

**Question and Answer Document  
DISO-IAAC-404044**

<b>Question 1:</b>	Regarding R1 and M1 – Offeror’s Experience, IAAC requires three projects per stream. Can proponents use the same project in multiple streams
<b>Answer 1:</b>	<b>Yes.</b>
<b>Question 2:</b>	Regarding Annex “B” Basis of Payment, does IAAC require one blended rate per stream or a rate per individual. For examples, if we propose three resources for Stream 1, do we provide a rate for each individual or a blended rate to cover all resources (junior, intermediate and senior) for Stream 1?
<b>Answer 2:</b>	<b>Each Proposed Resource should have a corresponding rate.</b>
<b>Question 3:</b>	Regarding Attachment A: Matrix of Project Components and Topic Areas, does IAAC require this form to be completed and submitted with the proposal? If so, can proponents bid for portions of each stream? For example, a proponent can bid only on Stream 1, geology?
<b>Answer 3:</b>	<b>Under Attachment A, Offerors should identify (by check mark on the form) which areas they are bidding on.</b>
<b>Question 4:</b>	Is there a total program value for this SO and how would this value be distributed (e.g., by percentage) between the qualified firms?
<b>Answer 4:</b>	<b>IAAC intends to enter into multiple Standing Offer Agreements (SOA) under this framework. While there is no guarantee of work, all work will fall under resulting Call-ups against these Standing Offer Agreements. Total program value is to be determined.</b>
<b>Question 5:</b>	Please clarify the language requirements as per the following two clauses: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. M3 (The Offeror's Proposed Resources MUST be able to effectively communicate in English)</li> <li>2. Section 14 of Annex A Statement of Work (While the Contractor resources must be fluent, both written and verbal, in English, for IAAC requirements that require French language communication, Contractor resources must be fluent in French... All communication and deliverables must be provided in English or French, depending upon the official language requested by the Project Authority for the work. The Agency will provide translation of key documents.).</li> </ol>
<b>Answer 5:</b>	<b>It is currently expected that all written products developed under these Standing Offer Agreements will be in English. Any required translation of written materials will be completed by the Agency itself and not the selected Offerors.</b>
<b>Question 6:</b>	Would IAAC provide a two week extension to January 22 <sup>nd</sup> ?
<b>Answer 6:</b>	<b>We are unable to provide such an extension</b>
<b>Question 7:</b>	The cover page of the RFSO (page 1 of 39) states that bids should be submitted to Meghan Mackenzie <a href="mailto:meghan.mackenzie@canada.ca">meghan.mackenzie@canada.ca</a> however on page 7 of 39 the document states that bids should be submitted to the following account

	<a href="mailto:iaac.procurement-provisionnement.aeic@canada.ca">iaac.procurement-provisionnement.aeic@canada.ca</a> . Please clarify which account bid should be submitted.
<b>Answer 7:</b>	Bids are to be submitted to <a href="mailto:iaac.procurement-provisionnement.aeic@canada.ca">iaac.procurement-provisionnement.aeic@canada.ca</a>
<b>Question 8:</b>	What does 'All-Inclusive Hourly Rate' actually mean? The tables on pages 33 and 34 (Annex B) imply that IAAC wants one rate for each stream, not for each individual who would be involved in a particular stream. Please clarify.
<b>Answer 8:</b>	Offerors are asked to submit an all-inclusive Hourly rate for EACH proposed resource identified under EACH Stream.
<b>Question 9:</b>	Could you please clarify if the RFSO should include three project summaries relevant to the appropriate stream and separate CVs of proposed personnel, or three project summaries for each proposed personnel (as part of their CV).
<b>Answer 9:</b>	Three (3) project summaries for each proposed resource.
<b>Question 10</b>	How will the financial bid be assessed? What is the weighting compared to the technical bid?
<b>Answer 10:</b>	All responsive offers that meet all the mandatory technical evaluation criteria and have submitted a financial offer will be recommended for issuance of a Standing Offer Agreement.
<b>Question 11:</b>	Can the pricing schedule form be altered to add additional personnel, or should there be a separate sheet for each proposed resource?
<b>Answer 11:</b>	Yes, you are free to add additional resources as required.
<b>Question 12:</b>	The cover page for your RFP says the closing date is January 8, 2019... can you please confirm that it is actually January 2020?
<b>Answer 12:</b>	The bid closing date is January 8, 2020.