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This solicitation amendment 8 is to respond to bidder questions.

Question 1

Reference: Volume 1 Annex D, Appendix 1 – MR-73.

As part of bid submission, the Bidder is required to submit an UWSU ISSC AOP, in accordance with Volume 3, Annex B Appendix 2, Data Item Descriptions (DID). Within the DID instructions, CANADA requires the Bidder to include several elements that have dependencies on Government Furnished Information (GFI). Specifically, Volume 3 Annex B, Appendix 2, DID-PMP-004 AOP must:

- b. Detail and prioritize the scheduled and authorized Emergent work for the upcoming Fiscal year;
- f. Include the details and duration of all Programmed Work Periods
- h. AOP must be based on the assigned operational readiness levels for each Halifax-class frigate

IAW Volume 3, Annex B, PWS 345, PWS-346 and PWS-547, CANADA has stated that submission of an annual AOP will be informed by and aligned to each Formation's Operations Schedule planning outputs, and must be based on the assigned operational readiness levels of each frigate. Additionally, PWS-546 states that CANADA will provide to the Contractor the forecasted annual budget to aid in the development of the AOP. In the absence of this information, it is not possible to fulfill all AOP (DID-PMP-004) requirements, at time of bid submission, as the Bidder has no insight into each ship's work period schedule, duration, Formation priorities or anticipated funding levels.

It is recommended that CANADA remove the requirement to submit an AOP with bid submission and accept the Contractor's Start-Up Plan as an equivalent plan that details how the Contractor will conduct work during the first year of the ISSC. Will CANADA remove the AOP mandatory bid evaluation requirement?

Answer:

As per Volume 1 Annex D Appendix 2 (Point Rated Requirements Evaluation Worksheet) area/tab R4 (Preliminary ISS DIDs), line item for ISSC Annual Operating Plan (Index R4.4), the contents of the preliminary version of the AOP required for evaluation at time of bid submission are to be notional for proposed core work for the first start up year of the ISSC. This bid submission requirement remains.

For consistency with changes incorporated under Question 1 of amendment 3, the following change is incorporated in to the RFP.

DELETE Volume 1 Annex D Appendix 2 (Point Rated Requirements Evaluation Worksheet) area/tab R4 (Preliminary ISS DIDs), line item for ISSC Annual Operating Plan (Index R4.4), in its entirety; and

REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted line item with the following:

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ISSC Annual Operating Plan (AOP) (Scoring Guide Table 6)

RFP References		Index	Points claimed (out of 10)	Bidder's Response	Evaluation of Bidder's Response
The Bidder's preliminary ISSC AOP describes the notional proposed steady-state core work of the ISSC that encompasses the following topics: a. Technical Schedule Management, b. Life Cycle Material Management, c. Configuration Management, d. Engineering Support Services, e. Production Maintenance Support Services, f. Material Support Services, g. Repair and Overhaul Services, h. Training Support Services and i. Electronic Information and Data Management.		R4.4		2.0	20.0
Volume 3 Annex B Appendices 1 and 2, DID-PMP-004					0.0

Question 2

Reference: Volume 1 Annex D, Appendix 1 – MR-75.

As part of bid submission, the Bidder is required to submit an UWSU ISSC Maintenance Plan, in accordance with Vol 3, Annex B Appendix 2 Data Item Descriptions. Within the DID instructions, CANADA requires the Bidder to include maintenance data that first requires completion of Logistical Support Analysis (LSA) activities. Specifically, DID-PMS-001 Maintenance Plan requires the Bidder to provide identify all maintenance routines required for the UWSS EG, maintenance periodicity and required level of expertise, to name a few of the requirements.

In order to complete this requirement, the Bidder must first have completed Logistic Support Analysis requirements, including LORA, RCMA and MTA. In accordance with the UWSU Acquisition Vol. 2 Annex B SOWP-285 and Volume 2, Annex B, Appendix 1, CDRL-041, this work will be completed through the submission of DID-ILS-005 LSA Document, within 30 days after CDR.

Consequently, in advance of completing the Logistics Support Analysis Document (CDRL-041) to be delivered as part of the UWSU Acquisition contract, it is not possible to provide the requested maintenance data with bid submission.

It is recommended that CANADA remove the mandatory requirement to submit a Production Maintenance Plan with Bid submission. Will CANADA amend the Bid Evaluation Plan, MR-75 to remove this requirement?

