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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

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Title - Sujet Request for Qualification - ESAP	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EP635-173247/B	Amendment No. - N° modif. 005
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 20173247	Date 2017-10-11
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File No. - N° de dossier nb011.EP635-173247	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2017-11-01	Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
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Signature	Date

This amendment is raised to answer questions and modify the RFQ, as detailed below.

Question 24:

Does Canada intend to visit any reference projects during the RFQ evaluation process?

Answer 24:

No, Canada does not anticipate visiting any projects submitted as reference projects.

Question 25:

We note that this Project involves a significant M&E scope, and that the M&E Design-Build contractor will represent greater than 25% of the overall capital cost of the Project and will therefore be classified as a Construction Prime Member. Accordingly, we would find it appropriate for the M&E Design-Build contractor, as a Construction Prime Member, to submit reference project(s) which exemplify its qualifications for this Project. However, the definition of "Construction Lead" requires the Construction Prime Member who is submitting the reference project to have been the entity which assumed the responsibility and liability for the provision of all construction services for the Project.

We request confirmation that Construction Prime Members, who are typically M&E Design-Build subcontractors on other AFP projects, are permitted to submit reference projects for which the M&E Design-Build contractor was directly responsible for M&E scope but did not act as the overall lead for all construction services and that using these projects as part of the response to section C-1 of the RFP will not result in a reduction of the reference project's scoring.

Answer 25:

Please refer to the amended wording below.

At RFQ Appendix C – Rated Evaluation Criteria and Submission Requirements, Sub-Package C – Construction Capability and Experience, C-1 Experience, Submission Requirements Para 2

Delete: "Each reference project presented must have been carried out by one (1) of the Construction Prime Members and that Construction Prime Member must have been the Construction Lead. The "Construction Lead" is defined as the entity which assumed the responsibility and liability for the provision of all construction services for a project."

Insert: "Each reference project presented must have been carried out by one (1) of the Construction Prime Members and that Construction Prime Member must have been the Construction Lead. The "Construction Lead" is defined as:

the entity which assumed the responsibility and liability for the provision of all construction services for a project; or

the entity which assumed the responsibility and liability for the provision of a project component, which consisted of specific construction services that formed part of a larger project. In this case, the reference project being submitted can be a component of a larger project. An example of this would be if the entity was subcontracted by a general contractor responsible for developing a large infrastructure project (e.g. a hospital campus) and the subcontractor's role was limited to the construction of the thermal energy plant and/or distribution network.

Question 26:

Will Canada consider using a liquid instrument (LC) to provide security for the Validation Period rather than withholding a portion of the construction payment?

Answer 26:

Canada anticipates withholding a portion of the construction payment as described in RFQ Section 1.5.6. Canada may consider different mechanisms to anchor private capital to the performance of the Project.

More information will be released during the RFP phase.

Question 27:

Why is Canada requiring a Proposal security deposit of \$2 million at the technical submission stage? What are the conditions surrounding this deposit and its return (noting the Proponents are already at risk of losing any right to the \$1.2 million honorarium if they do not submit a technically compliant bid)?

Answer 27:

As indicated in RFQ Section 2.3.6, the form and terms applicable to the Proposal security deposit will be set out in the RFP.

Question 28:

Our Design Prime Member's audited financial statements are confidential, and copies of interim quarterly financial statements are typically not provided outside the company.

The Team Member has the following series of questions:

1. Are summary yearly financial statements adequate to address the requirements of Appendix C E-1 Items 1 & 2?
2. If no, is Public Works and Government Services Canada able to enter into a confidentiality agreement with the Respondent team or otherwise ensure the confidentiality of the financial information provided in our Response?
3. As our Design Prime Member does not typically provide interim quarterly financial statements outside the company, is a response to Appendix C E-1 Item 2 absolutely necessary from each Team Member in order for our qualification to be accepted?

Answer 28:

Canada requires audited financial statements for each of the last three (3) years in order to complete the evaluation of Criteria E-1. In addition, interim quarterly financial statements for each quarter (or other interval for which interim statements are prepared) since the most recent year's financial statement must be provided, if these statements have been prepared by the Team Member, regardless of whether or not these statement are typically provided outside the company. The confidentiality provisions are set out in Section 17.1 of the RFQ. It is recommended that any confidential information be clearly marked as such in the Response.

Question 29:

Our team has partners based in different cities in Canada and the US. Do security requirements require that the team relocate to a single secure office during RFP bid preparation, or is it possible to have a number of secure offices connected via readily available & secure means of sharing files and having conference calls?

Answer 29:

The choice of locating a Proponent's team in one or more location is to be determined by each Proponent. Each location where Sensitive Information will be stored must receive a Facility Security Clearance.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.