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Purpose:

To respond to various enquiries regarding this solicitation and to make changes to certain evaluation criteria.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION 42

Regarding P.12 Risk Management Specialist Level 3 R7. Would the Crown consider adding the following certifications to the list:

- CRISC (Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control);
- CISA (Certified Information Systems Auditor);
- (CISSP) Certified Information Systems Security Professional;
- (CISM) Certified Information Security Manager; or
- ITIL.

ANSWER 42

Only CRISC (Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control) certification will be accepted from the list above. See answer 21 and 40 of Amendment 003 as well.

QUESTION 43

Many well qualified risk management specialists have obtained their education in various ways; a senior risk management specialist, for example, may have obtained a business degree and combined this with many years of relevant experience in the field. For the risk management specialist, level 3, please consider accepting a commerce degree in combination with over 15 years of experience as a project/risk manager in response to point rated requirement R1.

ANSWER 43

Canada will not accept a combination of experience and education to meet this criteria. See Answer 24 however.

QUESTION 44

Rated requirement R5 for the risk management specialist, level 3. As DOORS did not change significantly between 15 and 20 years ago, please consider opening the window of allowed experience to "within the last twenty years."

ANSWER 44

Canada agrees to change the period of relevancy for the experience to within the last 20 years.

QUESTION 45

Rated requirement R7 for the risk management specialist, level 3 requires a PRINCE2 certification with a valid copy to demonstrate compliance with the requirement in order to obtain the point. Depending on when resources obtained the certification they may not have access to a copy of the certification. Please confirm that the PRINCE2 certification will be accepted if we provide a copy of a screen capture showing on the AXELoS Successful Candidates Register website for PRINCE2 Certifications as sufficient

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evidence and verification for someone who passed the PRINCE2 Foundation Certification as part of their PRINCE2 Practitioners Certification from October 2010?

ANSWER 45

Canada will accept a screen shot from the AXELOS Successful Candidates Register website demonstrating proof of Prince2 certification if a copy of the original Prince2 certificate is not available. See Answer 74.

QUESTION 46

Mandatory requirement M1 for the project manager, level 3. Please consider reducing the number of users required to 3,000, which is still a large user base.

ANSWER 46

Canada believes there are a substantive number of organizations in the marketplace with this volume and budget for IT projects as well as PM resources that have managed these projects. However given that Top Secret Networks tend to have fewer user, Canada agrees to reduce this requirement to a minimum of 3,000 users.

QUESTION 47

Rated requirement R2 for the project manager, level 3. Please consider reducing the number of years of experience to 12 years of experience within the last 15 years. This would bring this requirement in line with some of the other categories, such as the business analyst and the technical writer, which accept 12 years of experience within the last 15 years.

ANSWER 47

Canada will not change this criteria as requested. See Answer 27 however.

QUESTION 48

Rated requirement R2 for the project manager, level 3 Please clarify whether the resource must have been working on each project for a span of two years, or whether it is enough that the project itself spanned at least 2 years in duration.

ANSWER 48

As stipulated in the criterion, the bidder should demonstrate that "...the proposed resource...has experience...in managing...IM/IT projects". Canada will not change this criterion as requested. See Answer 27.

QUESTION 49

Rated requirement R2 for the project manager, level 3. Please consider reducing the duration of the projects to span a minimum of 1 year, which is still a significantly long project.

ANSWER 49

See Answer 27.

QUESTION 50

Rated requirement R3 for the project manager, level 3 requires up to three certifications, one of which is a PMI-SP (Project Scheduling Certification). This is a rare certification for a project manager to hold and is not related to the statement of work for this RFP. Also, elements of the PMI-SP certification are components of the PMP and PRINCE2 certifications. Moreover, for the project manager category, education and certifications are excessively weighted as they represent the majority of the available

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points (5 of the 8 points). Given this, please consider accepting other relevant certifications, such as ITIL, Six Sigma, or a certificate in project management from a recognized university or college.

ANSWER 50

Canada will not change this criteria as requested. See Answer 23.

QUESTION 51

For the rated requirements that require a university degree or a college diploma, please confirm that submission of a copy of the transcript from the school that clearly indicates completion/graduation will also be accepted in place of a copy of the diploma or degree itself.

