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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

Vendor/Firm Name and Address

**Raison sociale et adresse du
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Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation QA001-175431/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 007
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client QA001-175431	Date 2017-05-31
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$XS-003-31395	
File No. - N° de dossier 003xs.QA001-175431	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2017-06-14	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Smith, Kenneth	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 003xs
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Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

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IM/IT Management and Project Services
Bid Solicitation Amendment No. 007

Part A: Questions and Answers

Question No. 30

Re: Technology Architect, Level 3, Point-Rated Criteria b) – As most Cognos BI projects use IBM DataStage as the ETL tool, will the Crown accept experience designing and maintaining ETL (Extract Transfer Load) scripts using IBM Datastage as equivalent experience for this criteria?

Answer No. 30

No, IBM Datastage is not used at INFC and therefore will not be accepted as equivalent to Oracle Warehouse Builder or Oracle Data Integrator.

Question No. 31

There are currently numerous solicitations that require unique OCM detailed responses all closing within the same week. Would the Crown please consider extending the closing date to June 29, 2017 in order to enable Bidders enough time to provide a strong, detailed response?

Answer No. 31

The bid closing date has been extended, see RFP Change #7 below.

Question No. 32

Another vendor posed a question (Amendment 4, Question 11) stating the very compelling data that only 6% of CBAP holders reside in the NCR (of the small total of only 1399 CBAP holders in Canada). The question went on to further point out that this requirement is coupled with needing Grants and Contributions, portal technologies and having to have worked for the vendor for 6 months in the last 2 years which is extremely restrictive.

Both our company and others have requested the Crown allow for an MBA to be accepted as an alternative to CBAP. It seems very clear that the bidding market is raising a flag that these requirements are highly restrictive and are not allowing for a fair and open bidding process. We ask the Crown to once again consider allowing an MBA as an alternative to CBAP as this degree, coupled with the experience requested in the grid is absolutely relevant and proof of a candidate's strength in this field. Presently, with the unwillingness to change the requirement, the Crown is leaving the bidding market with the impression that this bid has been constructed to highly favor its incumbents and in turn, allowing this pursuit to take away the ability of vendors to participate in a fair and open bid. Due to this, we request an MBA is accepted as an alternative to a CBAP.

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Answer No. 32

The request has been reviewed, the requirement remains unchanged. Also see Answer No. 10 contained on Amendment No. 004.

Question No. 33

With respect to Attachment 4.1, Workstream 2, M-4 (RFP page 17 of 50) and further to Amendment 003, Q&A #2, please confirm that M-4 can also include individuals that the Bidder provided under the TBIPS SA through a third party.

Answer No. 33

Yes.

Question No. 34

With respect to Attachment 4.1, Workstream 2, R-4 (RFP page 34 of 50) under the column "Client Organization Name & Location" the examples do not list a client location. Are Bidders required to list the full address of the client location or will listing the city suffice?

Answer No. 34

Yes, the City in which the client is located is sufficient information.

Question No. 35

Attachment 4.1, Workstream 2, M-4 (RFP page 17/18 of 50) states: "The Bidder must demonstrate its capability to provide qualified Workstream 2 resources "as and when requested" by identifying a resource in response to each of the requirements identified in the table below. Each of the identified resources must have previously been contracted by the Bidder for a minimum period of six months within the last two years. The Bidder must complete the applicable tables that follow for each identified resource; substantiation of demonstrated experience must be included in the table."

If a resource was contracted under a TBIPS TA in a different category than the ones reflected in the table, but can clearly demonstrate the experience, can we use them to substantiate for a category that is in the table?

Answer No. 35

Yes. To further clarify, under M-4 the Bidder must demonstrate that the identified resource meets the mandatory experience associated with the resource category as set-out in M-4 (e.g. M-4.1.1, M-4.2.1, etc.). In addition, the Bidder must demonstrate that it has previously contracted the services of the identified resources (e.g. (e.g. M-4.1.2, M-4.2.3, etc.)), however the Bidder is not limited to a specific category under which it may have contracted the resource, the information is required for verification purposes.

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Question No. 36

Due to the complexity and amount of work that is required in responding to a RFP of this magnitude, the lack of availability of our identified consultants over the past Victoria Day long weekend and in order to provide sufficient time to develop a quality, competitive response, we respectfully request the Crown extend the closing date to June 22, 2017.

Answer No. 36

The bid closing date has been extended, see RFP Change #7 below.

Question No. 39

Given the high volume of RFPs currently issued by the Government of Canada, the level of effort required to prepare a bid in response to this Solicitation, and to ensure we have the time to develop a fully qualified bid, we respectfully ask for a two week extension to the closing date. Please advise.

Answer No. 39

The bid closing date has been extended, see RFP Change #7 below.

Part B: RFP Changes

#7 At Page 1 of the Solicitation

Delete:

Solicitation Closes at 02:00 PM EDT on 2017-06-08

And Replace With:

Solicitation Closes at 02:00 PM EDT on 2017-06-14

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED