

## Amendment 005

**The purpose of this amendment is to respond to potential bidders' questions and revise the closing date of the solicitation.**

*Question 84:*

Please confirm if one federal government organization (as lead GoC department and Bidder) and one private sector organization (as a partner) would meet the partnership requirements for this RFP (Stream A).

*Response 84:*

Please refer to section 3.1. – Who May Apply. Proposal submission for Stream A requires a minimum of two partner organizations and must satisfy the criteria in section 3.1.2

*Question 85:*

The call-for-proposal stated a need to send the form of integrity with the soumission. Since only three pages is allowed to attach as suppl docs, is that counted?

Do we send form for all team members (eg.: seven).

*Response 85:*

As per section 5.1 of the CFP, "In accordance with the Integrity Provisions of the Standard Instructions, all bidders must provide with their bid, **if applicable**, the Integrity declaration form".

Instructions for submission of the form can be found at the following link: <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/declaration-eng.html>

*Question 86:*

Would it be acceptable for the Lead Government Department to take a more active role in the project than in the example given in Response 39 of Amendment 3? We plan for the LGD to provide expertise, infrastructure and labour. If this is acceptable, please confirm that the LGD can be reimbursed, either in part or in full, for its contribution.

*Response 86:*

Please refer to section 3.5.4 Eligible Costs. CSSP funding does not cover the cost of a federal indeterminate government employee; however, there are stipulations that the salaries of subcontractors and casual workers may be covered.

*Question 87:*

I am an Adjunct Professor at a University (The Bidder) and Research Advisor at the Lead Government Department. Am I eligible to be the Project Manager?

*Response 87:*

It is at the discretion of the Bidder and/or partners to identify their roles and responsibilities within the proposal submission.

For Stream A proposal submissions, Annex G – the Partnership Signature Form contains a certification statement to be signed by the Lead Government Department.

*Question 88:*

In the context of a Phased Project, is it acceptable to include in the Stage 1 workplan/budget groundwork for Stage 2 (conditional on Stage 2 being accepted) such as ethics review?

*Response 88:*

Please refer to the description of Staged Projects in Annex A – Project Types and Parameters.

*Question 89:*

What is the definition of:

Current TRL

Anticipated TRL

*Response 89:*

The current TRL is that at project initiation and the anticipated TRL is that at project completion. Please refer to the definition of TRLs in Annex A – Project Types and Parameters.

*Question 90:*

Are the maximum Funding Ranges by Project Type inclusive of taxes?

*Response 90:*

Proposals should not exceed the parameters identified for funding, including Applicable Taxes.

*Question 91:*

Could DRDC/PSPC please confirm where Bidders are to address 5.1 Certification Required with the Proposal? I understand 5.1.2.1 Canadian Content Certification is addressed in the Electronic Submission Form however, 5.1.1 Integrity Provisions is not. If the Integrity Provisions are not applicable to a Bidder, where should this be indicated? If the Integrity Provisions are applicable how should Bidders submit the Form referenced?

*Response 91:*

Please refer to *Response 85*.

*Question 92:*

Annex\_E\_-\_Detailed\_Budget\_Table\_Excel\_2017.xlsx has some built-in formulas however, the application of the formulas is inconsistent.

For example, C13 is =SUM(C6:C12) a total sum of Program Funding Requested for the Bidder in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 but C21 has no formula and therefore does not automatically calculate the sum of Program Funding Requested for the Partner 1 or Lead Government Department in Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Will a new Annex E with formulas be issued?

*Response 92:*

Yes, the formulas have been corrected in the online tool.

*Question 93:*

We are interested in responding to challenge number 3 and would like to know if this challenge is limited to the sectors identified or if energy would also be considered:

**3. Problem:** As modern information systems are integrated with or replace older operational systems, critical infrastructure is vulnerable to cyber-attacks through new attack surfaces.

**S&T Challenge:** Develop and demonstrate prototype systems that enhance early detection and prevention of cyber-attacks (such as ransomware), resilience to cyber-attacks, privacy or information protection in the telecommunications, transportation, and/or health sectors.

Our interpretation was that the sectors listed only applied to proposals addressing privacy or information protection, and that the rest of the challenge applied to all critical infrastructure sectors

*Response 93:*

The challenge is restricted to the identified sectors.

*Question 94:*

Do you know if there is a percentage that CSS is looking for regarding CSSP funds vs in-kind funding? In the past I thought this has been indicated in the call but I do not see this information anywhere.

