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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT**

**MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

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<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**This Solicitation Amendment 004 includes answers to questions received from potential Bidders and an amendment.**

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Question 31:**

M.2.6.1 for the Project Manager Level 2 states “The bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of 5 years of experience, within the last 10 years, working as a Project Manager performing at least 14 of the 21 tasks listed in the Statement of Work, Article 5. Resource Tasks and Deliverables, P.9 Project Manager level 2.” The Statement of Work for Project Manager on page 86 of the RFP only has 20 tasks. Would the Crown please clarify if this should be 13 out of 20 tasks?

**Answer 31:**

That is correct, please refer to the response to Question 17.

**Question 32:**

For the Project Manager Level 2, R.3.6.1, scoring methodology states that 5 projects will obtain max points of 6. If the resource manages multiple projects simultaneously on one assignment can you count each project? For example, resource works for a client from January 2017 to August 2018. During this timeline, the resource managed 4 projects. Can this timeline be counted as 4 projects?

**Answer 32:**

Yes. As long as the required experience is clearly demonstrated in 4 distinct projects. An exact time period is not specified for this criteria.

**Question 33:**

Given the complexity of the RFP, we are requesting a two week extension to October 1<sup>st</sup> in order to allow us time to submit a compliant response.

**Answer 33:**

An extension has been granted. See Solicitation amendment 003.

**Question 34:**

In regard to the rated requirement R.2.10.7 of the Technical Writer category (page 128 of the RFP); it states: “The Contractor should demonstrate that the proposed resource has a specialized certification or diploma in Technical Writing and/or Communication. Note: a copy of the certification or diploma should be provided”. Considering that the proposed resource holds a BA degree in English Literature as well as a MA degree in English and American Literature, will the Crown consider this level of education to be equivalent to a diploma in Technical Writing and/or Communication?

**Answer 34:**

Yes, a Bachelor’s degree in English Literature or a Master’s degree in English and American Literature would be considered equivalent. A copy of the certification should be provided.

**Question 35:**

In regard to the mandatory and rated criteria M.1.8.4 and R.2.8.4 for the Programmer/Analyst (UI) category (on page 101 and 122 of the RFP); it states: “The Contractor must demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of 2 years of experience, within the past 5 years, developing applications using React and Redux JavaScript libraries”. Will the Crown accept a minimum of 2 years of experience, within the past 5 years, developing applications using Angular JavaScript libraries as equivalent experience to developing applications using React and Redux JavaScript libraries?

**Answer 35:**

Canada has reviewed the request, however the requirement remains unchanged. Angular JavaScript libraries is a different technology.

**Question 36:**

Would Canada please consider extending the closing date of this RFP by 2 weeks due to current demands on industry and the back to school season? Resources and clients are facing extensive requests from bidders to validate information and provide references and they have been delayed in providing the required information to bidders.

**Answer 36:**

An extension has been granted. See Solicitation amendment 003.

**Question 37:**

As there are vendor questions still outstanding in addition to the fact that these questions have impact on resource selection and verification, would the Crown provide an extension to allow time to incorporate information provided in subsequent Q&A to ensure that proposed resources are properly vetted and qualified against the requirements?

**Answer 37:**

An extension has been granted. See Solicitation amendment 003.

**Question 38:**

M.2.5.3 - *The bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of 3 years of experience in developing B2B solutions using each of the following:*

- XML (Extensible Markup Language)
- Java (J2EE)
- Web Services (REST or SOAP)
- IBM DataPower (GatewayScript)

IBM DataPower is one of many similar application integration suites. Many of these application integration suites function in a very similar way, would the Crown please consider the following change:

The bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of 3 years of experience in developing B2B solutions using each of the following:

- XML (Extensible Markup Language)
- Java (J2EE)
- Web Services (REST or SOAP)
- IBM DataPower (GatewayScript) or an equivalent application integration suite (i.e. Oracle SOA Suite, Microsoft Biztalk, Tibco BusinessWorks)

**Answer 38:**

Canada has reviewed the request, however the requirement remains unchanged.

**Question 39:**

Mandatory Criteria M2.5.4 - *The bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of 3 years of experience, with each of the following:*

- MQ messaging
- JMS messaging
- DB2

- *Data Modeling*

There are several message bus technologies that function in a similar way, would the Crown please consider the following change:

The bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of 3 years of experience, with each of the following:

- MQ messaging or equivalent message bus technology (i.e. Microsoft MQ, Oracle Tuxedo, Tibco Rendezvous, RabbitMQ, etc.)
- JMS messaging
- DB2 or equivalent relational database technology (i.e. Oracle, SQL Server, PostgreSQL, etc.)
- Data Modeling

**Answer 39:**

Canada has reviewed the request, however the requirement remains unchanged.

**Question 40:**

Rated Criteria R.3.5.1 - *The bidder should demonstrate that the proposed resource has experience implementing B2B solutions using the IBM Data Power product.*

IBM DataPower is one of many similar application integration suites. Many of these application integration suites function in a very similar way, would the Crown please consider the following:

The bidder should demonstrate that the proposed resource has experience implementing B2B solutions using the IBM Data Power product or an equivalent application integration suite (Oracle SOA, Microsoft Biztalk, Tibco BusinessWorks).

**Answer 40:**

Canada has reviewed the request, however the requirement remains unchanged.

**Question 41:**

With respect to corporate mandatory requirement "M.1.1. The bidder must provide two customer reference contracts with a cumulative billed value of \$7,000,000.00 (Canadian including taxes) that were **awarded** within the last 5 years....." We are assuming that the Crown has added the word **awarded** in order to ensure that the work conducted was current. There are many significant contracts with a duration of greater than five years once option periods have been extended. Would the Crown please consider modifying this requirement to read "with a cumulative billed value of \$7,000,000.00 (Canadian including taxes) **for work that was conducted** in the last 5 years....."

**Answer 41:**

The words "that were awarded" are deleted. See amendment below.

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**AMENDMENT:**

**At ATTACHMENT 4.1 - BID EVALUATION CRITERIA**

**DELETE:**

Mandatory Corporate Requirement M.1.1 in its entirety.

**INSERT:**

**1. MANDATORY CORPORATE REQUIREMENTS**

<b>Mandatory Corporate Requirement</b>	
<b>M.1.1</b>	<p><b>Corporate Experience:</b></p> <p>The bidder must provide two customer reference contracts with a cumulative billed value of \$7,000,000.00 (Canadian including taxes), within the last 5 years of the issuance date of this RFP, where the bidder was contracted to provide Information Technology resources* responsible for the analysis and design, development, implementation and ongoing operational support of large-scale** web-based applications. A summary of the scope and key responsibilities under each contract must be provided.</p> <p>At least one of the two reference contracts must demonstrate having delivered the services to a Government organization***.</p> <p>The above requirement must be demonstrated in a signed letter not by the bidder but by the other party of each of the two contracts. The name of the other party and the name of a contact person for that party must be provided in the letter. It is requested that an email address and phone number also be provided. It is also requested that the description of the information technology services be limited to one page and the contract title or serial number be included.</p> <p>* Include a list of the resource categories provided under the contract</p> <p>**Large scale is defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope spans multiple functional areas and locations (Headquarters, regions, points of entry, program areas, branches/directorates/divisions, etc.)</li> <li>• Serving 250 concurrent users or more at any given time</li> </ul> <p>*** Government means any Federal, Provincial or Municipal Government. Federal Government means any department, agency, board of a Government or a Crown corporation.</p>

**ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.**