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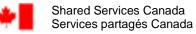
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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Introduction

The bid solicitation is divided into seven parts plus attachments and annexes, as follows:

- Part 1 General Information: provides a general description of the requirement;
- Part 2 Bidder Instructions: provides the instructions, clauses and conditions applicable to the bid solicitation;
- Part 3 Bid Preparation Instructions: provides Bidders with instructions on how to prepare their bid;
- Part 4 Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection: indicates how the evaluation will be conducted, the evaluation criteria that must be addressed in the bid, and the basis of selection;
- Part 5 Certifications and Additional Information: includes the certifications and additional information to be provided;
- Part 6 Security, Financial and Other Requirements: includes specific requirements that must be addressed by Bidders; and
- Part 7 Resulting Contract Clauses: includes the clauses and conditions that will apply to any resulting contract.

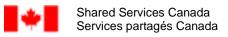
The Annexes include the Statement of Work, the Basis of Payment, Security Requirements, the Security Requirements Checklist, Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification, the Task Authorization Form and any other annexes.

1.2 Summary

1.2.1 This bid solicitation is issued to engage and secure access to firm(s), or consortium(s), who are experienced and capable of providing SSC with IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search assistance on a national and, potentially, international basis.

It is intended to result in the award of one (1) contract for three (3) years, plus two (2) additional one (1) year irrevocable options allowing Canada to extend the term of the contract.

- 1.2.2 There are security requirements associated with this requirement. For additional information, consult Part 6 Security, Financial and Other Requirements, and Part 7 Resulting Contract Clauses. For more information on personnel and organization security screening or security clauses, Bidders should refer to the <u>Contract Security Program</u> of Public Works and Government Services Canada (http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/esc-src/introduction-eng.html) website.
- 1.2.3 The requirement is subject to the provisions of the World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP), the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA).
- 1.2.4 This bid solicitation is to establish a contract with task authorizations for the delivery of the requirement detailed in the bid solicitation to the Identified Users across Canada, excluding locations within Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Quebec, and Labrador that are subject to Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements (CLCAs). Any requirement for deliveries within CLCAs

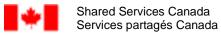


areas within Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Quebec, or Labrador will have to be treated as a separate procurement, outside the resulting contract.

1.2.5 The Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity applies to this procurement; refer to Part 5 – Certifications and Additional Information, Part 7 - Resulting Contract Clauses and the annex titled Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification."

1.3 Debriefings

Bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the bid solicitation process. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority within 15 working days from receipt of the results of the bid solicitation process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.



PART 2 - BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the bid solicitation by number, date and title are set out in the <u>Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual</u> (https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract.

The 2003 (2017-04-27) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

Subsection 5.4 of 2003, Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, is amended as follows:

Delete: 60 days Insert: 120 days

2.2 Submission of Bids

- i. Bids must be received by the Contracting Authority by the date, time and place indicated on page 1 of the bid solicitation.
- ii. If your bid is transmitted by electronic mail, Canada will not be responsible for late bids received at destination after the closing date and time, even if it was submitted before.
- iii. Due to the nature of the bid solicitation, bids transmitted by facsimile to SSC will not be accepted.

2.3 Former Public Servant

Contracts awarded to former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension or of a lump sum payment must bear the closest public scrutiny, and reflect fairness in the spending of public funds. In order to comply with Treasury Board policies and directives on contracts awarded to FPSs, bidders must provide the information required below before contract award. If the answer to the questions and, as applicable the information required have not been received by the time the evaluation of bids is completed, Canada will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to comply with Canada's request and meet the requirement within the prescribed time frame will render the bid non-responsive.

Definitions

For the purposes of this clause,"former public servant" is any former member of a department as defined in the *Financial Administration Act*, R.S., 1985, c. F-11, a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces or a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A former public servant may be:

- a. an individual;
- b. an individual who has incorporated;
- c. a partnership made of former public servants; or

d. a sole proprietorship or entity where the affected individual has a controlling or major interest in the entity.

"lump sum payment period" means the period measured in weeks of salary, for which payment has been made to facilitate the transition to retirement or to other employment as a result of the implementation of various programs to reduce the size of the Public Service. The lump sum payment period does not include the period of severance pay, which is measured in a like manner.

"pension" means a pension or annual allowance paid under the <u>Public Service Superannuation Act</u> (PSSA), R.S., 1985, c. P-36, and any increases paid pursuant to the <u>Supplementary Retirement</u> <u>Benefits Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c. S-24 as it affects the PSSA. It does not include pensions payable pursuant to the <u>Canadian Forces Superannuation Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c. C-17, the <u>Defence Services Pension</u> <u>Continuation Act</u>, 1970, c. D-3, the <u>Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act</u>, 1970, c. R-10, and the <u>Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c. R-11, the <u>Members</u> <u>of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act</u>, R.S. 1985, c. M-5, and that portion of pension payable to the <u>Canada Pension Plan Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c. C-8.

Former Public Servant in Receipt of a Pension

As per the above definitions, is the Bidder a FPS in receipt of a pension? Yes () No ()

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information, for all FPSs in receipt of a pension, as applicable:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service.

By providing this information, Bidders agree that the successful Bidder's status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports in accordance with <u>Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2</u> and the <u>Guidelines on the Proactive Disclosure of Contracts</u>.

Work Force Adjustment Directive

Is the Bidder a FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of the Work Force Adjustment Directive? **Yes** () **No** ()

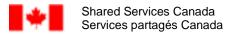
If so, the Bidder must provide the following information:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. conditions of the lump sum payment incentive;
- c. date of termination of employment;
- d. amount of lump sum payment;
- e. rate of pay on which lump sum payment is based;
- f. period of lump sum payment including start date, end date and number of weeks;
- g. number and amount (professional fees) of other contracts subject to the restrictions of a work force adjustment program.

For all contracts awarded during the lump sum payment period, the total amount of fees that may be paid to a FPS who received a lump sum payment is \$5,000, including Applicable Taxes.

2.4 Enquiries - Bid Solicitation

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than 5 calendar days before the bid closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.



Bidders should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the bid solicitation to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by Bidders to explain each question in sufficient detail in order to enable Canada to provide an accurate answer. Technical enquiries that are of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked "proprietary" at each relevant item. Items identified as "proprietary" will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Canada may edit the question(s) or may request that the Bidder do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question(s) is eliminated and the enquiry can be answered to all Bidders. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all Bidders may not be answered by Canada.

2.5 Applicable Laws

Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Ontario.

Bidders may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their bid, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the Bidders.

2.6 Improvement of Requirement During Solicitation Period

Should bidders consider that the specifications or Statement of Work contained in the bid solicitation could be improved technically or technologically, bidders are invited to make suggestions, in writing, to the Contracting Authority named in the bid solicitation. Bidders must clearly outline the suggested improvement as well as the reason for the suggestion. Suggestions that do not restrict the level of competition nor favour a particular bidder will be given consideration provided they are submitted to the Contracting Authority at least 15 days before the bid closing date. Canada will have the right to accept or reject any or all suggestions.



PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Bid Preparation Instructions

Canada requests that Bidders provide their bid in separately bound sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Bid

In their technical bid, Bidders should demonstrate their understanding of the requirements contained in the bid solicitation and explain how they will meet these requirements. Bidders should demonstrate their capability in a thorough, concise and clear manner for carrying out the work.