ANSWER 51

No, bidders must always provide a copy of the degree or diploma as stipulated in the rated criteria.

QUESTION 52

Rated requirement R5 for the IT security engineer, level 3 requires up to five listed certifications. We note that several prominent and relevant certifications have been omitted from this list. Please consider accepting other relevant certifications, such as:

CCSP (Certified Cloud Security Professional)

CHFI (EC-Council Computer Hacking Forensic Investigator)

ECSA (EC-Council Certified Security Analyst – penetration testing)

CEH (EC-Council Certified Ethical Hacker)

Security+

ANSWER 52

Canada will only accept the CCSP (Certified Cloud Security Professional) from the certifications listed in this question for this criteria. See Answer 15 as well.

QUESTION 53

For the rated requirements that require a university degree or a college diploma, we note that 1 point is awarded for a two-year college diploma. Please consider also accepting for one point, a resource who holds two one-year diplomas from a college.

ANSWER 53

No bidders must always provide a copy of a two-year college diploma in order to meet R1(ii) requirements. Canada will not change this requirement as requested.

QUESTION 54

Rated requirement R1 for the technical writer, level 3, requires a degree from a recognized university in the sciences, engineering, or IM/IT related studies, or a 2-year diploma from a recognized college in the sciences, engineering, or IM/IT related studies. Many well experienced, senior technical writers have degrees that are specifically related to the writing field and may also have also built their IT backgrounds by obtaining IT-related certifications or by working extensive years in the IT field. Please consider accepting other relevant degrees (such as a Bachelor of Education) combined with IT certifications (such as ITIL certification) for R1 in the technical writer, level 3 category.

ANSWER 54

Canada will not combine degrees with certifications as requested. See Answer 19 however.

QUESTION 55

The following enquiry is in relation to the following requirements:

- I.10 Technical Architect Level 3 – R3, R4, R6
- B.12 Network Support Specialist Level 3 – R2
- P.9 Project Manager Level 3 – R2

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- P.12 Risk Management Specialist Level 3 - R2

We find the requirement for more than 14 years of experience within the last 15 years to be very restrictive, and not in line with the majority of experience requirements. Please amend the scoring scheme for all requirements above to the following:

Greater than 8 years to 10 years = 1 point
Greater than 10 years to 12 years = 2 points
Greater than 12 years = 3 Points

ANSWER 55

Canada will not change the scoring for the referenced criteria as requested. However, Canada agrees to change the period of relevancy for the experience to "...within the last 20 years" for the referenced criteria. See relevant changes in Answer 27 and 37.

QUESTION 56

For P9 Project Manager Level 3 – Rated requirement R2: PM - all projects for 24+ months - all projects need to be 2 years or just 3 at 2 years - also do you accept an equivalency = each 2 year segment = 1 project. We are looking for clarity on the evaluation of the experience claimed under this requirement as follows:

- Please specify if all projects claimed against the total duration of the 14+ years must be over two years in duration.
- Will each 24-month segment of longer projects be counted as 1 project?

Furthermore, 15 years ago these resources would have been junior level resources and likely would not have worked on multi-year projects. Can the Crown please amend the requirement to read the following:

"The Contractor should clearly demonstrate that the proposed resource has experience, within the last fifteen (15) years, in managing a minimum of three (3) or more IM/IT projects. **A minimum of three (3) projects** must span a minimum of two (2) years **each**."

ANSWER 56

Canada will not change this criteria as requested. See Answer 65.

QUESTION 57

The following enquiries are in relation to candidate certifications required in the Rated section:

Technical Architect R7 – please amend the scoring schema to the following:

"1 certificate = 1 point
2 or more certificates: = 3 points"

Canada will not change this criteria as requested.

Project Manager R3 – We find that the requirement for PMI-SP to be redundant. Please amend the scoring schema to the following:

"1 certificate = 1 point
2 or more certificates: = 3 points"

Canada will not change this criteria as requested.

Risk Management Specialist - R7 – We are questioning why the Risk Management Specialist is required to have both a PMP and PRINCE2 certification. Please amend the scoring schema to the following:

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"1 certificate = 1 point
2 or more certificates: = 3 points"

SEE ANSWER 21

IT Security Engineer - R5 – We believe that the number of certifications required is excessive and prohibitive. Please amend the scoring schema to the following:

"1 certificate = 1 point
2 certificates = 3 points
3 or more certificates: = 5 points"

SEE ANSWER 15

ANSWER 57

See each individual response above.

QUESTION 58

IT Security Engineer – Rated requirement R2 Can the Crown please clarify this criteria: "...IT security directives (ITSD) **and or** IT Security Guidance (ITSG)...". Will bidders be awarded points for experience with either ITSD or ITSG? Also, can the 8+ years required for full points against this criteria come from a combination of ITSD and ITSG?

ANSWER 58

Bidders will be awarded points for experience with either ITSD or ITSG. The 8+ years' experience for full points against this criteria can come from a combination of ITSD and ITSG.

QUESTION 59

For the A.6 PROGRAMMER / SOFTWARE DEVELOPER LEVEL 3 R5 - Please confirm that resources do not need to demonstrate experience with ALL of the listed tools within the last ten (10) years. That is, that the sentence should read: R5 The Contractor should clearly demonstrate that the proposed resource has experience within the last ten (10) years, using automated unit testing and load testing tools to test software, such as JMeter, Unity Test, LoadRunner, LoadUI and/or Rational Performance Tester.

ANSWER 59

The tools described are examples and are not all-inclusive. Bidders can demonstrate experience using any combination of testing tools however the tools demonstrated must be "...automated unit testing and load testing tools to test software..." Canada will not change this criteria as requested.

QUESTION 60

With respect to the Project Manager R3 requirement, the Project Management Institute (PMI) outlines the PMI-SP as a certification specific to project scheduling, which does not require project management experience or education to obtain or maintain. Based on the PMI description this certification is held by Project Schedulers or Junior Project Managers who have not yet obtained the skills or hours to apply for their PMP. As the PMI-SP certification requires ongoing PDU's and funds to maintain, senior PM's would not continue to maintain such this certification after achieving their PMP. As the Crown requires a high level, senior Project Manager for this role, we request that the PMI-SP certification be removed from the Project Manager R3 requirement and the scoring be changed to:

"1 certificate = 1.5 points
2 certificates: = 3 points".

ANSWER 60

Canada will not change this criteria as requested. See Answer 23.

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QUESTION 61

Re: Project Manager, Level 3 – R3 The CompTIA Project+ Project Management Certification has been previously accepted by the Government of Canada as equivalent to the PMP Certification (<https://certification.comptia.org/certifications/project>). In fact, Shared Services Canada accepts this certification within their PMCOE for their TBIPS P.9 Project Manager Level 3 resources supporting Major Crown Projects. Can the Crown please amend the R3 criteria to include the CompTIA Project+ certification in the list of professional project management certifications.

ANSWER 61

Canada will not change this criteria as requested.

QUESTION 62

C.6 IT SECURITY ENGINEER LEVEL 3, Rated requirement R5 lists a variety of IT Security Certifications and will award 1 point per valid copy of certification. It is our understanding that "Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge (CCSK)" from Cloud Security Alliance is another high level IT security certification comparable to the CISM in importance in the IT security domain. Would the Crown include Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge (CCSK) as an acceptable certification under R5?

ANSWER 62

No, Canada will not change this criteria as requested.

QUESTION 63

I am writing to inquire on the Technical Writer position on the Merx website. I would like to confirm if the position is located in Gatineau or if it is a work from home position.

ANSWER 63

There are no positions per se in this requirement. Bidders must propose all resources listed in criteria CM2. Please refer Article 10 - Location of Work of Annex A regarding work location requirements. Please refer to Answer 1 for eligibility requirements.

QUESTION 64

Re: B.14 Technical Writer Level 3, Point-Rated Criteria R1 please amend the criteria to include a Bachelor of Arts degree. By taking courses in the arts, students deepen their cultural understanding and awareness, in addition to developing analytical, critical thinking, written and communication skills. As such, a Technical Writer who has a Bachelor of Arts degree from a recognized Canadian university should be able to score full points against this criteria. Can the crown please amend R1 as follows: (i) A degree from a recognized university in the **arts**, sciences, engineering, or IM/IT related studies

ANSWER 64

See answer 18.

