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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.

Comments - Commentaires

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Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W6369-18DE41	Date 2018-11-08
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Purpose:

To respond to various enquiries regarding this solicitation and to make corrections to the Point Rated Criteria.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION 1

We would like to have the opportunity to take part in this project. If possible, we would like to be invited to bid on this procurement. We are a supply arrangement holder under tier 1 in the National Capital Region for the requested resource. Please let me know if we can be invited to bid and if you require anything else from our end.

ANSWER 1

The eligibility requirements are stipulated in Article 1.2(h) of the solicitation. Bidders should consult their current TBIPS SA(s) to verify whether they meet the requirements as described in the RFP. The Task-Based Informatics Professional Services (TBIPS) Method of Supply is refreshed on an annual basis. If you wish to find out how you can be a Qualified SA Holder, please contact RCNMDAI.-
NCRIMOS@pwgsc.gc.ca

QUESTION 2

Corporate Mandatory M1, #3 requires bidders to have provided 15 resources simultaneously for a period of 12 consecutive months for each referenced contract. Demonstrating this amount of resources under one single contract does not necessarily show a bidders capability to provide a large number of resources as many bidders are doing so over multiple contracts for the same client department. In combination with the \$5M minimum contract value, we find this criterion to be too restrictive for small to medium size businesses. In order to allow for an open and fair competition, would the Crown consider allowing bidders to demonstrate the provision of a minimum of 15 resources simultaneously for a period of 12 consecutive months across both contracts (i.e. combined) providing that they are for the same client department?

ANSWER 2

Canada believes that the quantity required under CM1(3) is commensurate with the quantity that a bidder may be required to provide if awarded a contract under this procurement, even if up to two contracts are awarded. Furthermore, it is possible that only one contract could be awarded. Therefore, in this scenario, the bidder must have demonstrated experience providing the required number of resources. Canada will not change CM1 as requested.

QUESTION 3

Would the Crown please confirm that resources do not need to hold Top Secret SIGINT at the time of bid submission, and that Top Secret clearance is sufficient as long as all candidates are eligible for Top Secret SIGINT?

ANSWER 3

The SIGINT level of personnel screening is a requirement of the Contract as stipulated in Article 7.5 – Security Requirement however, due to the nature of the clearance process for this level, it can be obtained after the Contract is awarded. Bidders are reminded that SIGINT level of personnel security screening must be obtained promptly after issuance of a Task Authorization. Failure to meet this requirement during contract performance could result in termination of the contract under the default provisions.

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QUESTION 4

Please confirm the screening level required for proposed candidates, for the purposes of this RFP, is Top Secret.

ANSWER 4

See **Answer 3**.

QUESTION 5

Please confirm that in the column above, titled Contractor's Response/ Demonstrated Experience (Contractor to insert Data), Bidders may insert the project name and number in the resume where the candidate's demonstrated experience related to the RFP requirement can be found - tagged/cross-referenced. (i.e the demonstrated experience text itself is not to be provided in the column).

ANSWER 5

Please refer to article 3.2(a)(iii) – Substantiation of Technical Compliance.

QUESTION 6

Due to the level of effort involved in preparing a response to the RFP's requirements for this number of resources, would the Crown please consider providing a three week extension to the current due date?

ANSWER 6

The timelines for this procurement are limited due to operational requirements. Canada is not prepared to extend the solicitation period at this time.

QUESTION 7

Attachment 4.1, I.10 Technical Architect Level 3, R5 in the Evaluation Criteria Column, Page 183 of 201: Please confirm that for 3 points, the requirement is "Greater than 4 architectures" vice "5 architectures".

ANSWER 7

See correction in **Changes** section below.

QUESTION 8

It is unclear in the RFP, whether the eight resources required need to have TOP SECRET or TOP SECRET SIGINT clearances.

ANSWER 8

See **Answer 3**

QUESTION 9

In light of all the large TBIPS and PS RFPs out on the street right now from both DND and SSC and the large scale nature of this response, would you consider an extension of two (2) weeks?

ANSWER 9

See **Answer 6**

QUESTION 10

Is there is an incumbent supplying these services now?

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ANSWER 10

Please refer to the "Description" section of the Tender Notice.

QUESTION 11

Page 31 of the RFP states that the Contractor needs to hold TOP SECRET facility clearance with no mention of SIGINT and in the SRCL on Page 201 – Part A. Line 7(c), states the Supplier will be required to access TOP SECRET SIGINT. Please confirm that Bidders/Suppliers/Contractors are only required hold TOP SECRET facility clearance with no SIGINT requirement. Please confirm that the TOP SECRET SIGINT requirement will only apply to Consultant Resources based on Task Authorization requirements.

ANSWER 11

The security requirements are as described in Article 6.1 and 7.5 of the solicitation. Please refer to Answer 3 for clarification on SIGINT personnel security requirements.

QUESTION 12

Due to the ambiguity of the Security Requirement, halting a Bidder's ability to prepare a response to this solicitation, we respectfully request a two week extension to the current close date to allow sufficient time for the Crown to respond to inquiries and for Bidders to react to the anticipated RFP changes.

ANSWER 12

See **Answer 6**.

CHANGES

Evaluation Criteria R5 in all Point Rated Criteria tables for Category I.10 Technical Architect Level 3, are changed as follows:

Delete: the phrase: "Greater than 5 architectures = 3 points"

Insert: the following revised phrase: "Greater than 4 architectures = 3 points".

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME