QUESTIONS & ANSWERS #1

SOLICITATION #10069799

The purpose of this amendment 001 is to answer questions posed by potential bidders.

Question 1:

In June 2019, PWGSC issued its first Accessibility Consulting Services RFP. It closed on July 25, 2019. Refer: solicitation 10067482, BAS link: <u>https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/tender-notice/PW-19-00877565</u>

Please identify the selected bidder for the contract?

Answer 1:

This RFP resulted in no compliant bidders and as a result no contract was awarded. It was re-tendered under solicitation 10067482-1

Question 2:

In early November 2019, PWGSC issued its second Accessibility Consulting Services RFP. The RFP closed on December 18, 2019.

Refer : solicitation 10067482-1, BAS link: <u>https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/tender-notice/PW-19-00895243</u>)

Has PWGSC concluded evaluations? If yes, please identify the selected bidder for the contract.

Answer 2:

The contract was awarded to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP on 16 January 2020. See attached contract award notice <u>https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/award-notice/PW-19-00895243-001</u>

Question 3:

Are the vendor(s) that are currently undertaking Phase I (July 2019 and December 2019) of the comprehensive accessible procurement strategy be permitted to bid on this Phase II proposal? We are concerned that the incumbent vendor may have an advantage due to detailed familiarity with the procurement strategy and consultation program.

Answer 3:

Yes, there are no restrictions on who is able to bid on the RFP. While the nature of the work is similar in both RFPs, each one focuses on different disability types which uniquely impact the tasks to be performed, stakeholders to be consulted and outcomes of the work. Additionally, the current RFP indicates that no work or deliverable can be combined for multiple RFPs. Therefore, there is no advantage given to the incumbent.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.