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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
ADDENDUM #1**

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- 1. Title** Responses to Questions 1 – 4  
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- 2. Requests for Clarification** The following questions and answers are added as an addendum to CDIC RFPQ #2020-2558
- Q1. *We have been providing CDIC with similar related Professional Services since (blanked out) as part of (blanked out). Being the current incumbent, we respectfully request that we be made exempt from the pre-qualification stage of the RFP process and receive an automatic invitation to the RFP?***
- A1. As per Sections 1.3 and 1.4 of the Request for Pre-Qualifications document, to be invited to participate in the RFP process, Vendors must successfully demonstrate their qualifications by responding to the Request for Pre-Qualifications. No automatic invitations will be granted.
- Q2. *Please refer to 5.1 Vendor Response Items for the Mandatory Qualifications Mandatory Qualifications (pp.17 and 18 of 23). In addition to a Pass/Fail grade, the mandatory requirements are also weighted, at 25% of the total score. Is this correct? If so, please explain why the mandatory requirements are weighted like rated requirements?***
- A2. As explained in Section 5.3, the Mandatory Qualifications have a pass/fail, and no Response will be considered further if it fails to pass all the Mandatory Qualifications. For Responses that pass the Mandatory Qualifications, the next step in the evaluation process is to determine evaluation scores for the Responses. Because the Mandatory Qualifications are viewed as very important, they will also be scored, and the overall score for a Response will be the combined score of the Mandatory Qualifications and the Rated Qualifications, using the weights as shown in Sections 5.1 and 5.2.
- Q3. *In answering the requirements, can CDIC offer any expectations as to page counts or word counts for each Mandatory and Rated requirement, to help industry gauge the level of effort involved in the responses?***
- A3. As per Section 6, Vendors are asked to keep their Responses concise, and to refrain from including large amounts of generic material. Vendors are to use their own judgement in keeping the size of their Responses manageable to support clear evaluation and should respond with what is necessary to demonstrate compliance with all of the qualifications described in the RFPQ.

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**Q4. *Is CDIC governed by the Government of Canada Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC)? If so, we are formally requesting the definition of bidder be expanded to include its parent and affiliates which would allow firms that are structured as a network of members to leverage their global quals. The definition of bidder is often expanded by Government of Canada departments and agencies to ensure access to a healthy pool of qualified suppliers.***

A4. CDIC is not governed by the Government of Canada SACC.

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All other terms and conditions of the RFPQ remain unchanged.