QUESTION 65

Rated Requirement R2 for the Project Manager – Level 3 states that Bidders must demonstrate that "the proposed resource has experience, within the last fifteen (15) years, in managing a minimum of three (3) or more IM/IT projects. Each project must span a minimum of two (2) years". However, the evaluation criteria is based on years of experience rather projects demonstrated with full points being awarded for "greater than 14 years" of relevant experience.

Please clarify if Bidders are to assume that they will receive full points if they demonstrate a resource has more than 14 years of overall project experience **which includes** a minimum of three (3) projects with durations of more than two (2) years. Or are Bidders to assume that they must demonstrate more than 14

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years of experience comprised **only** of projects with durations of more than two (2) years (i.e. at least seven (7) projects within the last 15 years)?

If option 2 is the correct interpretation than this unnecessarily limits a resource's chances of scoring even the minimum for this requirement. It is our suggestion that the minimum project requirement be removed to reflect the evaluation criteria or that the evaluation be changed to assess points based on total projects demonstrated.

ANSWER 65

This requirement is based on years of experience and a minimum number of projects. Any combination of the number IM/IT projects managed and project span can be used to meet the overall experience requirements as long as the overall experience occurred within last 20 years, includes managing a minimum of 3 IM/IT projects as well the project span of each IM/IT project managed is at least 12 months

For example, if the bidder demonstrates managing 3 IM/IT projects within the past 20 years, project A being 1 year, project B being 5 years, and project C being 9 years, then in this scenario, the bidder would score 3 points. However, if one of the projects was less than 12 months in duration or only two projects were used to demonstrate the overall experience requirement, then in this scenario the bidder would score no points.

See Answer 27 and 55.

QUESTION 66

Regarding the Supplemental Security Guide from Amendment 002 Could the Crown please clarify what the 'SA' acronym stands for under the Level of Personnel Clearance for TS/SA (Enhanced)? Could the Crown also confirm that 'Enhanced' TS/SA clearance can only be obtained after contract award and when a contract number is available, similar to the steps taken in obtaining SIGINT?

ANSWER 66

The term SA in the Supplemental Security Guide means Special Access. The TS/SA (**Enhanced**) personnel security requirement can be obtained after the Contract is awarded however the requirement for TOP SECRET personnel security screening before Contract award has not changed. Please refer to Articles 6.1 and 7.5. Bidders are reminded that the TS/SA (Enhanced) 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.

QUESTION 67

Rated requirement R2 for the project manager, level 3. Please clarify whether all projects used in response to R2 must be 2 years in duration, or whether just the minimum of 3 projects must be each be 2 years in duration.

ANSWER 67

See Answer 65.

QUESTION 68

Rated requirement R3 for the project manager, level 3 requires up to three of the listed certifications. Please consider also accepting a Foundation Certificate in IT Service Management.

ANSWER 68

Canada will not change this criteria as requested. See Answer 23,

QUESTION 69

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I.10 Technical Architect Level 3 Point Rated criteria R2 - Please confirm that the Crown will accept Global Affairs Canada/DFAIT as an organization within the Public Safety and Defence domain as GAC/DFAIT employs defence-level Secret networks and deals with National Security issues on a global scale.

ANSWER 69

Canada will accept Global Affairs Canada/DFAIT provided the bidder demonstrates in their bid that the work the resource performed within the organization dealt with the protection and security of Canadians in the Public and Defence domain.

QUESTION 70

I.10 Technical Architect Level 3 Point Rated criteria R7 – (ii) Microsoft Certifications

It is our understanding that there are several other Microsoft Certifications which would demonstrate the abilities and qualifications of a Level 3 Technical Architect. Please add the following certifications to the list in criteria R7:

- MCSA (Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator)
- MCSE (Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer)

ANSWER 70

Canada will not accept these certificates for this criteria. See Answer 28

QUESTION 71

For the Project Manager Level 3 M1, There are limited IM/IT projects within the federal government that meet the \$30M threshold. Similarly, very few federal government departments meet the 10,000 user threshold, including departments such as RCMP and Shared Services Canada, where Project Management resources may have gained project experience relevant to DND's project requirements. Therefore, would the Crown please consider modifying M1 to read:

The Contractor must clearly demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of ten (10) years' experience, within the last fifteen (15) years, in performing project management tasks during the initiation and planning phases in a large IM/IT environment that has 5,000 or more users, or with a project budget of \$10 Million or more.

