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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT**

**MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

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**

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<b>Title - Sujet</b> TSPS SOSA Request for information	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> E60ZT-16TSPS/A	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 002
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> E60ZT-16TSPS	<b>Date</b> 2016-10-12
<b>GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG</b> PW-\$\$ZT-015-30479	
<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> 015zt.E60ZT-16TSPS	<b>CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME</b>
<b>Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin</b> <b>at - à 02:00 PM</b> <b>on - le 2016-10-14</b>	
<b>Time Zone</b> Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT	
<b>F.O.B. - F.A.B.</b> Specified Herein - Précisé dans les présentes	
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<b>Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à:</b> Paradis, Lise	<b>Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur</b> 015zt
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<b>Delivery Required - Livraison exigée</b>	<b>Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée</b>
<b>Vendor/Firm Name and Address</b> <b>Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur</b>	
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<b>Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm</b> <b>(type or print)</b> <b>Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**Request For Information - E60ZT-16TSPS/A  
Amendment 002**

**Reason for Amendment:**

To provide answers to questions from potential bidders.

**Q.1**

Can it please be made clear what should be done if we are a current (Task-based) SA holder and we used to hold and SA/SO. We would like to apply for an SA/SO, no new tiers, regions, etc. – On p. 15-16, which column do we fall under – B or C?

**A.1**

C. If a supplier holds a task-based Supply Arrangement (SA) as a result of a successful bid against E60ZN-15TSPS or one of its refreshes, but not a Standing Offer (SO) from the same solicitation, then when bidding for the task-based re-competition (E60ZT-16TSPS/A) they would be an Existing Supplier and use Column C if their intent is to add the missing SO component.

Please note: although further substantiation would not be required, final category compliance would still be conditional upon a successful bid against the SO Financial Evaluation.

When the re-competition documents are finalized, revised definitions of: Existing Supplier, Active, and Inactive will be added to Part 1, Section 2 of Component I of the RFSA/FRSO in order to provide better clarity. Attachment C to Component I: Guide to Centralized Professional Services System (CPSS) Data Collection Component (DCC) Bidding will also be updated to provide direction in bidding for the case being described.

**Q.2**

Is there still a need to submit project summaries for the task SA?

**A.2**

No. In an effort to simplify the bidding process for the task-based RFSA/FRSO, Canada has replaced the Project Summaries with Reference Substantiation.

**Q.3**

As a HR supplier under the former TSPS E60ZN-13TSSO that expired 2015-06-23, and registered within the CPSS e-portal, does that qualify me as an Existing Supplier and/or Grandfather?

**A.3**

No. Only tiers, categories and streams awarded as a result of the 2015 TSPS re-competition – i.e. E60ZN-15TSPS or E60ZN-15TSSB or one of their refreshes -- are considered “currently held” and eligible to be grandfathered during this new re-competition. Tiers, categories and streams awarded in any TSPS solicitation previous are not eligible for grandfathering. In this case you would be bidding as a New Supplier.

As per A.1, when the re-competition documents are finalized, revised definitions of: Existing Supplier, Active, and Inactive will be added to Part 1, Section 2 of Component I of the RFSA/FRSO in order to provide better clarity.

**Q.4**

Given the variety of requests that GoC issues, vendors assess the potential viability of partners when specific RFPs are issued against either the TSPS - solutions, and the TSPS Task based SA/SO. Therefore it is difficult to determine the best partner during the pre-qualification phase in order to create a JV arrangement to potentially partner on future opportunities.

In order to provide bidders the opportunity to bring best value to the Crown will the Crown amend the rules around creating a JV to allow firms who are separately qualified on the vehicle to create a JV for a particular opportunity vs. qualifying as the JV on the agreement? This will allow bidders to create JV agreement with firms that collectively will bring best value and solution to the Crown for that specific opportunity.

**A.4**

No. For the purposes of responding to individual Requests for Proposals (RFPs) as described, subcontracting remains an available option. Ad hoc joint ventures are not possible given the combination of 1) the necessary pre-qualification process in obtaining a TSPS SA or SO and 2) the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SAAC) Manual’s General Conditions to which all SAs and SOs issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada are subject, which explicitly prohibit their assignment or transfer.