

## Question & Answer #1

### **Solicitation No. 24062-19-343 Integrated Economic and Financial Market Database and Analytics Software Application**

Question 1. What should be the currency used for the Financial Bid?

We haven't found any information on that subject: can we use U.S. Dollars, or Canadian Dollars?

Answer: The bidder should quote in the currency of their choice. Bids submitted in foreign currency will be converted to Canadian currency for evaluation purposes. Please see the updated financial evaluation, as well as schedule, and wording, surrounding this change in Amendment #1.

Question 2: On the Contractual side: while we assume that TBS will have a draft contract ready on their side, our legal team is asking us if amendments & discussions on the Terms & Conditions are possible.

For instance, adding our own Terms & Conditions, while stating that TBS's terms supersede ours.

Answer: No. The terms and conditions are as stated in the RFP. Canada has reviewed this request and the solicitation remains unchanged.

Question 3: Section III. Certification

Our administrative team is wondering which documents (as well as their format) should be submitted as part of the Certification section. This question applies to paragraphs 5.1.1. / 5.2. / 5.2.1 and 5.2.2. We also wonder what documents you are expecting to receive under the paragraph 5.2.3. "Award Certifications Precedent to the Contract Award".

Answer: As part of their bid, the bidder should create a certification document based on the required certification clauses in the RFP and submit the certification document separately as part of the RFP instruction set.

Question 4: Rated Technical Criteria: R.9.

We would like to know what TSB means by "The bidder should confirm whether data feed delivery requires a database install (No install = 5 points)". What if the definition / meaning of "database install" ?

Answer: TBS is aware that some data providers (bidders) require a database to be installed on the client's internal network. Data feeds/updates from these providers are typically fed to the database (not to the individual users), and users access the data through an internal connection to the database.

Alternatively, many data providers do not require any databases to be installed on TBS's internal network. These data providers would simply feed data to TBS users through an internet connection. Data is retrieved from the data provider directly, not via an intermediary database installed on TBS' network.

Because of the additional IT complexity and security requirements surrounding the installation of a database on TBS's networks, the bidder will not receive the 5 points awarded to those bidders whose systems do not require a database install.