Answer:

As per Volume1 Annex D Appendix 2 (Point Rated Requirements Evaluation Worksheet) area/tab R4 (Preliminary ISS DIDs) section R4.5 (preliminary production maintenance plan scoring), the contents of the preliminary version of the production maintenance plan required for evaluation at time of bid submission are to be initial high level descriptions of all of the anticipated planned maintenance required for each shipboard and shore based variant of the UWSS equipment systems group. This bid submission requirement remains.

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Question 3

Reference: Volume 2 Annex D, Annex A SRCL, IT Security Requirements Article 3.2.1.1

Section 3.2.1.1 states: "The equipment used to process the sensitive information must be either standalone or part of an authorized standalone network designated for the storage and processing of up to and including the level of Secret CEO, NATO Secret and Foreign Secret data related to the contract located in a(n) {Zone Type} Zone as outlined in the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat (TBS) Operational Security Standard on Physical Security (OSSPS). This standalone network must only be used to process and store data related to contracts with DND and no other customer or party." Please confirm that in this requirement, "sensitive information" means only Protected B, SECRET (CEO), NATO SECRET, and Foreign Secret information. Any other artefacts generated under the project are not required to be processed on a stand-alone network.

Answer:

- 1) INSERT the following new bullet above the existing bullet "*Canadian Information identified as CEO*" in the section titled "OTHER SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS / AUTRE INSTRUCTIONS DE SECURITE" of Volume 2 Annex A SRCL Supplemental Security Guide:
 - Sensitive information means any classified or designated information, and any controlled-goods or International Trade in Arms Regulations (ITAR) information even if unclassified/not-designated.
- 2) INSERT the following new bullet above the existing bullet "*Canadian Information identified as CEO*" in the section titled "OTHER SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS / AUTRE INSTRUCTIONS DE SECURITE" of Volume 3 Annex A SRCL Supplemental Security Guide:
 - Sensitive information means any classified or designated information, and any controlled-goods or International Trade in Arms Regulations (ITAR) information even if unclassified/not-designated.

Question 4

Reference: Volume 2 Annex D, Annex A SRCL, Part C Article 11 (e).

The SRCL calls for a Protected B "IT Link". This requirement adds significant cost and schedule risk for certification. We understand that there are potentially only two requirements for connectivity:

- 1) an unclassified collaborative environment, and
- 2) contractor access to DRMIS

These two requirements can be met without the need for a Protected B IT Link. DND could supply a DWAN environment for access to DRMIS (setup and managed by DND). The collaborative environment can be used for information assets below Protected B. Any transfer of Protected B information assets can

be handled in a disconnected fashion, similar to SECRET information assets. Please confirm that the requirement for a Protected B IT Link can be removed from the SRCL.

Answer:

1) INSERT

the following new bullets above the existing bullet “*Sensitive information means any classified or*” in the section titled “OTHER SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS / AUTRE INSTRUCTIONS DE SECURITE” of Volume 2 Annex A SRCL Supplemental Security Guide:

- The unclassified collaborative environment access to be provided by the contractor must be sufficient to handle protected A.
- Under acquisition activities, DND will provide a Defence Wide Area Network (DWAN) workstation environment sufficient to handle protected B (setup and approval managed by DND) in order to strive to facilitate easier access and exchanges to the Defence Resource Management Information (DRMIS), the DWAN, and for a linked Electronic Information Environment (EIE) with DND. DND approvals required to establish this environment are not initially expected. Subsequent afterwards approvals for a direct connection between this DND DWAN environment and the contractor's systems are also not initially expected. The approval processes will include definitions for an acceptable interface and transaction data exchanges to be implemented by the EIE and the Interface Control Document (ICD). DND responsibilities for the DWAN environment will continue under in-service. Under acquisition, the contractor will only be responsible for providing a physically secure workstation location and a general internet connection for DND's DWAN environment. These contractor responsibilities must continue under in-service. In the absence of approvals for establishing the DWAN environment and for direct connections, transfers of protected B information must be handled in a disconnect fashion similar to classified information, including any required exchanges for Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) and DRMIS type data.