The technical bid should address clearly and in sufficient depth the points that are subject to the evaluation criteria against which the bid will be evaluated. Simply repeating the statement contained in the bid solicitation is not sufficient. In order to facilitate the evaluation of the bid, Canada requests that Bidders address and present topics in the order of the evaluation criteria under the same headings. To avoid duplication, Bidders may refer to different sections of their bids by identifying the specific paragraph and page number where the subject topic has already been addressed.

Section II: Financial Bid

- i. Prices must appear in the financial bid only. No prices must be indicated in any other section of the bid.
- ii. Bidders must submit their financial bid in accordance with the pricing table detailed in Annex "B" Basis of Payment. The total amount of Applicable Taxes must be shown separately.
- iii. Bidders must submit their rates FOB destination; Canadian customs duties and excise taxes included, as applicable; and Applicable Taxes excluded.
- iv. When preparing their financial bid, bidders should review the following:
 - Article 3, Financial Evaluation, of Part 4 of the bid solicitation;
 - Attachment 4 to Part 4, Example of Financial Evaluation; and
 - Article 7.7, Payment, of Part 7 of the bid solicitation.

Section III: Certifications

Bidders must submit the certifications and additional information required under Part 5.

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

4.1 Evaluation Procedures

- (a) Bids will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the bid solicitation including the technical evaluation criteria;
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the bids;

4.2 Technical Evaluation

It is the responsibility of the Bidder responding to this solicitation to ensure the completeness, clarity, specificity and detail for the SSC team to evaluate the Bidder's proposal on the basis of the criteria contained herein.

- Each technical criterion should be addressed separately and fully, not by reference to a generic synopsis of work performed by the Bidder or by virtue of work cited in a generic CV of a proposed resource for the requirement.
- Any point-rated technical criterion not addressed will be given a score of zero
- SSC reserves the right to contact any or all clients referenced to validate information.

4.2.1 IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search

Throughout the Technical Evaluation the following definitions apply:

- **IT** Information Technology
- IT Talent Recruitment Drive is defined as a wide search to obtain a pool of qualified individuals in broad array of skill areas.
- IT Talent search is defined as a targeted search for a particular individual(s) with a specific skillset.
- **IT Talent** is defined as non-EX mid-level IT professionals.
- **Mid-Level** is defined as non-EX with 5 years of experience working in an IT domain after their post-secondary degree or diploma).
- IT domain includes, but is not limited to enterprise architecture, enterprise infrastructure, data centres, networks, cybersecurity, Cloud technology, platform environment engineers and architects, supercomputers, IT service delivery and management, IT project management, IT security, IT support etc.

Mandatory Technical Criteria	Required supporting information
M1. Demonstrated experience in conducting Talent Recruitment Drives and/or talent searches for seeking non-EX IT professionals in a variety of IT positions. Non-EX IT professional is defined as a mid-level individual in an IT domain such as, but not limited to enterprise architecture, enterprise infrastructure, data centres, networks, cybersecurity, Cloud technology, platform environment engineers and architects, supercomputers, IT service delivery and management, IT project management, IT security, IT support etc.	 High level corporate resume indicating that the Bidder has initiated and completed at least 10 IT Talent Recruitment Drives or IT Talent Searches, or a combination of 10 IT Talent Recruitment Drives and IT Talent Searches in the past 10 years. Bidder must provide: The name of the organization for which the Bidder performed Talent Recruitment Drive/Search for IT talent. Description of talent being sought Year the IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search occurred Results of IT Talent Recruitment Drive /
	Results of IT Talent Recruitment Drive / Talent Search
M2. Use an Applicant Tracking System* to collect data and generate reports.	The bidder must use an Applicant Tracking System that enables the electronic handling of recruitment.
*Applicant Tracking System is defined as a system that automates recruiting and staffing operations, and provides a central repository for candidate data.	 Bidder must provide a: Brief description of Applicant Tracking System (ATS) and its functionality; Sample of Applicant Tracking System (screen grabs);



Point-rated Technical Criteria	Required Supporting documentation
R1. Demonstrated experience in conducting IT Talent Recruitment Drives and/or Searches for a broad range of mid-level non-EX positions in varied IT talent skill domains*.	The Bidder must provide at least three (3) separate IT Talent Recruitment Drives or Searches, or a combination of three (3) IT Talent Recruitment Drives and Searches, conducted in the past five years.
*Varied IT talent skill domains include, but not limited to, enterprise architecture, enterprise infrastructure, data centres, networks, cybersecurity, Cloud technology, platform environment engineers and architects, supercomputers, IT service delivery and management, IT project management, IT	 Each cited IT Talent Recruitment Drive or Search must include: The name of the company or organization A client contact in the organization The specific IT talent sought in the Talent Recruitment Drive or Search
security, IT support, etc.	Points awarded for each IT Talent Recruitment Drive or Search cited above that identified and attracted mid-level individual(s) for hire to the company in one or more of the following IT talent skill domains:
	 Individual hired with the skill sets/expertise for positions in IT Project Management – 2 points Individual hired with skill sets/expertise for positions in IT security – 2 points Individual hired with the skill sets/expertise for positions in Data centre services – 3 points Individual hired with skill sets/expertise in Networks – 3 points Individual hired with skill sets/expertise for positions in IT architecture – 4 points Individual hired with skill sets/expertise in IT infrastructure operations – 4 points Individual hired with skill sets/expertise in managing cloud computing – 4 points Individual hired with skill sets/expertise in cybersecurity – 4 points
	 Bonus Points 1 additional point per IT talent skill domain if more than one individual hired. (to a max of 8 bonus points) 2 additional point per IT Talent skill domain for individual hired for positions that required bilingual (French/English) capacity (up to a maximum of 16 bonus points)
	There is a maximum of 50 points per IT Talent Recruitment Drive/ Search for a potential total of 150 points



Services partages Canada	For each functionality in the Applicant Tracking
R2 Applicant Tracking System Functionality	 For each functionality in the Applicant Tracking System Bidder must provide: Description of functionality Sample of Applicant Tracking System functionality (screen grabs)
	 Five points per functionality up to a maximum of 50 points. Social Media recruiting capabilities – 5 points Social Media driven referral capability – 5 points Integration on job boards such as Indeed, LinkedIn, Glassdoor etc – 5 points Ability for applicants to conduct search/apply on Mobile device - 5 points Broadcast mass email alerts - 5 points SMS texting for alerts/communication – 5 points First level applicant screening through targeted questions / pre-interview questionnaires – 5 points Prioritize and rank best fit candidates – 5 points Tracking / data analytics – 5 points Reporting based on data queries – 5 points
R3. Utilization of tools that leverage the recruitment and screening process.	 For each tool firm must provide a: Brief description of tool and its capabilities sample of tool (screen grabs) Five points per functionality up to a maximum of 25 points. Video Interviewing - 5 points De-biasing software - 5 points Al / Automation screening tools - 5 points Mining of existing resumes tools - 5 points Assessment screening tools - 5 points
R4. Effectiveness of approach and methodology – confirmation by company/organization for which the IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search was performed.	 Two client references must be provided to demonstrate the effective approach and methodology of the Bidder to conduct a successful IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search for mid-level IT talent. Each reference must include: The client name and contact information IT talent domain(s) for which IT Talent Recruitment Drive / Search was conducted. IT Talent domains include, but are not limited to, enterprise architecture, enterprise infrastructure, data centres, networks, cybersecurity, Cloud technology, platform environment engineers and architects, supercomputers, IT service delivery and management, IT project management, IT security, IT support etc.



Question One: Did the recruitment firm design an effective IT recruitment campaign/search strategy for your requirement(s)

0 points – the IT recruitment campaign/search strategy did NOT result in the hiring of any resources.

