

AMENDMENT 004

The purpose of this amendment is to respond to potential bidders' questions.

QUESTION 21:

In Annex F is the CFP looking for 3 historical projects to be listed?

RESPONSE 21:

The table to be completed for Annex F is requesting the proposal to list three projects that show that the project manager or project team can demonstrate that they have the experience/expertise to lead the project/work on the project. The project manager and/or team should detail their roles and responsibilities on the proposed project in the text box after project three.

QUESTION 22:

Since the bidder and LGD have not done a joint project in the past, are we expected to just list projects from one entity (based on the which organization the PM belongs to)?

RESPONSE 22:

Projects listed can be experience obtained by the project manager or key members of the project team which can be from more than one entity. The proposal may want to include the expertise of several different partners in relation to the proposed project.

QUESTION 23:

In PR-11 Are we to list every member of the project team including members from the bidder and individuals from the LGD?

RESPONSE 23:

No. The proposal must list the name of the project manager and which organization he/she is from. Expertise from key project team members should be listed in the Table entitled "Key Project Team Members" and should be related to the task in the work plan.

QUESTION 24:

Is the LGD required to provide the experience of its team members?

RESPONSE 24:

The proposal must demonstrate the expertise of the project manager, regardless of which organization the project manager is from and the key team members responsible for working on the project.

QUESTION 25:

Regarding a phased project:

If there are 2 phases envisioned for a project can you confirm that the bidder expected to submit two separate proposals, one for each phase?

RESPONSE 25:

Yes. Refer to Annex A, Phased projects. Each proposal must be distinct. Proposals should be treated as a separate work package and each will be evaluated on its own merit.

QUESTION 26:

On the subject of intellectual property rights for technology that may be developed, can you describe how those rights are managed, e.g. shared, sole ownership by DRDC, LGD, or private sector partner, open rights, etc.

RESPONSE 26:

Please refer to section 4.7 Intellectual Property for more information on IP ownership. IP clauses may be negotiated at the contract negotiation phase.

QUESTION 27:

Regarding project budgets, can you provide a typical budget range for selected projects? I do understand the actual budget request is validated by the project outputs and outcomes. With that said, most projects have a scope can shrink or expand to fit the available fiscal envelope. We want to make sure we're on target and realistic based on the history of the program.

RESPONSE 27:

Recommended contract values according to project type can be found in Annex A, Tables A, B and C. Proposals should not exceed the parameters identified for funding.

QUESTION 28:

I have a question related to section 5 of this Call for Proposals.

5.2.3 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity – Certification

We submitted a revised AIEE to Labour in August of 2018. Will we need to submit a new signed AIEE?

RESPONSE 28:

Please refer to sections 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 of the CFP document. The Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity certification under 5.2.3 is only required for contracts receiving funds over \$1,000,000.00 (to be determined at the Contract negotiation stage).

QUESTION 29:

Due to the summer vacation schedules of government LGD and key stakeholders, it is proving difficult to ensure that they can provide their due diligence and approvals. We respectfully request a four week extension to ensure Canada can get the best quality proposals to these important challenges.

RESPONSE 29:

Please refer to Amendment 002, Part 2 for the revised closing date of the solicitation.

QUESTION 30:

We respectfully request a 2 week extension to the closing date for this Call For Papers procurement. We plan on submitting more than 1 proposal and require additional time due to scheduled vacations for our technical staff.

RESPONSE 30:

Please refer to Amendment 002, Part 2 for the revised closing date of the solicitation.

QUESTION 31:

Regarding section 3.1.1.2 :

For item a, What resources does a federal LGD have to commit to initiate the requisition – surely not the project budget? Are not the resources coming from DRDC?

For item b, what is required from the LGD to work with PWGSC?

Item e seems at odds with what we were told during RFI process when the LGD is a federal government department, which is that there is no money transfer to the LGD. How can the LGD pay claims/invoices if the money is not in their authorized budget? Can you confirm that the funding is from DRDC, and DRDC pays the claims.

RESPONSE 31:

As the project partners may vary, each contract or MoA will be negotiated on a case by case basis. Please refer to Annex J – Funding flow chart for resulting Contract(s)/Memorandum of Agreement(s) for details on the different manners in which funding may flow, dependent on the project partners.

For example only, per Annex J, point 1., in the event that the bidder is a private entity and the LGD is a federal government department, DRDC will send funding to the LGD by an interdepartmental settlement (IS). Following this, the LGD will send funding to the bidder by a contract. PWGSC will set up the contract on behalf of the LGD (this covers a. commit resources [financial, staff time, etc.] to initiate the requisition for the resulting contract and b. work with PWGSC to create and issue the resulting contract). As such, in this case, the LGD would be responsible for paying claims/invoices and facilitating project reporting requirements to DRDC.

QUESTION 32:

I have identified a conflict between the instructions published in the **Fluid Review Form** for Evaluation Criteria PR-12 Transition/Exploitation Plan and the instructions for the same section found in the Defence

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Both documents describe PR-12 sections A, B, C & D. While the instructions in the Call For Proposals describe a maximum of 2,000 words for the COLLECTIVE of those four sections, the Fluid Review Form calls for 2,000 words for EACH of the four sections.

RESPONSE 32:

Proposals should include a maximum of 2,000 words total for PR-12. This has been rectified in the online tool.

QUESTION 33:

If a bidder has an existing demonstrated concept, can a proposal be submitted for a R&D phase (1M) without requesting the 250K first?

RESPONSE 33:

For Stream A, Challenges 1 – 14, potential bidders should refer to Annex A – Project Types and Parameters. Potential bidders can choose a project type at any stage.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.