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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.

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<b>Title - Sujet</b> Net C2 ISAC RFI/ITQ	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> W8474-18NT10/A	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 005
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> W8474-18NT10	<b>Date</b> 2018-09-19
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<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> 459qe.W8474-18NT10	<b>CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME</b>
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<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

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The purpose of this Solicitation Amendment 005 is to issue the latest set of Clarifications.

**ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RFI/ITQ  
REMAIN UNCHANGED**

Serial #	Question	Answer
017	<p>The ITQ states that security clearances are required. Will Canada support the use of personnel with US clearances and waivers? For example, would a U.S. resource with Top Secret (U.S.) or Top Secret (NATO) clearance be acceptable for designing/implementing a COTS solution for DND?</p>	<p>Canada has a bilateral security instrument with the U.S. that allows for the mutual recognition of industrial security programs &amp; related equivalencies. Therefore it is possible for us to complete assurances on U.S. resources to confirm and recognise equivalent (or higher than equivalent) security clearances. Resources cleared to T.S. and/or NATO SECRET in the U.S. would therefore be eligible (all other criteria being met, e.g. work permits, need to know, contractual obligations, etc.) for work on Canadian Classified SECRET material.</p>
018	<p>In section 1.2.3 (b), Canada indicates “New software and computer tools” will be required for the production of the Net C2 ISAC solution, with Annex A providing, “High Level Requirements.” Section 2.2 lays out conditions for forming the Core Team in response to the ITQ, including restrictions on the ability to modify the Core Team in subsequent phases of the procurement process without explicit approval from the Contracting Authority. It can be reasonably assumed that the structure of the Core Team depends on detailed requirements of the solution being procured. Currently there is no detailed elaboration of requirements or what constitutes “New software and computer” tools.</p> <p>How can vendors be expected to form Core Teams that will remain in effect for the duration of the procurement process, in the absence of requirements for the solution?</p> <p>What guidelines will be used by the Contracting Authority to approve or dismiss proposed changes to Core Teams? Will this be purely discretionary?</p>	<p>Per the ITQ paragraph 2.2.6</p> <p>2.2.6 A Respondent’s Core Team for subsequent phases of the Net C2 ISAC Project procurement process must continue to consist of the Core Team identified in the response to this ITQ (Form 1). <b>Beyond this period, changes to the Core Team may only be made following receipt of written approval from the Contracting Authority.</b> Failure to maintain the Core Team throughout the procurement process <b>(unless approved in writing by the Contracting Authority)</b> may, at the discretion of Canada, result in the Respondent becoming ineligible for continued participation in the Net C2 ISAC procurement process.</p> <p>Each proposed addition to the Core Team will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the Contracting Authority, with the primary criteria being that the additional Core Team Member holds the required security clearances.</p>

019	<p>In section 1.2.3 (b), Canada indicates “New software and computer tools” will be required for the production of the Net C2 ISAC solution, with Annex A providing, “High Level Requirements.” Attachment 1 to ITQ Part 5, lays out mandatory requirements for the evaluation of ITQ responses. M1 to M13 require respondents to provide implementation references demonstrating their integration experience. Section 2.2.7 stipulates that references provided by a Core Team member, not the prime respondent, will then require that Core Team member to provide services related to the reference they provided.</p> <p>In complex solution such as the Net C2 ISAC solution, there is overlap between the prime respondent and team members. How does Canada intend to monitor the condition that Core Team members providing mandatory references perform all corresponding work related to that reference? In a truly integrated solution, without discrete separation of component parts, this seems to be an unreasonable condition.</p> <p>Further, all mandatory references relate to implementation and/or integration experience. There are reference requirements for “software and computer tools.” How are vendors expected to form Core Teams with “software and computer tool” vendors without functional requirements and mandatory references that would demonstrate their capabilities?</p> <p>Is the intent to preserve existing investments in software and computer tools by having the solution integrate and build upon these tools? Considering this RFI is a reset of the process is there an expectation that the process will include presentations from industry of the latest developments in this domain?</p>	<p>Please see Answer 018 above.</p> <p>Furthermore:</p> <p>Q: Is the intent to preserve existing investments in software and computer tools by having the solution integrate and build upon these tools?</p> <p>A: For the ITQ phase, no assumption has been made regarding existing solutions. The intent with the draft RFP phase, and associated engagement with industry, is for Canada to provide adequate information to describe the solution Canada seeks without being prescriptive in <b>how</b> Industry delivers its proposed solution. Canada is encouraging a solution that is both innovative and flexible to future technological changes.</p> <p>Q: Considering this RFI is a reset of the process is there an expectation that the process will include presentations from industry of the latest developments in this domain?</p> <p>A: Details regarding Industry Engagement will be promulgated following the completion of the Qualification Phase of the ITQ.</p> <p>Please refer to the following sections in the ITQ for further information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 1.3.3 under Part 1 – General Information;</li> <li>• Sections 4.1.4 and 4.1.3 under Part 4 – Overview of Procurement Process for further information; and</li> <li>• Annex B - Draft Net C2 ISAC Procurement Process.</li> </ul>
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020	<p>It would be most appreciated if you could provide us with the Word Versions of the following documents. I tried converting the pdf's of these pages to Word, but it would definitely corrupt our proposal styles.</p> <p>Form 1 – ITQ Submission Form Form 2 – Project Reference Check Form Form 3 – Non-Disclosure Agreement for Participation in Solicitation Process</p>	<p>These documents are available upon request. Please send your request to the Contracting Authority at: <a href="mailto:ian.williamson@pwgsc.gc.ca">ian.williamson@pwgsc.gc.ca</a></p> <p>In your request, please indicate if you require the English or the French version of these documents.</p>
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