5 points – the IT recruitment campaign/search strategy was adequate and identified some* qualified resources for your needs 10 points – the IT recruitment campaign/search strategy was excellent and identified a significant** range of talent to choose from for your needs.

BONUS 5 points – the IT recruitment campaign/search strategy in your view improved your company/organization's "reputation" for future hiring.

Question Two: The IT recruitment campaign/Search yielded mid-career individuals (non-ex with 5 years of experience working after their post-secondary degree or diploma) who had not previously applied on positions in your company/organization.

0 points – The IT recruitment campaign/Search did NOT yield mid-career IT individuals who had not previously applied on positions in your company/organization.

5 points – The IT recruitment campaign/Search yielded some* qualified mid-career IT individuals who had not previously applied on positions in your company/organization.

10 points – The IT recruitment campaign/talent search yielded a significant** number of qualified mid-career IT individuals who had not previously applied on positions in your company/organization.

The maximum number of points for this rated requirement is 25.

Note: *Some is defined as at least 5 individuals and **significant is defined as at least 10 individuals

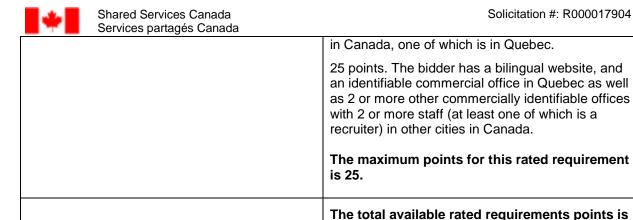
who were considered in final selection processes in filling your positions.

R5. The bidder has national presence. The Bidder has a website and one or more commercial offices in different cities in Canada.

The Bidder must provide website and street addresses for each office located in different cities in Canada Points awarded as follows:

10 points. The bidder has a website and at least 2 identifiable commercial offices in different cities in Canada. Any office must include at least 2 staff; at least one of which is a recruiter.

15 –points. The bidder has a website and at least 2 identifiable commercial offices with 2 or more staff (at least one of which is a recruiter) in different cities



4.3 **Financial Evaluation**

The price of the bid will be evaluated in Canadian dollars, Applicable Taxes excluded, FOB destination, Canadian customs duties and excise taxes included.

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The financial evaluation will be conducted using the firm per diem rate provided by the technically responsive bid(s), in Annex B Basis of Payment, to calculate the Total Financial Score. There are two financial evaluation methods possible for this requirement. Method 1 will be used if 3 or more bids are determined to be technically responsive (see Method 1 (b) below), and Method 2 will be used if fewer than 3 bids are determined to be technically responsive (see Method 2 (c) below).

Method 1: The following financial evaluation method will be used if 3 or more bids are determined to be technically responsive:

Step 1 - Establishing the lower and upper median bands for each period: The Contracting Authority will establish, for each period, the median band limits based on the firm per diem rates proposed by the technically responsive bids. For each period, the median will be calculated using the median function in Microsoft Excel and will represent a range that encompasses the lower median rate to a value of minus (-) 20% of the median, and an upper median rate to a value of plus (+) 30% of the median.

Step 2 - Point allocation: Points will be allocated for each period as follows:

- (A) If a firm per diem rate for any given period is either lower than the established lower median band limitor higher than the established upper median band limit for that period, the Bidder who proposed such per diem rate will be allocated 0 points for that period.
- If a firm per diem rate for any given period is within the established upper and lower median band limits for (B) that period, the Bidder who proposed such rate will obtain points for that period based on the following calculation, which will be rounded to two decimal places:

$$\left(\frac{Lowest \ proposed \ per \ diem \ rate \ within \ the \ median \ band \ limits}{Bidder's \ proposed \ per \ diem \ rate}\right) \times Points \ Assigned \ (see \ Table \ 1)$$

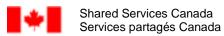
If a firm per diem rate for any given period is within the established median band limits for that period and is (C) the lowest proposed firm per diem rate, the Bidder who proposed such rate will be allocated the maximum points for that period and stream in accordance with the Points Assignment, Table 1, below.

Table 1 – Points Assignment

	Initial Period (3 years)	Option Period 1	Option Period 2
Maximum Points available – IT Talent Recruitment	10	5	5

Step 3 - Financial Score: Points allocated under STEP 2 for each period will be added together and rounded to two decimal places to produce the Total Financial Score.

Example: An example of a financial evaluation involving 4 bidders has been included for reference in Attachment 4 to Part 4.



Method 2: The following financial evaluation method will be used if fewer than 3 bids are determined to be technically responsive:

Step 1 - Point allocation: Points will be allocated to the Bidder, for each period, using the following calculation which will be rounded to two decimal places:

 $\left(\frac{Lowest \ proposed \ firm \ per \ diem \ rate}{Bidder's \ proposed \ firm \ per \ diem \ rate}\right) \times Points \ Assigned \ (see \ Table \ 1)$

The Bidder with the lowest proposed rate for any given period will be allocated the maximum points for that period and stream.

Step 2 - Financial Score: Points allocated under Step 1, for each period will be added together and rounded to two decimal places, to produce the Total Financial Score for each Bidder.

4.4 Basis of Selection

To be declared responsive, a bid must:

- a. comply with all the requirements of the bid solicitation; and
- b. meet all mandatory criteria; and
- c. obtain the required minimum of 30 points for the technical evaluation criteria R1 which is subject to point rating.

Bids not meeting (choose "(a) or (b) or (c)" will be declared non-responsive.

The selection will be based on the highest responsive combined rating of technical merit and price. The ratio will be 70% for the technical merit and 30% for the price.

To establish the technical merit score, the overall technical score for each responsive bid will be determined as follows: total number of technical points obtained / maximum number of technical points available multiplied by the ratio of 70%.

To establish the pricing score, each responsive bid will be prorated against the lowest financial score and the ratio of 30%.

For each responsive bid, the technical merit score and the pricing score will be added to determine its combined rating.

Neither the responsive bid obtaining the highest technical score nor the one with the lowest evaluated price will necessarily be accepted. The responsive bid with the highest combined rating of technical merit and price will be recommended for award of a contract.

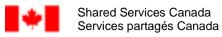
The table below illustrates an example where all three bids are responsive and the selection of the contractor is determined by a 70/30 ratio of technical merit and price, respectively. The total available points equals 135 and the lowest evaluated price is \$450 (45).

Basis of Selection - Highest Combined Rating Technical Merit (70%) and Price (30%)				
		Bidder 1	Bidder 2	Bidder 3
Overall Technical Score		115/135	89/135	92/135
Bid Evaluated Price		\$550.00	\$500.00	\$450.00
	Technical Merit Score	115/135 x 70 = 59.63	89/135 x 70 = 46.15	92/135 x 70 = 47.70
Calculations	Pricing Score	45/55 x 30 = 24.55	45/50 x 30 = 27.00	45/45 x 30 = 30.00
Combined Rat	ing	84.18	73.15	77.70



1st

2nd



ATTACHMENT 4 TO PART 4, Example of Financial Evaluation

The following example illustrates a financial evaluation using method 1 where four bidder were found to be technically compliant within the same stream.

