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The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

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AMENDMENT NO. 009

This amendment is raised to answer bidders' questions.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 22:

MTC1: For the Application Services stream, will TC accept resources provided under the Quality Assurance Specialist, Level 3 category as equivalent to Tester, Level 3 for referenced contracts provided?

Answer 22:

Please see Solicitation Amendment 008, Revision 1, MTC1, 1. e)

Question 23:

As clients use different job titles for procuring resources to perform same/similar services, would the Crown please accept same or similar resource categories to those identified for MTC1 in each workstream, where same/similar services are demonstrated by a minimum of 50% of the tasks identified in Annex A of the bid solicitation?

Answer 23:

Please see Solicitation Amendment 008, Revisions 1 to 7, MTC1, 1. e) and f).

Question 24:

In regards to MTC1, will the Crown allow for the use of similar resource categories as long as the bidder can demonstrate that the resources performed at least 50% of the tasks listed in the solicitation Statement of Work (SOW)?

Answer 24:

Please see Solicitation Amendment 008, Revisions 1 to 7, MTC1, 1. e) and f).

Question 25:

RE: Workstream 3 – Cyber Protection Services – MTC1 1.b) “Have an initial minimum value of \$2,000,000.00 (CDN) excluding applicable taxes, not including amendments;”

We would like to request that the Crown change the MTC1 1.b) requirement from an initial minimum value of \$2,000,000.00 (CDN) to an initial minimum value of \$1,000,000.00 (CDN) or allow Bidders to include exercised option years' amendments. Most contracts providing TRA & C&A services are not normally of a high value.

Answer 25: Please see Solicitation Amendment 008, Revision 3, MTC1, 1. b).

Question 26:

For Workstream 1, Application Services, MTC1, Mandatory Corporate Experience, bidders are to demonstrate experience providing Programmer Analyst (Level 2 or 3) and Tester Level 3 resources. We note Q&A # 8 of Amendment 003 states “Reference contracts from the federal government, from other levels of government such as provincial and municipal, from outside Canada, and from the private sector are acceptable as long as they meet all the criteria of MTC1”. As provincial, municipal and private sector contracts will not have categories that are an exact match to the same TBIPS categories of this solicitation, will the crown accept Programmer Software Developer (Level 2 and 3) and Quality Assurance Specialist (Level 3) as equivalent to Programmer Analyst (Level 2 and 3) and Tester Level 3?

Answer 26: Please refer to Solicitation Amendment 008, Revision 1, MTC1, 1. e)

Question 27

Reference: MTC1 (all 7 streams) – Mandatory Corporate Criteria MTC1 requires bidders to demonstrate experience placing the cited resource categories on contracts with an initial minimum contract value of \$2,000,000 excluding taxes and any contract amendments. By restricting the initial dollar value to a minimum of \$2,000,000, the only Government of Canada contracts that Bidders are able to cite are large Tier 2 contracts with the resource categories specific to the stream they are responding to. This penalizes Bidders who have a mix of TBIPS Tier 1 and Tier 2 contracts. Further, it is common for even TBIPS Tier 2 contracts start with initial dollar values of \$1.5 million or less and then, through contract amendments that exercise option periods, grow in value to \$5 million or more. With how the MTC1 is currently written, Bidders with these (initially smaller) Tier 2 contracts would not qualify to bid on this solicitation.

We understand that Transport Canada requires Bidders to have experience managing large contracts with multiple resources, however, the limitations created by the \$2,000,000 initial contract value greatly restricts the number of Bidders who are able to respond to this solicitation. To allow more Bidders to respond to this RFP, would Transport Canada consider amending MTC1 to allow contracts with initial minimum values of \$1,000,000 (CDN) excluding applicable taxes, not including amendments as long as all contracts identified total over \$2,000,000.00?

Answer 27

Please refer to Solicitation Amendment 007, Answer 19; and to Solicitation Amendment 008, Revision 3, MTC1, 1. b).

Question 28:

In regards to Q&A #15 in Amendment number 005, the crown confirmed that “the Bidder can use resource categories other than those identified in the RFP’s Workstreams, in addition to the “WS specific” categories to meet the cumulative total of 2000 billable days”. If we are using other categories in addition to the “WS specific” categories, what information does the Crown require the Bidder to provide for item i) in FORM M1, since they do not cross reference to the resource categories in Annex A of the bid solicitation?

Answer 28: For Categories outside of the Workstream, provide the first and last name of the resource in item i) of Form M1.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.