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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AMENDMENT

The Request for Information is hereby amended; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Request for Information remain the same.

RFI Amendment No.	RFI Amendment Date:
1	January 17, 2020
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer File No.	
ECGZ-RFI-19-0664	
Title:	
Election Results Modernization (ERM)	
Request for Information Closing Date:	
January 28, 2020 @ 14:00 (Gatineau Time)	
ENQUIRIES – address enquiries to the Contracting Authority:	
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Part 1. Interpretation

- 1.1** Elections Canada hereby amends in accordance with this amendment the Request for Information for Election Results Modernization (ERM) bearing number ECGZ-RFI-19-0664 and dated January 13, 2020 (the “RFI”). This amendment hereby forms part of the RFI.
- 1.2** Unless defined herein or unless the context otherwise requires, all of the words and phrases defined in the RFI and used in this amendment shall have the same meanings assigned to them in the RFI.

Part 2. Questions and Answers

The following question(s) have been asked in response to the Request for Information and Elections Canada hereby answers as follows:

2.1 Question No. 1

Question:

Is there an overall budget for this project?

Answer:

No budget has yet been allocated for the potential Elections Results Modernization. This request for information is to gather information to prepare a project proposal. At this time the scope of this project includes confirming expectations of Canadian citizens with respect to when and how they receive election results, streamlining business processes and leveraging technology that could be employed to improve management of election results.

2.2 Question No. 2

Question:

Does EC expect to be buying new computer hardware (i.e. tablets, servers, etc), new software or both through this project?

Answer:

We are at the idea stage and no solution has been identified. The purpose of this request for information is to gather the potential solutions and determine what options exist or could be modified. Although not limited to, one could think that potential solutions could include elections results collection solutions where the election worker at the polling site reports results to the Returning Officer via telephone as is currently done, via telephone voice recognition, or the election worker leveraging their own devices using a mobile app or web browser.

2.3 Question No. 3

Question:

What is it about the current system that requires “modernization”?

Answer:

Elections Canada (EC) is seeking opportunities to improve the systems and processes that support the capture, management, and dissemination of election results. The current processes and systems were custom developed years ago and rely on experienced human resources. As stakeholders (media, candidates and Canadian citizens) change their capabilities to use information, the demand for different breakdowns of results and more access to them, needs to be considered. The context has also changed with more individual poll results being collected on election night, with early vote options such as advance voting and special ballot voting accounting for much higher numbers of votes, which take longer to count, but where the public still expects to have the results quickly and accurately. To this end, the agency is seeking to understand options to “modernize”, to improve the process and its information system.

2.4 Question No. 4

Question:

The RFI speaks about “connectivity”, noting that polling stations do not have ‘connectivity’ to ECHQ. What does “connectivity” mean in this case? And may I assume that each polling station does have that ‘connectivity’ to the local returning officer?

Answer:

A key consideration on the available connectivity was included for the vendor to have context as to what is currently available for the solution they would propose.

Polling stations do not currently have any network connectivity to either EC Headquarters or the Office of the Returning Officer. The Office of the Returning Officer has a secure virtual private network connectivity to EC Headquarters.