	Contract Period			
	Initial 3 years	Option Year 1	Option Year 2	
Points Assignment	10	5	5	
Bidder's proposed fir	m per diem rates for each	period:		
Bidder 1	650	800	1000	
Bidder 2	1200	1500	1500	
Bidder 3	950	950	950	
Bidder 4	900	1000	1000	
Step 1 – Determining	the Lowest (-20%) and hig	hest (+30%) median band lin	nits for each period:	
	Initial 3 years	Option Year 1	Option Year 2	
Median	925	975	1000	
-20% limit	740	780	800	
+30% limit	1202.50	1267.50	1300	
STEP 2 – Allocating p	points:			
	Initial 3 years	Option Year 1	Option Year 2	
Bidder 1	0	10	(950 / 1000) x 5 = 4.75	
Bidder 2	(900 / 1200) x 10 = 7.5	0	0	
Bidder 3	(900 / 950) x 10 = 9.47	(800 / 950) x 5 = 4.21	10	
Bidder 4	10	(800 / 1000) x 5 = 4.00	(950 / 1000) x 5 = 4.75	
Step 3 – Financial Sc	ore:	<u>. </u>		
Bidder 1		0 + 10 +4.75 = 14.75		
Bidder 2		7.5 + 0 + 0 = 7.50		
Bidder 3		9.47 + 4.21 + 10 = 23.68		
Bidder 4		10 + 4 + 4.75 = 18.75		

PART 5 – CERTIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bidders must provide the required certifications and additional information to be awarded a contract.

The certifications provided by Bidders to Canada are subject to verification by Canada at all times. Unless specified otherwise, Canada will declare a bid non-responsive, or will declare a contractor in default if any certification made by the Bidder is found to be untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, during the bid evaluation period or during the contract period.

The Contracting Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Bidder's certifications. Failure to comply and to cooperate with any request or requirement imposed by the Contracting Authority will render the bid non-responsive or constitute a default under the Contract.

5.1 Certifications Precedent to Contract Award and Additional Information

The certifications and additional information listed below should be submitted with the bid but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications or additional information is not completed and submitted as requested, the Contracting Authority will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to provide the certifications or the additional information listed below within the time frame specified will render the bid non-responsive.

5.1.1 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - BidCertification

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder, and any of the Bidder's members if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, is not named on the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list available at the bottom of the page of the <u>Employment and Social</u> <u>Development Canada (ESDC) - Labour's</u> website (https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-contractor-program.html#).

Canada will have the right to declare a bid non-responsive if the Bidder, or any member of the Bidder if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, appears on the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid list at the time of contract award.

Canada will also have the right to terminate the Contract for default if a Contractor, or any member of the Contractor if the Contractor is a Joint Venture, appears on the <u>"FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid</u>" list during the period of the Contract.

The Bidder must provide the Contracting Authority with a completed annex titled Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification, before contract award. If the Bidder is a Joint Venture, the Bidder must provide the Contracting Authority with a completed annex Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification, for each member of the Joint Venture.

5.1.2 Former Public Servant Certification

(a) Contracts with former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension or of a lump sum payment must bear the closest public scrutiny and reflect fairness in spending public funds. In order to comply with Treasury Board policies and directives on contracts with FPS, bidders must provide the information required below.

- (b) For the purposes of this clause,
 - (i) **"former public servant**" means a former member of a department as defined in the *Financial Administration Act*, R.S., 1985, c. F-11, a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces or a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and includes:

- (A) an individual;
- (B) an individual who has incorporated;
- (C) a partnership made of former public servants; or
- (D) a sole proprietorship or entity where the affected individual has a controlling or major interest in the entity.
- (i) "lump sum payment period" means the period measured in weeks of salary, for which payment has been made to facilitate the transition to retirement or to other employment as a result of the implementation of various programs to reduce the Public Service. The lump sum payment period does not include the period of severance pay, which is measured in a like manner.
- "pension" means, in the context of the fee abatement formula, a pension or annual allowance paid under the *Public Service Superannuation Act* (PSSA), R.S., 1985, c. P-36, and any increases paid pursuant to the *Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act*, R.S. 1985, c. S-24 as it affects the PSSA. It does not include pensions payable pursuant to the *Canadian Forces Superannuation Act*, R.S., 1985, c. C-17, the *Defence Services Pension Continuation Act*, 1970, c. D-3, the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act*, R.S., 1985, c. R-11, the *Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act*, R.S., 1985, c. M-5, and that portion of pension payable to the *Canadian Pension Plan Act*, R.S., 1985, c. C-8.
- (c) If the Bidder is an FPS in receipt of a pension as defined above, the Bidder must provide the following information:
 - (i) name of former public servant;
 - (ii) date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service.
- (d) If the Bidder is an FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of a work force reduction program, the Bidder must provide the following information:
 - (i) name of former public servant;
 - (ii) conditions of the lump sum payment incentive;
 - (iii) date of termination of employment;
 - (iv) amount of lump sum payment;
 - (v) rate of pay on which lump sum payment is based;
 - (vi) period of lump sum payment including start date, end date and number of weeks; and
 - (vii) number and amount (professional fees) of other contracts subject to the restrictions of a work force reduction program.
- (e) For all contracts awarded during the lump sum payment period, the total amount of fee that may be paid to a FPS who received a lump sum payment is \$5,000, including the Goods and Services Tax or Harmonized Sales Tax.

(f) Bysubmitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the information submitted by the Bidder in response to the above requirements is accurate and complete.

5.1.3 Code of Conduct and Certification

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies, for himself and his affiliates, to be in compliance with the Code of Conduct and Certifications clause of the Standard instructions. The related documentation hereinafter mentioned will help Canada in confirming that the certifications are true.

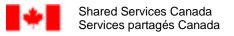
By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that it is aware, and that its affiliates are aware, that Canada may



request additional information, certifications, consent forms and other evidentiary elements proving identity or eligibility. Canada may also verify the information provided by the Bidder, including the information relating to the acts or convictions specified herein, through independent research, use of any government resources or by contacting third parties. Canada will declare non-responsive any bid in respect of which the information requested is missing or inaccurate, or in respect of which the information contained in the certifications is found to be untrue, in any respect, by Canada. The Bidder and any of the Bidder's affiliates, will also be required to remain free and clear of any acts or convictions specified herein during the period of any contract arising from this bid solicitation.

Bidders who are incorporated, including those bidding as a joint venture, must provide with their bid a complete list of names of all individuals who are currently directors of the Bidder (See Attachment 2 to Part 4 of the Bid Solicitation). Bidders bidding as sole proprietorship, including those bidding as a joint venture, must provide the name of the owner with their bid. Bidders bidding as societies, firms, partnerships or associations of persons do not need to provide lists of names. If the required names have not been received by the time the evaluation of bids is completed, Canada will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to comply will render the bid non-responsive. Providing the required names is a mandatory requirement for contract award.

Canada may, at any time, request that a Bidder provide properly completed and Signed Consent Forms (Consent to a Criminal Record Verification Form - PWGSC -TPSGC 229) (<u>http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/forms/229-eng.html</u>) for any or all individuals aforementioned within the time specified. Failure to provide such Consent Forms within the time period provided will result in the bid being declared non-responsive.



Attachment 1 to PART 5, FEDERAL CONTRACTORS PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY – CERTIFICATION

I, the Bidder, by submitting the present information to the Contracting Authority, certify that the information provided is true as of the date indicated below. The certifications provided to Canada are subject to verification at all times. I understand that Canada will declare a bid non-responsive, or will declare a contractor in default, if a certification is found to be untrue, whether during the bid evaluation period or during the contract period. Canada will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Bidder's certifications. Failure to comply with any request or requirement imposed by Canada may render the bid non-responsive or constitute a default under the Contract.

