments/Amendments issued to date for this solicitation:

Document	Distribution	Date	Description
ITQ	Buyandsell.gc.ca	August 5, 2016	<p><u>PDF Version</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> SSC ITQ for Public Cloud Services (English) SSC ITQ for Public Cloud Services (French) SSC Standard Instructions for Procurement Documents (English) SSC Standard Instructions for Procurement Documents (French) Additional Information for the Conference (English) Additional Information for the Conference (French)
Amendment 1	Buyandsell.gc.ca	August 18, 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Publish Canada's Response for Questions 1 to 56 Publish Modifications to the ITQ (Modifications 1 & 2) <p><u>Non PDF Version</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Publish MS Word version of Form 1
Amendment 2	Buyandsell.gc.ca	August 24, 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Publish Canada's Response for Questions 57 to 100 Publish Canada's Revised Response to Question 10 Publish Modification to the ITQ (Modification 3)
Amendment 3	Buyandsell.gc.ca	August 29, 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Extend qualification period.
Amendment 4	Buyandsell.gc.ca	August 31, 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Publish Annex C and Annex D
Amendment 5	Buyandsell.gc.ca	September 2, 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Publish Canada's Response for Questions 101 to 155 Publish Canada's Revised Response to Question 5 Publish Modifications to the ITQ (Modifications 4 to 7)
Amendment 6	Buyandsell.gc.ca	September 7, 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Publish revised Modification to the ITQ (Modification 6)
Amendment 7	Buyandsell.gc.ca	September 14, 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Extension to the ITQ solicitation period Publish Modifications to the ITQ (Modification 8); Publish Canada's revised response to Question 121; and Provide additional clarification to Canada's responses.
Amendment 8	Buyandsell.gc.ca	September 22, 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide clarification to suppliers on submission requirements