2) INSERT

the following new bullets above the existing bullet “*Sensitive information means any classified or*” in the section titled “OTHER SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS / AUTRE INSTRUCTIONS DE SECURITE” of Volume 3 Annex A SRCL Supplemental Security Guide:

- The unclassified collaborative environment access to be provided by the contractor must be sufficient to handle protected A.
- Under acquisition activities, DND will provide a Defence Wide Area Network (DWAN) workstation environment sufficient to handle protected B (setup and approval managed by DND) in order to strive to facilitate easier access and exchanges to the Defence Resource Management Information (DRMIS), the DWAN, and for a linked Electronic Information Environment (EIE) with DND. DND approvals required to establish this environment are not initially expected. Subsequent afterwards approvals for a direct connection between this DND DWAN environment and the contractor's systems are also not initially expected. The approval processes will include definitions for an acceptable interface and transaction data exchanges to be implemented by the EIE and the Interface Control Document (ICD). DND responsibilities for the DWAN environment will continue under in-service. Under acquisition, the contractor will only be responsible for providing a physically secure workstation location and a general internet connection for DND's DWAN environment. These contractor responsibilities must continue under in-service. In the absence of approvals for establishing the DWAN environment and for direct connections, transfers of protected B information must be handled in a disconnect fashion similar to classified information, including any required exchanges for Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) and DRMIS type data.

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Question 5

Reference: Volume 3 Annex B, Article 8.1.5 (PWS-1332).

Volume 3, Annex B, PWS-1332 states "The Contractor must utilize a linked Electronic Information Environment (EIE) with DND, as delivered under the UWSU capital project. The EIE will include a Collaborative Environment (CE) for sharing information and an Electronic Data Exchange (EDE) for interfaced data exchanges."

This requirement states that the EIE is to be delivered under the UWSU capital project. As only a limited CE is described in the Acquisition SOW, the bidder assumes that the full EIE is to be delivered as part of the ISSC. Will CANADA confirm that the ISSC is the "capital project" through which the EIE will be delivered?

Answer:

See answer provided for Question 4 above

Question 6

Reference: Volume 3 Annex B, Article 8.1.5 (PWS-1332).

UWSU RFP Vol 3, Annex B, PWS-1332 states "The Contractor must utilize a linked Electronic Information Environment (EIE) with DND, as delivered under the UWSU capital project. The EIE will include a Collaborative Environment (CE) for sharing information and an Electronic Data Exchange (EDE) for interfaced data exchanges."

This requirement states that the EDE will perform interfaced data exchanges. Similarly, PWS-1314 states that it is a contractor responsibility to use the EIE to "Send/Receive Interfaced Transactions". As no ICD was provided with the RFP, CANADA's expectations for the scope of data exchanges and interfaced transactions are unclear. The bidder assumes that CANADA intends for the EDE to enable interfaced transactions between the contractor's MIS and CANADA's system of record (DRMIS).

Will CANADA confirm/provide the following:

- 1) interfaced transactions and data exchanges are to occur between the contractor's MIS and DRMIS, and
- 2) provide the ICD for the interfaces to be implemented by the EDE?

Answer:

See answer provided for Question 4 above

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Question 7

Reference: Volume 2 Annex B, Article 5.4 and Volume 2 Annex B Appendix 1.

The CDRL indicates the following delivery dates:

Contract Data Requirements List

- CDRL-009, Block 16 (Remarks): "Block 12. The initial version of the Systems Specifications Document (SSD) must be submitted as part of the Contractor's Bid. The contract version of the SSD must be submitted for review ten (10) working days prior to the Systems Requirements Review (SRR)."
- CDRL-012, Block 16 (Remarks): "Block 12. The initial version of the Verification Cross Reference Matrix (VCRM) must be submitted for review ten (10) working days prior to the System Requirements Review (SRR)."
- CDRL-016, Block 16 (Remarks): "Block 12. The initial version of the Test and Evaluation Master Plan (TEMP) must be submitted for review ten (10) working days prior to the System Requirements Review (SRR). The TEMP must be presented at the initial PRM."
- CDRL-028, Block 16 (Remarks): "Block 12. The initial version of the Security Requirements Traceability Matrix (SRTM) must be submitted for review ten (10) working days prior to the System Requirements Review (SRR), in parallel with the Verification Cross Reference Matrix."
- CDRL-030 Block 16 (Remarks): "Block 12. The initial version of the Security Test and Evaluation (ST&E) Plan must be submitted for review ten (10) working days prior to System Requirements Review. The ST&E Plan must be presented at the Initial PRM"
- CDRL-046 Block 16 (Remarks): "Block 12. The initial version of the Engineering Change Guidance Package must be submitted for review twenty (20) working days prior to the System Requirements Review."