For further information on the Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity visit <u>Employment and</u> <u>Social Development Canada (ESDC) – Labour's</u> website.

Date:_____(YYYY/MM/DD) (If left blank, the date will be deemed to be the bid solicitation closing date.)

Complete both A and B.

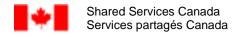
- A. Check only one of the following:
- () A1. The Bidder certifies having no work force in Canada.
- () A2. The Bidder certifies being a public sector employer.
- () A3. The Bidder certifies being a <u>federally regulated employer</u> being subject to the <u>Employment</u> <u>Equity Act</u>.
- () A4. The Bidder certifies having a combined work force in Canada of less than 100 permanent fulltime and/or permanent part-time employees.
- A5. The Bidder has a combined workforce in Canada of 100 or more employees; and
 - () A5.1. The Bidder certifies already having a valid and current <u>Agreement to Implement</u> <u>Employment Equity (AIEE)</u> in place with ESDC-Labour.

OR

- () A5.2. The Bidder certifies having submitted the <u>Agreement to Implement Employment Equity</u> (<u>LAB1168</u>) to ESDC-Labour. As this is a condition to contract award, proceed to completing the form Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (LAB1168), duly signing it, and transmit it to ESDC-Labour.
- B. Check only one of the following:
- () B1. The Bidder is not a Joint Venture.

OR

() B2. The Bidder is a Joint venture and each member of the Joint Venture must provide the Contracting Authority with a completed annex Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification. (Refer to the Joint Venture section of the Standard Instructions)



Attachment 2 to Part 5, Code of Conduct and Certification

Code of Conduct and Certification
Adresse de courriel /E-mail Address:
Ministère/Department:
Dénomination sociale complète du fournisseur / Complete Legal Name of Supplier
Adresse du fournisseur / Supplier Address
NEA du fournisseur / Supplier PBN
Numéro de la demande de soumissions (ou numéro du contrat proposé) Solicitation Number (or proposed Contract Number)
Membres du conseil d'administration (Utilisez le format - Prénom Nom) Board of Directors (Use format - first name last name)
1. Membre / Director
2. Membre / Director
3. Membre / Director
4. Membre / Director
5. Membre / Director
6. Membre / Director 7. Membre / Director
8. Membre / Director
9. Membre / Director
10. Membre / Director
Autres Membres/ Additional Directors:



PART 6 - SECURITY, FINANCIAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Security Requirements

- 1. Before award of a contract, the following conditions must be met:
 - (a) the Bidder must hold a valid organization security clearance as indicated in Part 7 Resulting Contract Clauses;
 - (b) the Bidder's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites must meet the security requirements as indicated in Part7 - Resulting Contract Clauses;
 - (c) the Bidder must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites;
- 2. Bidders are reminded to obtain the required security clearance promptly. Any delay in the award of a contract to allow the successful Bidder to obtain the required clearance will be at the entire discretion of the Contracting Authority.
- 3. For additional information on security requirements, Bidders should refer to the <u>Contract Security</u> <u>Program</u> of Public Works and Government Services Canada (http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/escsrc/introduction-eng.html) website.



PART 7 - RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from the bid solicitation.

7.1 Statement of Work

The Contractor must perform the Work in accordance with the Statement of Work at Annex "A".

7.1.2 Task Authorization

The Work or a portion of the Work to be performed under the Contract will be on an "as and when requested basis" using a Task Authorization (TA). The Work described in the TA must be in accordance with the scope of the Contract.

7.1.2.1 Task Authorization Process

As more than one contract has been awarded for this requirement, a request to perform a task will be sent to the first ranked contractor. If that contractor confirms in writing that it is unable to perform the task as a result of previous commitments under a TA, the request to perform a task will then be forwarded to the contractor ranked second. This process will continue until the task can be performed by another contractor. If no contractor can perform the task, Canada reserves the right to acquire the required Work by other means. A contractor may advise the Technical Authority and the Contracting Authority in writing that it is unable to carry out additional tasks as a result of previous commitments under a TA and no request to perform a task will be sent to that contractor until that contractor has given notice in writing to the Technical Authority and the Contracting Authority that it is available to perform additional tasks.

- 1. The Technical Authority will provide the Contractor with a description of the task using the "Task Authorization" form specified in Annex D.
- 2. The Task Authorization (TA) will contain the details of the activities to be performed, a description of the deliverables, and a schedule indicating completion dates for the major activities or submission dates for the deliverables. The TA will also include the applicable basis (bases) and methods of payment as specified in the Contract.
- 3. The Contractor must provide the Technical Authority, within 5 calendar days of its receipt, the proposed total estimated cost for performing the task and a breakdown of that cost, established in accordance with the Basis of Payment specified in the Contract.
- 4. The Contractor must not commence work until a TA authorized by the Contracting Authority has been received by the Contractor. The Contractor acknowledges that any work performed before a TA has been received will be done at the Contractor's own risk.

7.1.2.4 Minimum Work Guarantee - All the Work - Task Authorizations

1. In this clause,

"Maximum Contract Value" means the amount specified in the "Limitation of Expenditure" clause set out in the Contract; and

"Minimum Contract Value" means 2.5% of the Maximum Contract Value.

2. Canada's obligation under the Contract is to request Work in the amount of the Minimum Contract Value or, at Canada's option, to pay the Contractor at the end of the Contract in accordance with paragraph 3. In consideration of such obligation, the Contractor agrees to stand in readiness throughout the Contract period to perform the Work described in the Contract. Canada's maximum liability for work performed under the Contract must not exceed the Maximum Contract Value, unless an increase is authorized in writing by the ContractingAuthority.



- 3. In the event that Canada does not request work in the amount of the Minimum Contract Value during the period of the Contract, Canada must pay the Contractor the difference between the Minimum Contract Value and the total cost of the Work requested.
- 4. Canada will have no obligation to the Contractor under this clause if Canada terminates the Contract in whole or in part for default.

7.1.2.5 Periodic Usage Reports - Contracts with Task Authorizations

The Contractor must compile and maintain records on its provision of services to the federal government under authorized Task Authorizations issued under the Contract.

The Contractor must provide this data in accordance with the reporting requirements detailed below or in Annex "_ ". If some data is not available, the reason must be indicated. If services are not provided during a given period, the Contractor must still provide a "nil" report.

The data must be submitted on a quarterly basis to the Contracting Authority.

The quarterly periods are defined as follows:

1st quarter:_____;

2nd quarter:_____;

3rd quarter: ____;

4th quarter:_____;

The data must be submitted to the Contracting Authority no later than 7 calendar days after the end of the reporting period.

Reporting Requirement- Details

A detailed and current record of all authorized tasks must be kept for each contract with a task authorization process. This record must contain:

For each authorized task:

- i. the authorized task number or task revision number(s);
- ii. a title or a brief description of each authorized task;
- iii. the total estimated cost specified in the authorized Task Authorization (TA) of each task, exclusive of Applicable Taxes;
- iv. the total amount, exclusive of Applicable Taxes, expended to date against each authorizedtask;
- v. the start and completion date for each authorized task; and
- vi. the active status of each authorized task, as applicable.

For all authorized tasks:

- i. the amount (exclusive of Applicable Taxes) specified in the contract (as last amended, as applicable) as Canada's total liability to the contractor for all authorized TAs; and
- ii. the total amount, exclusive of Applicable Taxes, expended to date against all authorized TAs.



