

SOLICITATION No.: 1000186271,
Amendment No.: 03

Amendment 03 is issued for the following purpose:

1. Respond to questions submitted;
2. Add a publishing rights clause to the resulting contract clauses;
3. Amend article 4, Project Schedule, of the Statement of Work.
4. Extend the date of bid closing to July 12, 2017

1. QUESTIONS

Question 1

The Intellectual Property (IP) clauses of the Resulting Contract Clauses of the RFP state that Canada will own IP created under the contract. We are concerned that this will preclude our right to freely publish the results and use the algorithms that we develop without having to be granted a license to do so. Would Canada consider allowing us the right to publish this work before it is publicly distributed by PHAC?

Answer 1

Canada will retain IP ownership as the main purpose of the contract is to generate knowledge and information for public dissemination. While Canada will retain IP ownership the contractor will be granted publishing rights during the period of the contract.

Question 2

Does the max amount of budget of 500K include HST/GST such that the total including HST/GST should not be over 500K, or can the budget be 500K exclusive of HST/GST such that HST/GST would be on top of the 500K?

Answer 2

The maximum budget of 500K includes all applicable taxes.

2. PUBLISHING RIGHTS

The following clause is inserted at Appendix 1 – Resulting Contract Clauses:

1.9 PUBLISHING RIGHTS

Following completion of the Task Activities and acceptance of, and payment for, the Deliverables identified in the Statement of Work the Contractor will have the right to use the algorithms developed related to the deliverable and to publish results pertaining to the project methods, literature scan/review and validation results. The Contractor will not have the right to publish information related to recommendations regarding the approaches to surveillance of chronic diseases in Canada for consideration of the Public Health Agency of Canada.

3. PROJECT SCHEDULE

At Annex A – Statement of Work, article 4, Project Schedule, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

4. PROJECT SCHEDULE

4.1 Schedule and Estimated Level of Effort (Work Breakdown Structure)

Year 1/Task 1

Complete initial environmental scan and recommend priority minimum of six (6) priority conditions

Task Activities	Deliverable
Environmental scan of existing validation studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop approach to scan and priority setting • Identify priority case definitions (gaps) to be validated • Create analysis plans and study designs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach to scan and priority setting • Report identifying gaps with traditional validation data sources • Priority case definitions for validation • Recommendations to address gaps • Identified plans and designs • Recommendation of minimum six (6) priority conditions

Year 2/Task 2

Validation of minimum two (2) priority conditions

Task Activities	Deliverable
Validation Scan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update validation scan • Conduct scan on assessment of gaps for physician billing data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of scan
Validation of minimum two (2) priority conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update reference standard case identification and chart abstraction • Develop manual for data abstraction • Conduct data abstraction • Set up abstraction database • Query linked administrative databases using proposed analysis plan • Prepare disease specific technical report synthesizing the results of codes developed and the analysis performed • Review and revise draft report to ensure it meets requirements for final report deliverable based on PHAC feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstraction manual for data abstraction • Draft disease specific technical report • Final report. • Provide SAS codes

Year 3/Task 3

Update environmental scan and priority recommendations. Validation of minimum two (2) priority conditions

Task Activities	Deliverable
Validation Scan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update validation scan. • Conduct scan on assessment of gaps for hospital billing data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of scan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update reference standard case identification and chart abstraction • Validation of minimum 2 priority conditions • Develop manual for data abstraction • Conduct data abstraction • Set up abstraction database • Query linked administrative databases using proposed analysis plan • Prepare disease specific technical report synthesizing the results of codes developed and the analysis performed • Review and revise draft report to ensure it meets requirements for final report deliverable based on PHAC feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstraction manual for data abstraction • Draft disease specific technical report • Final report. • Provide SAS codes

Year 4/Task 4

Update environmental scan and priority recommendations. Validation of minimum two (2) priority conditions

Task Activities	Deliverable
Year 4 Validation Scan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update validation scan. • Conduct scan on assessment for other gaps identified in project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of scan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update reference standard case identification and chart abstraction • Validation of minimum 2 priority conditions • Develop manual for data abstraction • Conduct data abstraction • Set up abstraction database • Query linked administrative databases using proposed analysis plan • Prepare disease specific technical report synthesizing the results of codes developed and the analysis performed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstraction manual for data abstraction • Draft disease specific technical report • Final report. • Provide SAS codes

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and revise draft report to ensure it meets requirements for final report deliverable based on PHAC feedback	
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4. BID CLOSING

Delete June 29, 2017 and replace with July 12, 2017 at A4, BID CLOSING DATE, and A10, BID DELIVERY, on page 1 of the RFP.

All other terms and conditions of the RFP remain unchanged.