We agree with the delivery date requested in SOWP-476 for CDRL-009. In SOWP-475 Canada has set the SRR to be coincident with the Contract Kick-Off. The information required to complete CDRL-012, 016, 028, 030, 046 cannot be generated until requirements reconciliation is complete post-SRR. It is recommended that the CDRL list be updated to align delivery of the Initial VCRM, SRTM, ST&E, ECGP and TEMP with PDR instead. This can be done by replacing SRR with PDR in the block 16 comments shown above. Can CANADA please confirm that the SOW will be amended as requested?

Answer:

- 1) DELETE Volume 2 Annex B Appendix 1, CDRL-012 Verification Cross Reference Matrix, block 16 remarks, in its entirety, and
- REPLACE the above deleted remarks with the following:

16. REMARKS

Block 12. The initial version of the Verification Cross Reference Matrix (VCRM) must be submitted for review no later than twenty (20) working days after the System Requirements Review (SRR).

Block 13. The updated VCRM versions, addressing the comments from Canada, must be submitted for acceptance within ten (10) working days of receipt of comments, and within ten (10) working days following authorization of PDR and CDR minutes.

The updated VCRM versions must be submitted for review ten (10) working days prior to the Preliminary Design Review, ten (10) working days prior to the Critical Design Review, as required based on changes made for approaches to verification, and in accordance with subsequent modifications authorized by Canada.

2) DELETE Volume 2 Annex B Appendix 1, CDRL-016 Test and Evaluation Master Plan, block 16 remarks, in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above deleted remarks with the following:

16. REMARKS

Block 12. The initial version of the Test and Evaluation Master Plan (TEMP) must be submitted for review no later than twenty (20) working days after the System Requirements Review (SRR). The TEMP must be presented at the initial PRM.

Block 13. The updated TEMP versions, addressing the comments from Canada, must be submitted for acceptance within ten (10) working days of receipt of comments, and within ten (10) working days following authorization of PDR and CDR minutes."

The updated TEMP versions must be submitted for review ten (10) working days prior to Preliminary Design Review, ten (10) working days prior to Critical Design Review, and as required if changes are made to test approaches and plans.

3) DELETE Volume 2 Annex B Appendix 1, CDRL-028 Security Requirements Traceability Matrix, block 16 remarks, in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above deleted remarks with the following:

16. REMARKS

Block 12. The initial version of the Security Requirements Traceability Matrix (SRTM) must be submitted for review no later than twenty (20) working days after the System Requirements Review (SRR), in parallel with the Verification Cross Reference Matrix.

Block 13. The updated SRTM versions, addressing the comments from Canada, must be submitted for acceptance within ten (10) working days of receipt of comments, within ten (10) working days following authorization of PDR and CDR minutes, as required based on changes made for approaches to verification, in accordance with subsequent authorized modifications, and subsequently as required by the Security Working Group.

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The updated SRTM versions must be submitted for review ten (10) working days prior to the Preliminary Design Review, and ten (10) working days prior to the Critical Design Review.

4) DELETE Volume 2 Annex B Appendix 1, CDRL-030 Security Test and Evaluation Plan, block 16 remarks, in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above deleted remarks with the following:

16. REMARKS

Block 12. The initial version of the Security Test and Evaluation (ST&E) Plan must be submitted for review no later than twenty (20) working days after the System Requirements Review. The ST&E Plan must be presented at the Initial PRM.

Block 13. The updated ST&E Plan versions, addressing the comments from Canada, must be submitted for acceptance within ten (10) working days of receipt of comments, within ten (10) working days following authorization of PDR and CDR minutes, and subsequently as required by the Security Working Group.

The updated ST&E Plan versions must be submitted for review ten (10) working days prior to Preliminary Design Review, ten (10) working days prior to the Critical Design Review, and as required if changes are made to test approaches and plans.

5) DELETE Volume 2 Annex B Appendix 1, CDRL-046 Engineering Change Guidance Package, block 16 remarks, in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above deleted remarks with the following:

16. REMARKS

Block 12. The initial version of the Engineering Change Guidance Package must be submitted for review no later than twenty (20) working days after the System Requirements Review.

Block 13. The updated Engineering Change Guidance Package versions, addressing the comments from Canada, must be submitted for acceptance within ten (10) working days of receipt of the comments, and within ten (10) working days following authorization of PDR and CDR minutes.

The updated Engineering Change Guidance Package versions must be submitted for review twenty (20) working days prior to the Preliminary Design Review, twenty (20) working days prior to the Critical Design Review, in accordance with subsequent authorized modifications, and subsequently as required by the Engineering Change Working Group.

