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Purpose:

To respond to various enquiries regarding this solicitation.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION 56

Point Rated Criteria #R3 for both the Project Manager Level 2 and Level 3 is asking for the Contractor to have both a PMP and PRINCE2 certification to score full points. Most Project Managers do not have both certifications and asking for Contractors to have both is very limiting. The entire grid is only out of 8 points so losing 1 point is very impactful. To allow for more qualified and skilled Contractors to bid on this opportunity, would the Crown please change the requirement to allocating 2 points for a PMP OR PRINCE2 certification?

ANSWER 56

Canada's needs are based on operational requirements. Canada will not change this requirement as requested.

QUESTION 57

Point Rated Criteria #R3 for the Risk Management Specialist Level 3 is asking for the Contractor to have a PMP, PRINCE2 and Project Risk Management Certification to score full points. It is very rare for a Risk Management Specialist to have all three certifications and asking for Contractors to have all three is very limiting. The entire grid is only out of 9 points so losing 1 or 2 points is very impactful. To allow for more qualified and skilled Contractors to bid on this opportunity, would the Crown please change the requirement to allowing for any 2 of the 3 certifications?

ANSWER 57

Canada's needs are based on operational requirements. Canada will not change this requirement as requested.

QUESTION 58

In regards to Attachment 4.2 Pricing Schedule for Workstreams A and B we are asking the following question: Currently the Crown has included a "weighting" in each category by including the estimated number of days. By including this information directly in the pricing schedule will drastically effect the way vendors will price each category. As written, the vast majority of highly weighted categories will not be usable due to the fact that the majority of responding companies will price their bids with low rates in the more heavily weighted categories to gain the highest competitive advantage for the financial score. We appreciate that the Crown is obligated to identify the potential scope of requirements in Tier 2 solicitations as per Trade Agreements that the Crown has entered into. In order to satisfy those Trade Agreements without negatively impacting the outcome of Tier 2 Solicitation by using the estimated number of days to accomplish this would the Crown please identify the potential scope of the requirements (estimated number of days) in the SOW of this RFP or elsewhere, where it deems appropriate, and remove Column C in its entirety from the Pricing Schedule? This will ensure the rates that companies propose for all categories are sufficient to supply the level of experience the client requires in the appropriate category. This will also ensure that those rates will not be deemed to be Unreasonably Low, and therefore it is unlikely the Crown will request price support.

ANSWER 58

The Estimated Number of Days is not a weighing factor but rather the anticipated level of effort required for each category and level of resource. It is the defined unit of measure for the services to be provided under this procurement and is one of the factors required to determine the total cost used for evaluation

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proposes. Canada anticipates cost advantages for categories where volume is greater which could result in more competitive pricing. The Task Based Informatics Professional Services (TBIPS) Supply Arrangement (SA) is a mandatory method of supply for this commodity and incorporates various standard clauses and conditions to ensure the principles of competition, fairness, openness, transparency and integrity are maintained. Removing Column (c) from the Pricing Schedule would not meet Canada's objectives. Therefore, Canada will not amend the financial evaluation provisions of solicitation as requested.

QUESTION 59

I.3 Database Analyst / IM Administrator Level 3 – Point Rated requirement R5:

a) Please confirm that the Crown will accept an IBM Certified Database Associate – DB2 Universal Database V8.3 certification as scoring 1 point against this criteria.

b) Please confirm that multiple certifications within each listed category will each be awarded a point. For example: Oracle Database 12c Administration Certified Professional (OCP) and Oracle Database 10g Administration Certified Professional (OCP) would each be given 1 point against this criteria.

ANSWER 59

See Answer 36 of amendment 004. For greater clarity under question b) For example, if the proposed resource has 3 IBM Information Management Certifications only 1 point will be awarded. But if the proposed resource has an OCP, an IBM Information Management Certification and an ICCP CDMP 3 points will be awarded.

QUESTION 60

Resource Security Clearance: Please confirm that resources submitted with the proposal may have a Secret security clearance in process as long as they hold an active Secret clearance at Contract Award.

ANSWER 60

See Answer 15 of Amendment 002.

QUESTION 61

For the role of A.8 System Analyst (Level 3), the Crown is requesting in R2 that the proposed resource demonstrate **over 14 years** of experience developing system designs and specifications using the Rational Unified Process (RUP) framework and Unified Modelling Language (UML) including storyboarding and System Use Cases (SUC) **within the last 10 years** to obtain full points. Given that it is impossible to demonstrate over 14 years of experience within the last 10 years, would the Crown consider amending this requirement so that the proposed resource only needs to demonstrate 10 years of experience within the last 10 years to obtain full points?

ANSWER 61

See Answer 28 of Amendment 004.

QUESTION 62

Given the number of RFPs currently posted and the scope of this requirement, we kindly request a two (2) week extension be granted to ensure Bidders have the capacity to provide you with the maximum number of submissions.

ANSWER 62

See Answer 55 of amendment 004.

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