

**Technical Architecture (F5 Expertise)
For
DCN / CITS Professional Services

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

AMENDMENT NO. 3**

This RFP amendment No. 3 is raised to;

- 1- Extend the RFP closing date by 6 days;
- 2- Publish Canada's responses to Industry questions received during the question period;

1. At Page 1 of the Amendment 001 document;

At '**Solicitation Closes**';

DELETE: the previous closing date in its entirety and;

INSERT: the following in its place:

**at / à 02 :00 PM
on / le August 23, 2017**

2. Publish Canada's responses to Industry questions received during the question period.

Question	Answer
<p>Q. 22 TEKsystems Canada Inc. has the following question:</p> <p>Given the large complexity of writing this response, and there being other very large complex RFPs that have been released, would the Crown extend this RFP by two weeks to August 31st?</p>	<p>Canada has reviewed the request and the requirement remains the same.</p>
<p>Q. 23 M1 states "The Bidder must supply 3 contract references, delivered within the past 5 years of bid release</p> <p>Would the Crown clarify, if projects that are still ongoing but were awarded outside the past 5 years qualify?</p>	<p>Reference projects could commence prior to the 5 year, however only deliverable experience occurring any time during the past five (5) years prior to the RFP closing date will be considered.</p>
<p>Q. 24 - 4.2 R.2 F5 Architecture Resource Description states;</p> <p>"...SSC does not wish to constrain the process at the Bidder level by prescribing which solution /</p>	<p>Word count requirement remains unchanged.</p> <p>Providing all bidders with a maximum word count ensures their respective responses are individually evaluated against their perceived level of</p>

<p>strategy should be considered, however all bidder responses should be a minimum of 4500 to a maximum word count of 6000. Failure will result in the Bidder's non-compliance.”</p> <p>Imposing a work count maximum is restrictive and will not allow all bidders the ability to provide the Crown an accurate depiction of how they can support SSC "...and their respective strengths in the area of F5.”</p> <p>As a result, would the Crown accept to remove the word count maximum?</p>	<p>knowledge and their respective strengths in the areas of F5.</p> <p>Bidder responses will be evaluated and scored according to contents :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Clarity <input type="checkbox"/> Relevance <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge <input type="checkbox"/> Density <input type="checkbox"/> Proof <input type="checkbox"/> Completeness <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation <input type="checkbox"/> Bonus (evidence of excellence, and/or continuous improvement, etc.)
<p>Q. 25 Seeing as this is the summer vacation period and both our bid response team and our technical experts are harder to reach during this time to confirm information, can the Crown extend the closing date by 1 additional week, that is until 24-Aug-17, in order that we may provide a comprehensive and compliant response.</p>	<p>Canada agrees to extend the closing date of the RFP.</p>

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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Following is a summary of Amendments issued to date to this Request for Proposal (RFP)

Document Tracking	Date	Description
Amendment No. 001	July 27, 2017	Extend closing date, Published responses to questions and provide a revised version of Attachment 1 to Part 4 of the RFP 'Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection'
Amendment No. 002	August 3, 2017	Published responses to questions and provide updates to Attachment 1 to Part 4 of the RFP 'Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection'
Amendment No. 003	August 10, 2017	Extend closing date, Published responses to questions.