*Response 94:*

Please refer to Annex C – Evaluation Criteria, specifically PR-2 B for the evaluation criteria related to the Cost Estimate. For a description of In-Kind contributions, please refer to Annex I – Co-Investment Information.

*Question 95:*

Will we still be able to edit the information that we have entered after the task is completed, or is it going to be final when completed?

*Response 95:*

Yes, completed tasks may be edited up until the closing date and time of the DRDC Innovation Call for Proposals 2017.

*Question 96:*

Could you please confirm and clarify that, due to the fact that NRC is definitely a Canadian Government Department in the definition of the RFP,

- 3.5.6 Ineligible Costs  
DRDC funds cannot be used to pay for salaries of indeterminate employees at the federal level of government in Canada; however, indeterminate employee salaries (including the EBP amount) may be included in the proposal as an in-kind contribution.

Please confirm that **NRC cannot charge the labour rates of our continuing staff; these labour rates can only be shown as in-kind contributions.**

*Response 96:*

Please refer to the Solicitation document, Section 3.5.4 – Eligible Costs and Section 3.5.6 Ineligible Costs. CSSP funding does not cover the cost of a federal indeterminate government employee; however, there are stipulations that the salaries of subcontractors and casual workers may be covered. In-Kind contributions are explained in Annex I – Co-Investment Information.

*Question 97:*

Regarding **Amendment 004, Response 73**: “The partnership must be comprised of two additional entities, one of which is the Lead Government Department described in 3.1.2.”

Does this imply that the minimum total number of project partners should be three, including 1) the Bidder, 2) Government Project Champion and 3) A partner?

I would like to clarify this point, because on page 44 of the CFP, it states that: “Partnerships – for \*Stream A only\* Each proposal must have two or more project partners, including the Bidder.”

*Response 97:*

For Stream A, the partnership must be comprised of at least two entities, one of which is the Lead Government Department to meet the partnership requirements described in 3.1.2. The Bidder role can be assumed by the Lead Government Department or another partner.

*Question 98:*

This question and answer from Amendment 4, I believe was answered, if not incorrectly, at least in a way that will likely be misinterpreted and I think a clarification should be issued immediately:

*Question 73:*

*We have a question regarding the number of partners required in the program. We have already secured one partner in the federal government. Our question is whether Stream A requires and additional partner other than our company as per page 7 of the CFP (Section 3.1.2)?*

*Response 73:*

*The partnership must be comprised of two additional entities, one of which is the Lead Government Department described in 3.1.2.*

A private company who is planning to be a DRDC Innovations CFP bidder is asking if they require an additional partner other than the LGD and themselves. Response 73 implies that a minimum of three partners (the bidding company plus "two additional entities") is required for a Stream A project led by a private company. I do not believe that is the intent of the answer but it is strongly implied. I believe the word "additional" created the problem. I suggest the response should have been worded as "The partnership must be comprised of at least two entities, one of which is the Lead Government Department described in 3.1.2."

*Response 98:*

Please refer to *Response 97*.

*Question 99:*

We would like to request an extension to the deadline for the proposals.

*Response 99:*

The solicitation closing date has been revised to **December 14, 2017 at 2:00pm EST**.

*Question 100:*

If we were not one of the groups that generated a Challenge, does it make sense to answer a Challenge?

*Response 100:*

It is at the discretion of the Bidder whether to respond to the DRDC Innovation Call for Proposals 2017 and to determine and identify which Challenge(s) are applicable to their proposal.

*Question 101:*

Can you confirm the maximum funding and/or cap available for any contract?

*Response 101:*

Please refer to Annex A – Project Types and Parameters, Table A: Project Parameters. Proposals should not exceed the parameters identified for funding, including Applicable Taxes.

*Question 102:*

For letters of support; who should be the addressee?

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W7714-17DRDC/B  
Client Ref. No. - N° de réf. du client  
W7714-17DRDC

Amd. No. - N° de la modif.  
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File No. - N° du dossier  
062sv.W7714-17DRDC

Buyer ID - Id de l'acheteur  
062sv  
CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME

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*Response 102:*

The letters of support should be addressed to the entity that requested the support letter.

*Question 103:*

If we are submitting two separate submissions (one to Stream A and one to Stream B) through two different universities; should we refer to the other submission?

*Response 103:*

It is at the discretion of the Bidder how to structure their proposal, however, it is not necessary to refer to a submission in a separate Stream. Each proposal must stand on its own merit.

*Question 104:*

Regarding the government partners, does the lead government partner have to be a user of the innovation?

*Response 104:*

No, the lead government partner does not have to be a user of the innovation.

**All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.**