Canada will not change the project Budget amount. However, see Answer 46 for changes to the number of users.

For the Project Manager Level 3 rated requirements, the overall maximum point allocation is very low relative to other categories being evaluated at the solicitation stage. As such, any proposed Project Management candidate who scores less than full points on any individual rated requirement will need to score full points on the remainder of the rated requirements or run the risk of not meeting the minimum threshold. Therefore, would the Crown consider modifying the Project Manager Level 3 rated requirements as follows, which would increase the total available points to 11 and allow the Crown greater flexibility in fulfilling project requirements by accessing a greater pool of qualified project management resources

- a. For R1 consider allowing a combination of additional years of experience (beyond the 10 years typically required by a Level 3 Project Manager) and/or a related diploma and/ or Project Management certification to obtain points

Canada will not make this change as requested.

- b. For R2 consider changing the requirement to read:
The Contractor should clearly demonstrate that the proposed resource has experience,

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within the last fifteen (15) years, in managing a minimum of three (3) or more IM/IT projects. Each project must span a minimum of **one (1)** year.

With the following scoring methodology:
Greater than 8 years to 10 years = 2 points
Greater than 10 years to 12 years = 4 points
Greater than 12 years = 6 points

Canada will not make this change. Also see answer 55

- c. For R3 consider removing the PMI-SP Project Scheduling Certification from the requirement as this is not a typical certification for a Project Management resource and modifying the scoring methodology to reflect 2 points for demonstrating either a PMP or Prince2 certification, and 3 points for demonstrating both a PMP and Prince2 certification.

Canada will not change this criteria as requested. However See Answer 23 for previous changes to the scoring for this criteria.

ANSWER 71 –

See each response above.

QUESTION 72

In Amendment 003, Question 15 and Question 41 relating to R5 for the IT Security Engineer, there are two different scoring methods in each of the respective answers. Can the crown please clarify the scoring for R5, C.6 IT Security Engineer, L3.

ANSWER 72

The correct scoring for this criterion is as identified in Amendment 003, Answer 15.

QUESTION 73

The SRCL in the RFP does not match the SOW/RFP requirements both for qualification (part 7) and in delivery (as all work will be performed at DND sites and NOT bidder sites). The SIGINT and IT/Media Safeguarding requirements should be removed as all of the work resulting from this solicitation will be performed onsite at DND and will not require the supplier to access or transmit Top Secret SIGINT information.

ANSWER 73

Canada has reviewed the security requirements and determined that no inconsistency or ambiguity exists regarding the SRCL, security clauses and the solicitation. The security requirements are based on operational need and therefore Canada will not change the requirements as requested.

QUESTION 74

Concerning the professional certifications evaluated for the various resource categories, where it reads "To demonstrate this requirement, the bidder is requested to provide a valid copy of each Certification with their bid." Many organizations no longer issue actual copies of certificates. However, individuals' certification can be verified through Certification and Designation Verification sites. We assume that, in lieu of a copy of the certificate, we can present proof of validity by providing a screen shot from the related Certification and Designation Verification site. In cases where an individual has not been sent the actual certificate, please confirm that a screen shot demonstrating proof of certification will be accepted by the Crown?

ANSWER 74

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Canada will accept a printout from an organization's website (e.g. online registry of certificate holders) that is accredited to issue the subject certificate, provided the screen shot clearly demonstrates the resource has a valid certificate, and this evidence is provided in the Bidders bid. The Bidder must also demonstrate in their bid that the website from which the screen shot is obtained, is accredited to provide such certifications for the required certificate.

QUESTION 75

With respect to the Project Scheduler Level 2 and level 3, in the resource assessment criteria and response tables in Appendix C to Annex A, R4 requires the proposed candidates to hold three (3) certificates: PMP, PRINCE2, PMI-SP to achieve max points. It is rare for Project Scheduler to have a PMP or Prince2 certification and very unlikely to hold all three of the required certifications.