7.2 Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the Contract by number, date and title are set out in the <u>Standard</u> <u>Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual</u> (https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standardacquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

7.2.1 General Conditions

2035 (2016-04-04), General Conditions - Higher Complexity - Services, apply to and form part of the Contract.

7.2.2 Supplemental General Conditions

4008 (2008-12-12), Personal Information apply to and form part of the Contract.

7.3 Security Requirements

The following security requirements (SRCL and related clauses provided by the Contract Security Program) apply and form part of the Contract.

- a. The contractor and/or its employees must EACH maintain a valid RELIABILITY STATUS, granted by Canada and approved by Shared Services Canada.
- b. The contractor and/or its employees MUST NOT remove any PROTECTED and/or CLASSIFIED information or assets from the identified work site(s).
- c. The contractor and/or its employees MUST NOT use its IT systems to electronicallyprocess, produce or store PROTECTED and/or CLASSIFIED information or data.
- d. Subcontracts which contain security requirements are NOT to be awarded without the prior written permission of Shared Services Canada.
- e. The contractor and its employees must comply with the provisions of the:
 - i) Justice Canada Security of Information Act (Latest Edition);
 - ii) Industrial Security Manual (Latest Edition).

7.4 Term of Contract

7.4.1 Period of the Contract

The period of the Contract is from to inclusive.

7.4.2 Option to Extend the Contract

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to extend the term of the Contract by up to ______ additional_____ year period(s) under the same conditions. The Contractor agrees that, during the extended period of the Contract, it will be paid in accordance with the applicable provisions as set out in the Basis of Payment.

Canada may exercise this option at any time by sending a written notice to the Contractor at least ______ calendar days before the expiry date of the Contract. The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority, and will be evidenced for administrative purposes only, through a contract amendment.



7.5 Authorities

7.5.1 Contracting Authority

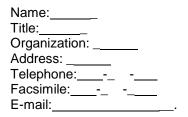
The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Name:	Krys Pikula
Title:	Supply Specialist
Organization:	Procurement and Vendor Relationships,
	Corporate Services
	Shared Services Canada
Address:	180 Kent Street, 13th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 4A8
Telephone:	613-668-2207
E-mail address:	krys.pikula@canada.ca

The Contracting Authority is responsible for the management of the Contract and any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the Contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from anybody other than the Contracting Authority.

7.5.2 Technical Authority

The Technical Authority for the Contract is:



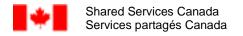
The Technical Authority named above is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the Technical Authority, however the Technical Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of the Work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

7.5.3 Contractor's Representative

Name:	
Title:	
Organization:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Facsimile:	
E-mail:	

7.6 Proactive Disclosure of Contracts with Former Public Servants

By providing information on its status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a *Public Service Superannuation Act* (PSSA) pension, the Contractor has agreed that this information will be



reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports, in accordance with Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2 of the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada.7.7

7.7 Payment

7.7.1 Basis of Payment

The Contractor will be paid for the Work specified in the authorized task authorization, in accordance with the Basis of payment at Annex B.

Canada's liability to the Contractor under the authorized task authorization must not exceed the limitation of expenditure specified in the authorized task authorization. Custom duties are included and Applicable Taxes are extra.

No increase in the liability of Canada or in the price of the Work specified in the authorized task authorization resulting from any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work will be authorized or paid to the Contractor unless these design changes, modifications or interpretations have been authorized, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work.

7.7.2 Limitation of Expenditure - Cumulative Total of all Task Authorizations

Canada's total liability to the Contractor under the Contract for all authorized Task Authorizations (TAs), inclusive of any revisions, must not exceed the sum of <u></u>. Customs duties are included, and Applicable Taxes are extra.

No increase in the total liability of Canada will be authorized or paid to the Contractor unless an increase has been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority.

The Contractor must notify the Contracting Authority in writing as to the adequacy of this sum:

- a. when it is 75 percent committed, or
- b. four (4) months before the contract expiry date, or
- c. as soon as the Contractor considers that the sum is inadequate for the completion of the Work required in all authorized TAs, inclusive of any revisions, whichever comes first.

If the notification is for inadequate contract funds, the Contractor must provide to the Contracting Authority, a written estimate for the additional funds required. Provision of such information by the Contractor does not increase Canada's liability.

7.7.3 Milestone Payments - Not subject to holdback

Canada will make milestone payments in accordance with the Schedule of Milestones detailed in the Contract and the payment provisions of the Contract if:

- a. all work associated with the milestone and, as applicable, any deliverable required has been completed and accepted by Canada.
- b. an accurate and complete invoice and any other documents required by the Contract have been submitted in accordance with the invoicing instructions provided in the Contract;
- c. all such documents have been verified by Canada;



7.8 Invoicing Instructions

The Contractor must submit invoices in accordance with the section entitled "Invoice Submission" of the general conditions. Invoices cannot be submitted until all work identified in the invoice is completed.

Each invoice must be supported by:

- a. a copy of the release document and any other documents as specified in the Contract;
- b. a copy of the invoices, receipts, vouchers for all direct expenses, and all travel and living expenses;
- c. a copy of the monthly progress report.

Invoices must be distributed as follows:

- a. The original and one (1) copy must be forwarded to the following address for certification and payment.
- b. One (1) copy must be forwarded to the Contracting Authority identified under the section entitled "Authorities" of the Contract.

7.9 Certifications and Additional Information

7.9.1 Compliance

Unless specified otherwise, the continuous compliance with the certifications provided by the Contractor in its bid or precedent to contract award, and the ongoing cooperation in providing additional information are conditions of the Contract and failure to comply will constitute the Contractor in default. Certifications are subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the Contract.

7.9.2 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Default by the Contractor

The Contractor understands and agrees that, when an Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (AIEE) exists between the Contractor and Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)-Labour, the AIEE must remain valid during the entire period of the Contract. If the AIEE becomes invalid, the name of the Contractor will be added to the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list. The imposition of such a sanction by ESDC will constitute the Contractor in default as per the terms of the Contract.

7.10 Applicable Laws

The Contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Ontario.

7.11 **Priority of Documents**

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- (a) the Articles of Agreement;
- (b) the supplemental general conditions 4008 (2008-12-12), Personal Information;
- (c) the general conditions 2035 (2016-04-04), General Conditions Higher Complexity Services;
- (d) Annex A, Statement of Work;



- (e) Annex B, Basis of Payment;
- (f) Annex C, Security Requirements Check List;
- (g) the signed Task Authorizations (including all of its annexes, if any);
- (h) the Contractor's bid dated _____.

7.13 Foreign Nationals (Canadian Contractor OR Foreign Contractor)

The Contractor must comply with Canadian immigration requirements applicable to foreign nationals entering Canada to work temporarily in fulfillment of the Contract. If the Contractor wishes to hire a foreign national to work in Canada to fulfill the Contract, the Contractor should immediately contact the nearest Service Canada regional office to enquire about Citizenship and Immigration Canada's requirements to issue a temporary work permit to a foreign national. The Contractor is responsible for all costs incurred as a result of non-compliance with immigration requirements.

7.14 Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance

The Contractor must obtain Errors and Omissions Liability (a.k.a. Professional Liability) insurance, and maintain it in force throughout the duration of the Contract, in an amount usual for a contract of this nature but for not less than \$1,000,000 per loss and in the annual aggregate, inclusive of defence costs.

If the policy is written on a claims-made basis, coverage must be in place for a period of at least 12 months after the completion or termination of the Contract.

The following endorsement must be included:

Notice of Cancellation: The Insurer will endeavour to provide the Contracting Authority thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation.

