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**AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL**

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Proposal To: Shared Services Canada

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Title – Sujet Professional Services - Mainframe Support Services	
Solicitation No. – N° de l'invitation 2B0KB-17-2482	Date February 2, 2017
AMENDMENT 2	
Buy & Sell Reference No. – N° de reference de SEAG 2B0KB-17-2482	
File No. – N° de dossier 2B0KB-17-2482	TBIPS Supply Arrangement EN578-05-5605
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Q&A - AMEND #2

QUESTION #	QUESTION	ANSWER
12	<p>Re: ATTACHMENT 2; 2.1.1.1b Mandatory Technical Criteria – Resource Requirements; 4(a). Systems Administrator-Websphere/MQ on Mainframe – Mandatory Grids; Criteria M2</p> <p>The bidder must clearly demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of five (5) years experience (within 10 years preceding the closing date of this bid solicitation) with Websphere/MQ series on the z/OS mainframe environment.</p> <p><i>The Bidder must provide one client reference for a project (the project must be at least three (3) years in duration), that can validate the experience claimed. The Bidder must provide the following information for each project reference: Name, Title, Client Organization; telephone and email address.)</i></p> <p>Question: We find the request for a 3-year duration project to be unreasonable and somewhat exclusionary (extensively limiting the pool of qualified resources) as it the only resource criteria that requires a specific project duration. We believe that sufficiently meeting the first part of this criteria (total years of experience) should satisfy the Crown’s requirement (as in most solicitations). We believe</p>	<p>We accept the recommendation to have the text changed.</p> <p>Insert Revised M2</p> <p>4(a) Systems Administrator – Websphere/MQ on Mainframe</p> <p>The Bidder must provide one client reference for a project (the project must be at least one (1) year in duration, that can validate the experience claimed. The Bidder must provide the following information for each project reference: Name, Title, Client Organization; telephone and email address.)</p>



	<p>that it would be reasonable to request a reference from a minimum 1-year project duration. Therefore, would the Crown please consider the following recommendation for an amendment:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">i. Replace</p> <p>the bolded text above with the following: “The Bidder must provide one client reference for a project (the project must be at least one (1) year in duration....”</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p><u>Re: ATTACHMENT 2; 1.1.2 Point Rated Technical Criteria – Corporate; Evaluation Criterion R3</u> <i>The bidder should demonstrate its ability to provide mainframe professional services related to the operational support of Shared Services Canada/PWGSC departmental z/OS mainframe systems and associated software within the 10 years preceding the closing date of this solicitation.</i> <i>The Bidder will be awarded points by providing reference projects that fully demonstrate its corporate experience with: Systems Administrator – Mainframe zLinux</i> <i>Up to 15 points based on the following dollar values: \$500,000 to < 1million - 10 points; Over \$1 million -15 points</i> <i>To be accepted the reference projects provided by the Bidder must be associated with a maximum of ten (10) contracts. Two of the contracts must be related to the contracts used to demonstrate corporate experience in Criteria ID M.2. (see Corporate Technical Mandatory Evaluation Criteria)</i></p> <p>Question: The use of zLinux is limited within the SSC and PWGSC, therefore obtaining \$1M+ in billings would be very difficult for companies other than the</p>	<p>No changes to this point. Remains the same.</p>



	<p>incumbent vendors. To ensure the incumbent vendors do not have an unfair advantage, would the Crown please consider any of the following recommendations for an amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Remove this requirement altogether; ii. Reduce the maximum potential score for this criterion to only 5 points; iii. Remove the requirement that two of the references must be related to the contracts used to demonstrate corporate experience in Criteria ID M.2 – and accept contract references from organizations outside of Government of Canada. 	
<p>14</p>	<p>It is our understanding the Crown is looking to increase its ability to procure mainframe technical professionals. In order to provide the Crown access to a significant audience of qualified mainframe resources, would the Crown consider modifying the System Administrator – Mainframe zLinux Level 2 role to say “...RACF (or a similar tool such as TSS)” in M2, R7 and R9?</p> <p><u>Suggested Changes:</u></p> <p>M2. The proposed resource must demonstrate 3+ years experience (within 10 years preceding the closing date of this bid solicitation) configuring and supporting DIRMAINT and RACF, <u>or TSS</u> for z/VM subsystems..</p> <p>R7. The Bidder should demonstrate how the candidate has</p>	<p>We do accept the recommendation put forward by the vendor.</p> <p>Insert Revised System Administrator – Mainframe zLinux – Level 2 M2. The proposed resource must demonstrate 3+ years experience (within 10 years preceding the closing date of this bid solicitation) configuring and supporting DIRMAINT and RACF, <u>or TSS</u> for z/VM subsystems.</p> <p>R7. The Bidder should demonstrate how the candidate has experience configuring and supporting RDBMS and Applications leveraging TCP/IP over hypersockets and zVM RACF <u>or TSS</u> controlled vswitches</p>



	<p>experience configuring and supporting RDBMS and Applications leveraging TCP/IP over hypersockets and zVM RACF or TSS controlled vswitches</p> <p>R9. The Bidder should demonstrate how the candidate has experience configuring and supporting RACF or TSS, and DIRMAINT and PERFSVM for zVM</p>	<p>R9. The Bidder should demonstrate how the candidate has experience configuring and supporting RACF or TSS, and DIRMAINT and PERFSVM for zVM</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>M1 – Corporate Stability states “The Bidder must have been awarded at least 3 Information Management/Information Technology (IM/IT) Contracts of which at least 1 was for a Government (Federal or Provincial) Client. The contracts must be for <u>providing Systems Administrator</u> in support of a mainframe environment.”</p> <p>We currently provide these services to Government Clients under similar categories. It is a common practice to accept contract experience for resources that perform the same/similar tasks as the requested category while in a different category.</p> <p>For all corporate requirements (M1, M2, and R1-R7) would the Crown accept resources which were provided under similar categories where the particular resource delivered at least 50% of the responsibilities listed in the TBIPS SA description of the resource category for System Administrator?</p>	<p>For all corporate requirements (M1, M2, and R1-R7 the Crown accept resources which were provided under similar categories where the particular resource delivered at least 75% of the responsibilities listed in the TBIPS SA description of the resource category for System Administrator in support of a mainframe environment</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>We would like to respectfully request an extension to the current due date of this RFP. Would the Crown please provide a 2 week extension?</p>	<p>SSC will grant an extension until February 20, 2017@2:00pm</p>

