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SOLICITATION AMENDMENT

MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION

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

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

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THIS SOLICITATION AMENDMENT NO. 004 IS RAISED TO:

- A. Respond to questions received from suppliers; and
- B. Amend the RFP.

PART A: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question #028

<p><u>Reference:</u> Technical Evaluation</p>
<p><u>Question #028:</u> Regarding RM-4 for A.1 - Application/Software Architect (Level 3), I.10 - Technical Architect (Level 3) and A.6 - Programmer/Software Developer (Level 3), as described In Appendix 2 to Annex E - Key Resources Criteria, would an Engineering Degree in Physics (Bachelor or Master degree) or other engineering discipline be considered a related field?</p>
<p><u>Answer #028:</u> Canada will accept a degree (Bachelor or higher) in Physics, Mathematics, Electronics, Systems Engineering and Electrical Engineering for these resource categories. Canada will consider, on a case-by-case basis, other degrees or diplomas that could be related to the requirement. The Bidder is advised to confirm with Canada for acceptance of these degrees or diplomas prior to submitting its bid.</p>

Question #029

<p><u>Reference:</u> Technical Evaluation</p>
<p><u>Question #029:</u> Regarding RPR-3 for A.1 - Application/Software Architect (Level 3), I.10 - Technical Architect (Level 3) and A.6 - Programmer/Software Developer (Level 3), as described In Appendix 2 to Annex E - Key Resources Criteria, the requirement is very specific to experience in an Intellectual Property Office (IPO). Would Canada accept similar experience from outside of an IPO? Would Canada consider to remove this IPO-specific requirement?</p>
<p><u>Answer #029:</u> IPO-specific experience for key resources is considered an asset. For greater clarity, the IPO-specific experience is not limited to CIPO; it includes any IPO outside Canada. Canada will maintain IPO-specific criteria in the point-rated criteria for the key resources.</p>

Question #030

Reference:

Technical Evaluation

Question #030:

Regarding RPR-7 for A.1 - Application/Software Architect (Level 3), and RPR-6 for I.10 - Technical Architect (Level 3) and A.6 - Programmer/Software Developer (Level 3), as described in Appendix 2 to Annex E - Key Resources Criteria, would Canada also consider to include Microsoft Azure which is also popular with the Government of Canada?

Answer #030:

Canada will include Microsoft Azure in the respective point-rated criterion for all four (4) key resources. See Revision #005 of Part B.

Question #031

Reference:

Technical Evaluation

Question #031:

Regarding RPR-7 for A.6 - Programmer/Software Developer (Level 3), as described in Appendix 2 to Annex E - Key Resources Criteria, would Canada consider to add .NET Development (i.e. C#) and remove "Pega Business Process Management" as it is too restrictive?

Answer #031:

Canada will remove "Pega Business Process Management" and add "C#" in RPR-7 for A.6 - Programmer/Software Developer (Level 3). See Revision #006 of Part B.

Question #032

Reference:

Technical Evaluation

Question #032:

In responding to the resource mandatory criteria and point-rated criteria, could the Bidder use a different table format than the templates provided in Annex E - Evaluation and Selection? Would Canada accept if the Bidder submits all the information in one table along with reference CVs?

Also, with respect to Form 1 to Annex E - Reference Contracts for Corporate Criteria and Form 2 to Annex E - Reference Projects for Key Resources Criteria, is it mandatory for the Bidder to complete and submit these forms with the bid?

Answer #032:

Canada intends to have a consistent and standard approach to properly manage Bidder's responses. The table templates were therefore created to ensure common look-and-feel of Bidder's responses to the technical evaluation criteria. This approach has been proven very effective in assisting the evaluation team to conduct the technical evaluation against a large set of the mandatory and point-rated criteria.

As such, the Bidder is strongly advised to use the table templates provided by Canada. Nevertheless, it is at the Bidder's discretion to use a different table format (e.g. one consolidated table) that in its view is better and more user friendly. The Bidder must adhere to the naming and numbering convention pre-defined in Annex E when submitting and referring to its reference contract and reference project.

It is mandatory for the Bidder to complete and submit Form 1 and Form 2 to Annex E as these forms will be used to assist reference checks. Canada will not accept any other format of the form. See **Revision #007** of Part B.

Question #033

Reference:

Technical Evaluation

Question #033:

Regarding Appendix 2 to Annex E - Key Resources Criteria, **RPR-7 for A.1 - Application/Software Architect (Level 3)**, and **PRP-6 for I.10 - Technical Architect (Level 3)**, **P.9 - Project Manager (Level 3)**, and **A.6 - Programmer/Software Developer (Level 3)**, would Canada accept experience with Microsoft Azure?

Answer #033:

Please refer to **Answer #030** to **Question #030**.

Question #034

Reference:

Technical Evaluation

Question #034:

Regarding Appendix 2 to Annex E - Key Resources Criteria, **RM-3 for P.9 - Project Manager (Level 3)**, and **RM-4 for A.1 - Application/Software Architect (Level 3)**, **I.10 - Technical Architect (Level 3)** and **A.6 - Programmer/Software Developer (Level 3)**, would Canada accept a degree or diploma related to: Engineering, Science, and Master of Business Administration?

Answer #034:

Regarding **RM-3 for P.9 - Project Manager (Level 3)**, Canada accepts a degree or diploma related to Engineering, Science or Master of Business Administration.

Regarding **RM-4 for A.1 - Application/Software Architect (Level 3)**, **I.10 - Technical Architect (Level 3)** and **A.6 - Programmer/Software Developer (Level 3)**, Canada will accept a Master of Business Administration only if it focuses or specializes on Information Technology Management.

Canada will only consider a specific set of Engineering or Science degrees or diplomas as pertinent to the requirements. Please refer to **Question #028** and **Answer #028** for further information.

PART B: RFP REVISIONS

Revision #005

Appendix 2 to Annex E - Key Resources Criteria is hereby amended as follows:

REPLACE “the Amazon Web Services Cloud Computing environment” **WITH** “the Amazon Web Services or Microsoft Azure Cloud Computing environment” in **RPR-7** for **A.1 - Application/Software Architect (Level 3)**, and **RPR-6** for **I.10 - Technical Architect (Level 3)**, **P.9 - Project Manager (Level 3)** and **A.6 -Programmer/Software Developer (Level 3)**.

Revision #006

Appendix 2 to Annex E - Key Resources Criteria is hereby amended as follows:

REPLACE “Pega Business Process Management” **WITH** “C#” in **RPR-7** for **A.6 - Programmer/Software Developer (Level 3)**.

Revision #007

Annex E - Evaluation and Selection is hereby amended as follows:

DELETE the first paragraph of “4.1. Bidder Instructions” in Section 1 - Technical Evaluation at its entirety and **REPLACE WITH** the following paragraph:

Reference checks will be used to verify and validate any reference contract provided by the Bidder in Form 1 to Annex E - Reference Contracts for Corporate Criteria and any reference project provided by the Bidder in Form 2 to Annex E - Reference Projects for Key Resources Criteria. The Bidder must complete and submit Form 1 and Form 2 in accordance with the instructions provided respectively in Form 1 and Form 2. Reference Projects submitted in any other format will not be accepted. The Bidder must send a written request via email to the Contracting Authority for the electronic version of these two (2) forms. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to confirm in advance with its client contact that this person is willing and will be available to provide a reference for the respective contract or project. The following protocol will be followed regarding communicating with the client contact.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BID SOLICITATION REMAIN UNCHANGED.