

Questions & Answers on FIN-20182254 - Cyber risks and open banking

Question 1: Can the Crown confirm if there is an incumbent or preferred supplier for this opportunity?

Answer 1: There is no incumbent

Question 2: Can the Crown please clarify the basis of selection technical vs financial split.

Annex D – Basis of Selection states the following:

Highest Combined Rating of Technical Merit **(70%) and Price (30%)**
and

It is understood by the parties submitting proposals, that, to qualify, bidders must meet all mandatory requirements as well as the minimum score identified for the point rated criteria. The contract will be awarded based on a determination of best value taking into account both the technical merit of the proposal and the price evaluations. To arrive at an overall score achieved by a firm, a weighting has been established whereby technical merit will be valued at **60% of the bid and price at 40%**.

Answer 2: The basis of selection is Highest Combined Rating of Technical Merit (70%) and Price (30%)

Question 3: Can the Crown clarify how R2 will be scored. R2 indicates it is worth 10 points, the breakdown in the description indicates 5 points.

Answer 3: Please see the attached updated RFP with the new points indicated in R2.

Question 4: Will the crown offer a one-week extension on the bid closing for March 5th to March 12th?

Answer 4: yes, the crown will extend the closing date to **March 12, 2019**.

Question 5: Would it be possible to get a word version of the RFP.

Answer 5: the RFP PDF version of this Bid can be reversed into a word document.

Question 6: Refer to: 3.1 Bid Preparation Instructions

Canada requests that bidders provide their bid in separately bound sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Bid: 1 hard copy and 1 electronic copy on usb key.

Section II: Financial Bid: 1 hard copy and 1 electronic copy on usb key.

Section III: Certifications (1 hard copy)

Question 6a: the details provided in the section following the summary above includes instructions for Section IV – Additional Information. Do Bidders add the contents requested in Section IV – Additional Information into Section III – Certifications? Please advice.

Answer 6a: Yes, you would add the certifications into this additional information.

Question 7: Could you please clarify the Contract Period for the above bid. On the cover it states – Estimated Contract Period as Contract Award to May 17, 2019 and in Section 7.4.1 is states the Period of Contract is Contract Award to March 29, 2019.

Answer 7: The Estimated Contract Period is Contract Award to May 17, 2019

Question #8a: Annex “D”, Technical Evaluation c) Resource Qualifications states: “The bidder must send in separate bid solicitations for each proposed resource”. **b)** Please clarify how vendors are to respond if submitting a response that includes the team lead as required in the Rated Requirements (R1) and others that have knowledge and expertise to help support the project requirements.

Answer #8 a: Annex “D”, Technical Evaluation c) Resource Qualifications states: “The bidder must send in separate bid solicitations for each proposed resource”, is standard text in the RFP template.

Answer #8 b: The bidders will send one technical proposal for this RFP and any additional information can be added in the technical bid as well.

Question #9: Will the Department of Finance provide the proponent authoring recognition within the published report?

Answer #9: The author will get credit for the report, but the Department of Finance can use it in policy review.