

# SHARED SERVICES CANADA

## Amendment No. 003 to the Invitation to Qualify for the Procurement Process for Offender Computing and Technology (OCaT) Initiative for The Correctional Service of Canada

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This amendment 003 is raised to answer questions from industry and include modifications to the ITQ document:

#### Questions from Industry

Q6: Please provide clarification on the **Definition of a Bidder** found on page 4 of 32 in Annex B, Section 1.4, item A) Definition of Bidder. The definition of bidder, and its tie back to the experience that bidders can bring forward in response to evaluation criteria is a serious concern. This is a problem that ITAC members have been repeatedly identified to both SSC and PSPC in past procurements with resolution. Specifically, as vendors have successfully completed similar, secure digital workspace initiatives in jurisdictions across the world. These initiatives have afforded them expertise and capabilities, and further their proven solutions which can be leveraged within their Canadian operations in order to provide the Crown increased value and capabilities through existing state-of-the-art technologies; however, the definition of bidder and the inability to put this experience forward as corporate project experience severely impacts the ability of the Canadian operations to bid.

R6: The **Definition of Bidder** does not prohibit Respondents from using project experience under the mandatory qualifications from a parent company or subsidiary or affiliate. Please see Modification 001 below.

Q7: Please provide an extension to the solicitation closing date.

R7: An extension is not being provided at the time of this amendment 003.

#### Modification 001

At section 4.1 Evaluation of Respondent Qualifications, insert the following:

#### **Previous Corporate Experience of the Respondent**

Where the ITQ requires that the response demonstrate previous experience of the Respondent, the previous experience will only be awarded points or considered to demonstrate the required experience if the experience has been obtained by the Respondent itself, including its parent company, subsidiaries or affiliates.

### ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.