

Question and Answers 8 - 13

Q8	Does successful bidder have to be government approved vendor prior to winning the RFP?
A8	This solicitation is open to the public and a successful bidder does not need to be a government approved vendor for their proposal to be considered.

Q9	Are you open as part of this RFP for engagement of resources that are not resident of Canada? Our top resources fit for the job in scope of this RFP are based out of Israel
A9	So long as the firm who is approving is based in Canada, firm resources could perform the work from outside of Canada.

Q10	With respect to the rated criteria on pages 32-33, the point rating has not been provided. Could (the PPS) please clarify the points available?
A10	The rated criteria will make up 70% of the total score, with the remaining 30% coming from the financial proposal.

Q11	Could (the PPS) please indicate if any product vendors have been engaged?
A11	As this RFP is meant to establish criteria for future projects where products may form part of this requirement, there has been no engagement of vendors for those future products at this time.

Q12	On page 33 of 34 of the English version of the Request for Proposal document for a Cyber Security Specialist, it is mentioned in point b) of the description of criterion R3- Work plan proposal that the bidder must provide Potential start/end date with milestones in form of Gantt chart. It is mentioned In the sub-point i. Optional schedules, if the timeframe exceeds two (2) months elapsed. We ask you to clarify this sub-point i.
A12	Recognizing that cloud offerings and security standards and controls change and evolve at a fast pace, we wish for this initiative to be relatively short and enable PPS to establish an initial position. There is an expectation that this mandate will start/end in a timeframe of approximately 2 months elapsed because the consultant(s) are already familiar with existing standards. If the timeframe being proposed is longer, we are looking for creative scheduling options, such as phasing, work delivered in parallel, etc. so the project has a reasonable end date.

Q13	in the French version of this document on page 37 of 40, it is mentioned in point d) of the description du critère C3- Proposition du plan de travail that the bidder must provide the daily rate. This point is not present in the English version of the document. Please confirm whether or not the daily rate must be provided in the description of our Work plan proposal
A13	The daily rate should be provided in Appendix C – PRICING STRUCTURE FORM and should not be provided in the work plan proposal. -