

AMENDMENT 003
CSPS-RFP-17GH-1052

To all Offerors:

The purpose of this amendment is to give effect to the following:

Questions and Answers

Question # 2:

We have a few subcontractors that we use for facilitation. We understand from the RFP that you will be selecting only one Facilitator for this project.

Would our firm be able to propose more than one Facilitator?

Answer # 2:

The requirement is for one (1) Leadership Development Facilitator only, as indicated in the solicitation document.

Question # 3:

Do you have an estimate on when you expect the work to begin?

Answer # 3:

Work will likely begin March-April 2018.

Question # 4:

On page 33, Annex B Basis of Payment, the estimated level of effort is 55 days. On page 31, Annex A Statement of Work, the facilitation days adds to 25 days. Just wanting to confirm that the remaining 30 days will be for planning, preparation, development, meetings, report writing, etc.

Answer # 4:

Exactly, the remaining days will be for planning, preparation, development, meetings and report writing.

Question # 5:

I suspect I should contact the Industrial Security Program for this question, but do you happen to know off-hand if you are able to sponsor a subcontractor for a proposal, or must you already have been awarded a contract to initiate sponsorship?

Answer # 5:

As stated on the Contract Security Program (CSP) website, the prime contractor is the organization that wins the bid to work on a Government of Canada contract. The subcontractor is hired by the prime contractor to work on part of the contract.

It is the prime contractor's responsibility to get approval from the Contract Security Program before awarding a subcontract with security requirements. Also, it is their responsibility to sponsor a subcontractor to obtain the required security screening.

Please refer to the CSP website <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/esc-src/index-eng.html>, under subcontracting security requirements section.

Question # 6:

Considering the unique relationship of CANZUK countries in terms of international education standards, would the Crown agree to accept degrees from the UK, New Zealand and Australia as equivalent to Canadian for the purposes of the RT3 requirement as the credentials assessment process presents undue lag for otherwise highly qualified bidders to submit a response in time? Alternatively, would the Crown consider accepting these countries as equivalent for bid submission with copies of the degree certificates, reserving the right to request formal third party equivalency during the evaluation process?

Answer # 6:

The Canada School of Public Service (CSPS) will not accept degrees from the UK, New Zealand and Australia as equivalent to Canadian for the purposes of the RT3 requirement.

CSPS will not accept these countries as equivalent for bid submission.

As stated in RT3, if the proposed resource's degree is from an institution outside of Canada, the Bidder should provide proof of the Canadian equivalency of recognized third party for its proposed resource.

A list of recognized organizations can be found under the Canadian Information Center for International Credential website at <https://www.cicic.ca/>

Question # 7:

Can two firms propose the same resource?

Answer # 7:

Yes, two firms can propose the same resource.

Question # 8:

Can you kindly confirm that the client letters/testimonials required in RT1 under item 6. must in fact be signed client letters included with the bid and that a min of two (or more) are required overall to support the cited # hours facilitation cited in RT1, and not that two client letters are required per cited project?

Answer # 8:

No the letters or references do not need a signature.