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Amendment #2 is raised for Request for Proposal (RFP) number W8476-175505.

The intent of this amendment is to provide clarifying responses to Industry questions and where applicable, amend the RFP in response to Industry questions.

Question 1:

Please clarify the timing of the In-Service Support (ISS) contract. Will the ISS contract, and the associated monthly fixed ISS rate payment, begin immediately after contract award, or not until final delivery, or at some other time?

Answer 1:

The In-Service Support contract will begin after the delivery of the last DACAS System.

Question 2:

This question relates to the Simulation System.

Many suites of simulation software, and 3rd party components, are licensed on a per-seat basis, allowing up to a certain number of concurrent users.

For greater flexibility, Canada likely requires an enterprise (Army-wide) license, or enough per-seat licenses to satisfy the entire JTAC community.

Clarification requested: Should Bidders assume an enterprise license is required, or will Canada specify a number of concurrent per-seat licenses?

Answer 2:

The Bidder is to propose simulation licensing that will allow either a minimum of six (6) JTAC users to participate in the same simulation concurrently, or six (6) JTAC users to participate in separate simulations concurrently.

Question 3:

Applicable Section: Annex C Excel file line 31

Paragraph Reference: Para 6f.

DND please note that the weight formula provided in Annex C (Eval Matrix), referring to the RFP section 6.1, mathematically cannot result in more than 100 points, where the maximum score is supposed to be 200 points. The formula needs to be modified by adding a 2X factor.

Answer 3:

The revised weight score calculation formula is:

$$Weight\ Score_{BIDDER} = \left(\frac{Weight_{MIN}}{Weight_{BIDDER}} \right) Weight\ Score_{MAX}$$

Question 4:

For the DACAS acquisition Contract, the financial response template (Basis of Evaluation, Excel file) only has line entries for the "Initial System Acquisition" (100 systems, 100% weight) and the "Option – Additional Systems" (50 systems, 50% weight). Yet the DACAS systems have to include (in addition to the Tactical System):

- Simulation System
- Internal vendor NRE to integrate and test the system
- Project Management and overhead (ie. reporting, etc)
- ILS such as publications, Interface Control Documents, and Drawing Package
- Development and Delivery and Training Package and training courses (x3)

Suggestion is that Canada provide payment CLIN for these additional items, or specify that bidders must integrate pricing for these items into the System delivery cost.

Answer 4:

The RFP has 2 Basis of Payments. 1 for Acquisition and 1 for In-Service Support. Both of which have Training and Courses identified. Project Management and reporting is detailed in the ISS Basis of Payment.

Canada will not add extra payment lines. Bidders should bid accordingly.

Question 5:

Reference: DACAS System Performance Spec, paragraph 7d. This reference states "The Simulation System software should be able to operate independently on the Tactical System, while maintaining the existing capability to communicate with other Tactical Systems. "

This requirement is unclear. Does the Army require the Sim System to operate on the same HW as the Tactical System (ie. the handheld data device?). Or is this a typo, and it should read "...independently of the Tactical System"? Can you please clarify the intent and operational or training scenario (ie. examples) of where this requirement would be used?

Answer 5:

The simulation system is to be able to operate on the same hardware as the Tactical System, and while running a simulation, it should maintain the ability to communicate with other Tactical Systems.

Question 6:

The RFP specifies the Ultralife LI-145 battery. Will this battery be GFE, or will we have to supply it with our system?

Answer 6:

The battery must be provided by the Bidder. The battery is not GFE.

Question 7:

With respect to the System Weight (SPS Paragraph 6f, and the Rated Compliance calculation worth 200 pts – please specify which elements of the system are to be included in the evaluated weight. For example, are GFE items such as the Tactical Vest, radio and DAGR included? Is the LI-145 battery to be included? Are cables and any required canvas cable harness to be included? It is recommended that Canada supply an explicit list of items to be included.

Answer 7:

The Bidder must include in their weight calculation, all items that they are providing as a part of the complete Tactical System. Items that are supplied as GFE are not to be included in this calculation.

The Bidder must include a detailed breakdown of their weight calculation, showing each major subcomponent, and their associated weight.

Question 8:

This RFP calls for a Software (SW)-based simulation system. Please confirm whether it is the Government of Canada's intent that the SW-based Simulation System be installed on GFE computers? Most simulation systems require installation, configuration, and calibration of multiple different components in order to achieve an operational system. Further, there are minimum system requirements ranging from processor and video capability to ruggedized components for field-based continuation training. A SW-only system risks not being usable in some circumstances.

We request that Canada:

- specify the exact Hardware (HW) configuration that the Sim System will run on; or
- amend the requirement to require an integrated and proven Sim System on proven HW

Answer 8:

The Bidder must provide system IT requirements and specifications for the operation of their simulation system. Canada will provide the IT hardware that is required. Proprietary hardware requirements are not acceptable.

Question 9:

Question re: Simulation Engine (DACAS System Performance Spec, paragraph 7.

Most commercial DACAS simulation systems integrate a visualization engine (often an underlying game engine such as VBS) to provide for full visualization of the CAS mission as tasked by the JTAC. We believe that the Canadian Army's intent is to have such a system in order to allow for the Red/Blue awareness, and multi-user and non-scripted free play capability. However, as written, the spec could theoretically be met with a simple procedural trainer that only feeds the JTAC system with operational parameters and interprets the resulting message format from the JTAC.

We request that Canada confirm the requirement for a visualization engine in the Simulation system.

Answer 9:

A visualization engine is required to meet some of the rated requirements in the Bidder's simulation system. As an example, Para 7.f.2 of the System Performance Specifications could not realistically be met without some form of a visualization engine.

Question 10:

How many peripherals must be able to be simultaneously connected to the Tactical System? For example, must the system support two radios, LRF, and DAGR simultaneously?

Answer 10:

The system must support a minimum of four (4) peripherals simultaneously.

Question 11:

In 4.2.4 (d)(1), what is meant by the term "or a similar system"?

Answer 11:

The term "similar system" refers to a system already developed by the bidder, that serves the same core functionality as the proposed solution, and that demonstrates the relevant rated requirement(s). The intent is to demonstrate that the bidder has already developed the technology for the relevant rated requirement, and need only integrate that technology into the proposed system.

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