Question 8

Reference: Volume 3 Annex B, Article 4.1.9 (PWS-736)

Volume 3, Annex B, Article 4.1.9 states the following: The Contractor must manage, assess and update plans and schedules for all unforeseen and all unplanned, unscheduled and urgent operational requirements and assess their potential impacts to AOP, SDAOP, PMP, and NMA certification.

PWS, Appendix 3 (Definitions) defines the SDAOP as the Service Delivery Operating Plan. PWS-736 is the only reference to the SDAOP in the PWS, and is included without further description of its purpose or intent. As a result, it is not possible to assess potential impacts to the SDAOP.

Will CANADA define the SDAOP and indicate whether it is GFI or contractor furnished?

Answer:

1) DELETE Volume 3 Annex B Article 4.1.9 (PWS-736), in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above deleted text with the following:

ID	Requirement Type
PWS-736	4.1.9 [M] The Contractor must manage, assess and update plans and schedules for all unforeseen and all unplanned, unscheduled and urgent operational requirements and assess and their potential impacts to AOP, PMP, and NMA certification.
	Mandatory

2) DELETE Volume 1 Annex D Appendix 11 (Compliance Matrix Performance Work Statement) Article 4.1.9 (PWS-736), in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above deleted text with the following:

ID	Requirement Type	Compliance Demonstration Method	Bidder's Response	Evaluation of Bidders Response	Compliant (Y/N)
PWS-736	4.1.9 [M] The Contractor must manage, assess and update plans and schedules for all unforeseen and all unplanned, unscheduled and urgent operational requirements and assess and their potential impacts to AOP, PMP, and NMA certification.	A			

Question 9

Reference: Volume 1 Annex D Appendix 11.

A change to the PWS Compliance Demonstration Method was effected between the Draft and Final RFP releases in which the [M,X] was replaced by "X". Please confirm that the Compliance Demonstration Method of PWS-1550 should be "A", i.e. the meaning of the "M" in "M,A" has not been changed to the definition of BEP-1059.

Answer:

DELETE Volume 1 Annex D Appendix 11 Article 9.6.6 (PWS-1550), in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above deleted text with the following:

ID		Requirement Type	Compliance Demonstration Method	Bidder's Response	Evaluation of Bidders Response	Compliant (Y/N)
PWS-1550	9.6.6 [M] The Contractor must conduct Performance Assessment activities in accordance with the accepted PMP.	Mandatory	A			

Question 10

Reference: Volume 3

Would Canada please confirm that the place of performance/location of ISS work will be performed at the Contractor's facilities (i.e. not at Canada's facilities)?

Answer:

1) INSERT the following new Articles in Volume 3 Annex B after existing Article 2.1.11 (PWS-293):

ID		Requirement Type
PWS-1761	2.1.12 [I] The Contractors Place of Performance of the work conducted under the ISSC will be as follows:	Information
PWS-1762	a. [M] The Contractor Must Perform All Overhead, Management ILS, Meetings and the majority of all LCMM work at the Contractors own facility;	Mandatory
PWS-1763	b. [M] The Contractor must conduct all 3 rd level maintenance repairs at the Contractors own facilities;	Mandatory
PWS-1764	c. [M] The Contractor must conduct any assigned 1 st and 2 nd level maintenance activities at the DND Canada Facilities where the equipment is located; and	Mandatory
PWS-1765	d. [M] The Contractor must conduct all Inspections, Packaging and Shipment of Material Items at the Contractors own Facilities;	Mandatory

2) INSERT the following new Articles in Volume 1 Annex D after existing Article 2.1.11 (PWS-293):

ID		Requirement Type	Compliance Demonstration Method	Bidder's Response	Evaluation of Bidders Response	Compliant (Y/N)
PWS-1761	2.1.12 [I] The Contractors Place of Performance of the work conducted under the ISSC will be as follows:	Information	NA			
PWS-1762	a. [M] The Contractor Must Perform All Overhead, Management ILS, Meetings and the majority of all LCMM work at the Contractors own facility;	Mandatory	A			
PWS-1763	b. [M] The Contractor must conduct all 3 rd level maintenance repairs at the Contractors own facilities;	Mandatory	A			
PWS-1764	c. [M] The Contractor must conduct any assigned 1 st and 2 nd level maintenance activities at the DND Canada Facilities where the equipment is located; and	Mandatory	A			
PWS-1765	d. [M] The Contractor must conduct all Inspections, Packaging and Shipment of Material Items at the Contractors own Facilities;	Mandatory	A			

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