ANNEX "A"

STATEMENT OF WORK

1.0 TITLE

IT Talent Recruitment / Search Assistance for finding mid-level IT specialists in varied IT domains.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The Government of Canada created Shared Services Canada (SSC) on August 4, 2011 and received royal Assent in June 2012, to transform how the Government plans for and manages its information technology (IT) infrastructure.

Shared Services Canada reports to Parliament through the Minister of Public Works and Government Services. SSC is mandated to deliver email, data centre and telecommunication (network) services to 43 federal departments and agencies (Partner Organizations).

The initial creation of Shared Services Canada brought together people, funding, technology resources and assets from 43 federal departments and agencies to improve the efficiency, reliability and security of the Government's IT infrastructure. It is anticipated that a consolidated approach to the provision of key underlying IT infrastructure will provide the framework for modernizing the delivery of services to Canadians in the most efficient manner.

SSC's goals are to:

- 1 Work in partnership with key stakeholders;
- 2 Adopt enterprise-wide approaches for managing IT infrastructure services; and
- 3 Implement efficient and effective business management processes in support of our mandate.

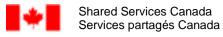
Given the enormity of this mandate and the expectations of both senior leaders in SSC and its partner departments that it will have the person-power and the expertise to deliver its mandate, SSC anticipates that it will need a major infusion of new talent both to manage normal turnover and to fill existing and emerging gaps in expertise and thus broaden the capacity of the department. It needs a workforce that is nimble, adaptable, creative and action-oriented. It is anticipated that additional outreach and head-hunting services will be needed to draw specialized talent, particularly in the field of IT, from outside government to meet SSC needs.

3.0 OBJECTIVE

To engage and secure access to firm(s), or consortium(s), who are experienced and capable of providing SSC with IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search services on a national and potentially international basis.

Each IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search should produce a number of short-listed candidates for consideration by SSC to fill mid-level IT positions across Canada.*Refer to **Appendix A – Keywords for IT domains**

** Positions to be filled include various language profiles (French, English and bilingual).



4.0 ROLES

Technical Authority - is the representative(s) of the department that is responsible for the management of the contract. Human Resources Workplace will be responsible for managing the contract.

Project authority - is the representative(s) of the department responsible for matters concerning the technical content of the work under the Task Authorization.

Contracting Authority - is the representative(s) of the department responsible for the management of the Contract, and any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority.

5.0 SCOPE OF WORK (stream 1, 2, and 3)

The contractor will, through Task Authorizations, perform IT Talent Recruitment Drives /Searches to fill position(s) nationally and/or regionally. Specifics of the actual work to be performed are to be defined in each Task Authorization Form, and are expected to include, but are not limited to:

- Use firm tools, systems and networks to conduct regional and national IT Talent Recruitment Drives/Searches throughout Canada, including minority language regions;
- Advertise/ conduct marketing* for the specific IT talent sought;
- Outreach to encourage interest in SSC positions;
- Conduct candidate screening including advice to SSC on appropriate screening tools;
- Conduct candidate assessment including advice to SSC on appropriate assessment tools;
- Conduct candidate interviews with / without SSC participation;
- Conduct reference checks;
- Compile candidate long-list / short-list;
- Prepare IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search Report;
- Collect data on industry (i.e. demand, salary etc.);
- Prepare status reports on activities undertaken and discuss with the ProjectAuthority;
- Compile IT Talent Recruitment / Search documentation file.

*All Advertising/marketing needs/materials to be approved by SSC.

6.0 DELIVERABLES (Schedule of Milestones)

For each IT Talent Recruitment Drive / Search there will be two (2) deliverables (milestones). Upon completion of each deliverable, the Contractor may submit an invoice against the total value of the Task Authorization in order to receive a milestone payment in accordance with the following:

- 1. Provision of IT Talent Recruitment Drive / Search plan (25 % of total value of Task Authorization)
- 2. Provision of IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search with delivery of outputs as outlined in Task Authorization (75% of total value of Task Authorization)

For each Task Authorization the Contractor will send an invoice upon completion and approval of a deliverable for the % identified above. Deliverables will be deemed acceptable when the Project authority, has reviewed the work and given acceptance in writing.

1. IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search Plan (25 % of total value of Task Authorization)

To submit an invoice of 25% of the total value of the Task Authorization the Contractor must provide a completed IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search plan to the Project Authority for approval. The IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search plan must include a detailed methodology and approach for conducting the IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search including, but not limited to, the methodology for sourcing candidates and tools for screening, assessing and interviewing candidates.

2. IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search (75% of total value of Task Authorization)

7.0 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The Contractor must be able to provide services in both Official Languages and will be requested to provide services in either the English or French language, or both, in accordance with each individual requirement.

If a Task Authorization is for recruitment of a position in Quebec or a language minority region recruiters must be fluently bilingual and capable of conducting outreach and assessment in both Official Languages.

Candidates can ask, and the Bidder must have the capacity, to have all interactions and assessments in the staffing processes in the language of their choice.

All of the recruitment materials (CVs, assessment tools etc.) may be submitted to SSC in the official language, in which the candidate was assessed. Unless otherwise directed, the roll-up summaries of the candidate suitability in the short lists will be submitted in English.

8.0 WORK LOCATION

Work will be performed at the offices of the Contractor.

9.0 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor will be expected to provide updates on ongoing searches and to communicate/meet with the project authority as outlined in each Task Authorization.

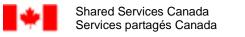
10.0 CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

Any changes to the work will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. The Project Authority will inform SSC Procurement of any change requirements, SSC Procurement will notify the contractor, and the Task Authorization will be amended accordingly by a formal amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

11.0 RESOURCES

SSC will provide the Contractor with the following resources:

- 1. Access to the Project Authority;
- 2. Access to support including liaison with HR advisors and hiring managers, as and when required.



Appendix A – Keywords for IT domains

IT Domains	Keywords
Cyber Security	Financial resource management, multi-disciplinary IT specialists,
(manager)	strategic advice management, IT security solutions, multi-zoned
	data center management, reverse malware analysis, IT architecture
	design.
Cyber Security	Network architecture, Server administration, Database
(analyst)	administration, Website administration, Network monitoring, IT
	security operations, Classified systems, IT research, messaging
Infrastructure	technologies, bilingual, analytic skills. IT security operations, IT security risk management, IT security
operations	incident management, Cyber and IT Security
IT senior	Project management framework, IT technology solutions, wireless
advisor	technologies, network infrastructure, asset management, IT network
auvisoi	infrastructure, product lifecycle management, vendor management.
IT security	IT Security Operations, Network monitoring, Administration of Anti-
analyst	Virus, PKI Administration, Identity Assurance, Credentials, Classified
anaryot	systems, Access Management, Certified Information Systems
	Auditor, Certified Information Systems Security Professional.
Data Centre	IM/IT infrastructure development services, IM/IT infrastructure
services	(hardware or software) management and support, backup
	infrastructure, application development, messaging management,
	online transaction management.
Supercomputing	Advanced computing optimization, advanced computing
	management, research and development, extreme computing, high
	performance storage, data acquisition, service roadmap
	establishment, designing supercomputing projects.
Service delivery	Communication (oral and written), Verification and Accuracy, Client
& Management	Focus
Networks	Multi-disciplinary team IT management, project management,
	information systems auditor, information technology infrastructure
	library, Enterprise Architecture, IT Infrastructure and/or Operations,
	Application Development, Database Development, Data
Cloud	Administration. Cyber intelligence, information management, cloud architects,
computing	solution design, IT stewardship, security operations.
Support	Information management, IM/IT technologies, Information
Analysts	Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) Certification, change
Analysis	management, availability management, network analysis,
	telecommunication solutions.
Support	Technical support, IT technical investigations, Cisco IOS, IT
Technician	enterprise networks, cable management, LAN/WAN infrastructure,
	life cycle management, technical training, data telecommunications,
	hardware and software inventory maintenance.
Project	troubleshooting IT related issues, technical assistance to major
Management	events, Effective Interpersonal Skills, Client Service Orientation,
_	Reliability, analysis and research for the provision of services to
	partner organizations, technical assistance for the implementation of
	systems and IT infrastructure, Client service relations and dealing