Would the Crown consider modifying the Project Scheduler Level 2 and Level 3 rated (R4) scoring methodology for this requirement to reflect 1 point for certification to a max. of 2 points. If the Crown agrees with this modification, please confirm that the overall score would then be out of 10, for both the Project Scheduler Level 2 and Level, with a minimum score of 7 points for each role

ANSWER 75

Canada will not change the criteria as requested. Bidders should note that only those categories identified in criteria CM2 will be evaluated during bid submission. The tables in Appendix C to Annex A refer to Additional Resources that will be assessed after contract award once specific tasks are requested of the Contractor.

QUESTION 76

For the resource assessment criteria and response tables (Appendix C to Annex A), the Point Rated criteria R2 and R3 for the Project Scheduler Level 3, would the Crown consider modifying the scoring methodology as follows:

- Greater than 8 years to 10 years = 1 point
- Greater than 10 years to 12 years = 2 points
- Greater than 12 years = 3 points

ANSWER 76

Canada will not change the criteria as requested, however Canada will accept this experience within the last 20 years instead of 15 years.

QUESTION 77

For the A.6 PROGRAMMER / SOFTWARE DEVELOPER LEVEL 3 R5, in addition to the automated testing tools listed in this criteria above, would DND accept experience with other automated testing tools such as Visual Studio tools for unit, performance and load testing?

ANSWER 77

See Answer 59.

QUESTION 78

For the P.9 PROJECT MANAGER LEVEL 3 category:

M1 states, "The Contractor must clearly demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of ten (10) years' experience, within the last fifteen (15) years, in performing project management tasks **during the initiation and planning phases** in a large IM/IT environment that has 10,000 or more users, or with a project budget of \$30 Million or more."

- a. Does DND intend for this to accept experience **exclusively** gained during the initiation and planning phases, or did this requirement intend to count project management experience in a large IM/IT environment that has 10,000 or more users, or with a project budget of \$30 Million or more, where the project management experience included on **initiation and planning phases for all cited projects?**

In reviewing **M1** (above) together with **M2**, "The Contractor must clearly demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of ten (10) years' years' experience, within the last fifteen (15) years, **managing the development and implementation** of IM/IT systems projects."

- b. M1 and M2 appear mutually exclusive. Very few Project Managers would have 10 years of experience in the last 15 years "DURING the initiation and planning phases" alone if they also go on to manage the development and implementation stages as well.

Would the crown consider amending M1 to read: "The Contractor must clearly demonstrate that the proposed resource has a minimum of ten (10) years' experience, within the last fifteen (15) years, in performing project management tasks **including during** the initiation and planning phases in a large IM/IT environment that has 10,000 or more users, or with a project budget of \$30 Million or more."

- c. For M2, can time spent during initiation and planning phases be counted toward the development and implementation total?

ANSWER 78

The proposed resource must have experience "...**in performing project management tasks during the initiation and planning phases...**" as described in M1. Canada will not change this criteria as requested. The proposed resource can have experience performing **project management tasks during the initiation and planning phases (M1)** and experience **managing the development and implementation of IM/IT systems projects (M2)** however the experience is mutually exclusive in that meeting the requirements of **M1** does not in itself equate to meeting the requirements of **M2** or vice versa. Bidders do not need to demonstrate 20 years' or greater of experience in order to meet the years of experience requirement of both M1 and M2.

QUESTION 79

For the P.9 PROJECT MANAGER LEVEL 3 category. Would the crown consider adding additional certifications such as: PMI-Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP), ITIL, or Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) to the list in R3?

ANSWER 79

No, see Answer 23

QUESTION 80

For the P.12 RISK MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST LEVEL 3 category, For R7, would the Crown consider adding other certifications such as: PMI Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP), ITIL, or Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) to the list in R7

ANSWER 80

No. See answer 21, 40 and 42 for the only additional certifications accepted

QUESTION 81

Regarding R6 for the Risk Management Specialist the requirement lists, "*Working on IM/IT projects within the Public Safety and Defence business domains, which includes any of the following: Defence, Intelligence, National Security and Enforcement.*" Global Affairs Canada has been directly involved in

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Anti-Terrorism projects post September 11, 2001, with the Public Safety of Canadians being the number one priority.

More specifically, The "Global Partnership" initiative was a Government of Canada initiative on behalf of Global Affairs Canada (known at the time as The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade), to counter the risk that terrorist groups or states of proliferation concern might acquire weapons of mass destruction or related materials. This initiative also directly involved Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Department of National Defence, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and the Canadian Commercial Corporation. Would the Crown please confirm that Global Affairs Canada and "The Global Partnership" Initiative will qualify for this requirement?