with the public, other Government department or commercial
suppliers.
conducting research, analysis scans, environmental scans,
multidimensional policy issues, strategic advice and proposals to
senior management, written communication skills, stakeholder
collaborations, report production, policy unit work, investment
planning, IT portfolio management, preparing departmental IT plans,
preparing cabinet documents, senior level committees, risk
management analysis, risk management research.

ANNEX "B"

BASIS OF PAYMENT

The Contractor will be paid in accordance with the following Basis of Payment for work performed under the Contract.

The Contractor may request milestone payments in accordance with the following Schedule of Milestones.

Schedule of Milestones:

Milestone 1: Provision of a completed IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search plan to the Project Authority for Approval.

Milestone 2: Completion of the IT Talent Recruitment Drive/Search with any deliverables outlined in Task Authorization.

Additional details for Milestone requirements will be outlined in Task Authorization.

Initial Contract Period: 3 years

Description of Task Authorization	Cost of Talent Search (CAD, tax extra)				
	Milestone	Payment	Firm Per diem Rate		
	1	2			
IT Talent Recruitment Drive / Search		75% of total value of Task Authorization	\$		

Option Period: Year 1

Description of Task Authorization	Cost of Talent Search (CAD, tax extra)				
	Milestone	Payment 2	Firm Per diem Rate		
IT Talent Recruitment Drive / Search		75% of total value of Task Authorization	\$		



Option Period: Year 2

Description of Task Authorization	Cost of Talent Search (CAD, tax extra)				
	Milestone	Payment 2	Firm Per diem Rate		
IT Talent Recruitment Drive / Search	25% of total value of Task Authorization	75% of total value of Task Authorization	\$		



ANNEX "C"

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS CHECK LIST

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Government Gouvernement of Canada du Canada Contract Number / Numéro du contrat

Security Classification / Classification de sécurité Unclassified

LISTE DE VÉRI PART A - CONTRACT INFORMATION / PARTIE	SECURITY REQUI	GENCES REI	LATIVES À LA S	L) ÉCURITÉ (LVERS)				
1. Originating Government Department or Organiz				or Directorate / Direction géné	arale ou Direction			
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Du personnel sans autorisation sécuritaire peu If Yes, will unscreened personnel be escorted?		s du travail?		Non Oui
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PART C - SAFEGUARDS (SUPPLIER) / PARTIE C - INFORMATION / ASSETS / RENSEIGNEMENT		ON (FOURNISSEUR)		
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 d) Will the supplier be required to use its IT systems information or data? 				No Yes Non Oui
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Dans l'affirmative, classifier le présent formulaire en indiquant le niveau de sécurité dans la case intitulée « Classification de sécurité » au haut et au bas du formulaire.

12. b) Will the documentation attached to this SRCL be PROTECTED and/or CLASSIFIED? La documentation associée à la présente LVERS sera-t-elle PROTÉGÉE et/ou CLASSIFIÉE?

If Yes, classify this form by annotating the top and bottom in the area entitled "Security Classification" and indicate with attachments (e.g. SECRET with Attachments). Dans l'affirmative, classifier le présent formulaire en indiquant le niveau de sécurité dans la case intitulée

« Classification de sécurité » au haut et au bas du formulaire et indiquer qu'il y a des pièces jointes (p. ex. SECRET avec des pièces jointes).



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PART D - AUTHORIZATION / PART	IE D - AUTORISATIO	N					
13. Organization Project Authority / Chargé de projet de l'organisme							
Name (print) - Nom (en lettres moulées)		Title - Titre		riel Date 23 oct 2017			
Rose Kattackal		DG HRW					
Telephone No N° de téléphone Facsimile No N° de 819-956-7101 819-956-7020		télécopieur	E-mail address - Adresse cour rose.kattackal@canada.ca	riel	23 oct 2017		
14. Organization Security Authority /	Responsable de la séc	urité de l'organ	isme				
Name (print) - Nom (en lettres moulé	es)	Title - Titre		Signature			
Marc Primeau		Department	al Security Officer				
Telephone No N° de téléphone Facsimile No N° de télé 613-854-9119		télécopieur E-mail address - Adresse courriel marc.primeau@canada.ca		riel	Date		
 Are there additional instructions (Des instructions supplémentaires 	e.g. Security Guide, Se (p. ex. Guide de sécur	curity Classific ité, Guide de c	ation Guide) attached? dassification de la sécurité) son	t-elles jointes	? No Yes Non Oui		
16. Procurement Officer / Agent d'ap	provisionnement						
Name (print) - Nom (en lettres moulé	es)	Title - Titre		Signature			
Telephone No Nº de téléphone	Facsimile No Nº de	télécopieur	E-mail address - Adresse cou	urriel	Date		
17. Contracting Security Authority / A	utorité contractante en	matière de séc	curité				
Name (print) - Nom (en lettres moulées)		Title - Titre		Signature			
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ANNEX "D"

TASK AUTHORIZATION FORM

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ANNEX "E"

TASK AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURES

1. TA Request

- (a) Where a requirement for a specific task has been identified and a TA is to be provided to the Contractor in accordance with the allocation methodology described in the Contract Article titled "Task Authorization", a TA Form, as attached at Annex D, will be prepared by the Technical Authority and sent to the Contractor.
- (b) A TA Form will contain the following information, if applicable:
 - (i) a task number;
 - (ii) the details of any financial coding to be used;
 - (iii) the date by which the Contractor's response must be received by the Contracting Authority;
 - (iv) a brief statement of work describing the activities to be performed including any deliverables;
 - (v) the interval during which the task is to be carried out (beginning and enddates);
 - (vi) the number of person-days of effort required;
 - (vii) the specific work location; and
 - (viii) any other constraints that might affect the completion of the task.

2. TA Quotation

- (a) Once it receives the TA Form, the Contractor must submit a quotation to the Contracting Authority, identifying its proposed resources and detailing the cost and time to complete the task(s). The quotation must be based on the rate(s) set out in the Contract. The Contractor will not be paid for providing the quotation or for providing other information required to prepare and issue the TA. The Contractor must provide any information requested by Canada in relation to the preparation of a TA within 2 working days of the request.
- (b) The quotation must be submitted to the Contracting Authority within the time for response identified in the TA Form. The Contractor will be given a minimum of 48 hours turnaround time to submit a quotation.

3. TA Acceptance

- (a) Once the Contractor's quotation has been accepted by the Contracting Authority, the TA Form will be signed by Canada and provided to the Contractor for signature. Whether or not to approve or issue a TA is entirely within Canada's discretion.
- (b) The TA Form must be appropriately signed by Canada prior to commencement of any work. The Contractor must not commence work until a fully signed TA Form has been received, and any work performed in its absence is done at the Contractor's own risk.