ANSWER 81

See Answer 69

QUESTION 82

Note: all questions (a, b, and c) pertain to M1 for the risk management specialist, level 3:

a: As written, we understand this M1 requirement to mean that for the 10 years of experience (within the last 15 years) demonstrated, only 3 of the projects presented must be multi-year, large and complex with a project budget of \$10M or more; the remaining projects comprising the 10 years of experience are not required to be multi-year, large and complex with a project budget of \$10M or more. Please confirm.

YES

b: We understand the term "multi-year" as used at M1 above to mean "over one year in duration" (as confirmed by Merriam Webster dictionary). Please confirm that this is the meaning of this term as used at M1.

Multi-year means greater than 12 months duration.

c: We understand that project values and durations mentioned in M1 above can be "overall" values and durations, and are thus not restricted to the timeframe during which the resource was engaged on the projects. Please confirm that: (i) the values mentioned at M1 refer to overall project values and (ii) the "multi-year" duration is not restricted to the timeframe during which the resource was on the project; i.e. a project itself might be 3 years in duration but the resource might have worked on it for 6 months.

(i) **Yes**

(ii) **Resources need to have worked on the project(s) for the minimum duration described in the evaluation criteria. E.g. for a single project demonstrated, if the project length is 15 years, the resource must have worked on this project for at least 10 years.**

ANSWER 82

See individual answers above

QUESTION 83

For Rated Criteria R1, given a diploma is worth 1pt, if a resource were to submit (2) diplomas please confirm that would allow a resource to obtain max pts for R1?

ANSWER 83

No, Canada will not change this criteria as requested. See Answer 53 as well.

QUESTION 84

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Would the Crown accept at Bachelor of Arts degree for Rated Requirement R1 for the Network Support Specialist Level 3?

ANSWER 84

No, Canada will not change this criteria as requested

QUESTION 85

Please confirm the only Certifications acceptable for R3 Project Manager Level 3 are: PMP, PRINCE2, PMI-SP, and CMC.

ANSWER 85

See evaluation grids for the Project Manager Level 3 R3 criteria, as well as Answer 23.

QUESTION 86

Regarding R7 for Risk Management Specialist Level 3, would the Crown also accept the following certifications:

- (CISSP) Certified Information Systems Security Professional
- (CISM) Certified Information Security Manager
- (CISA) Certified Information System Auditor
- (CCSK) Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge

ANSWER 86

No. See answer 21, 40 and 42 for additional certifications.

QUESTION 87

Please refer to Attachment 4.2 – Point Rated Technical Criteria, B.14 Technical Writer Level 3, R1. Would the government also accept a Bachelors of Mathematics as a IM/IT related studies to satisfy the requirement?

ANSWER 87

Yes Canada will accept a Bachelor of Mathematics for this criteria.

CHANGES

PWGSC agrees to extend the **closing date until January 23, 2019**. Bidders should budget their time accordingly and submit any questions as soon as possible, as **PWGSC does not intend to grant any further extensions for this requirement**. Although the bid closing date is being extended, **the date for answering questions is only being extended until January 16, 2019**. Therefore, bidders should submit all questions by this time. Canada does not commit to answer questions received after this

At Article 3.2(a)(v)(B) and (C):

Delete: the last sentence from sub article (B) and (C)

Insert the following revised sentence in its place:

If the Bidder has not submitted the copy of the results within 2 working days of the request by the Contracting Authority, its bid will be **rated accordingly** ~~declared non-responsive~~.

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At Appendix C to Annex A:

At the second paragraph:

Delete: the last sentence

Insert: the following revised sentence in its place:

If the Contractor has not submitted a copy of the document(s) within 2 working days of the request by the Contracting Authority, its quotation will be **rated accordingly** ~~found to be non-responsive~~.

At Attachment 4.2 Point Rated Technical Criteria:

At the first paragraph:

Delete: the last sentence.

Insert: the following revised sentence in its place:

If the Bidder has not submitted a copy of the document(s) within 2 working days of the request by the Contracting Authority, its bid will be **rated accordingly** ~~declared non-responsive~~.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME