

**This Amendment 02 is issued to answer questions from industry to the Solicitation 84084-19-0120.**

Question

Our question is specific to the current health crisis:

Demand for translation services in Canada's official languages since the COVID-19 outbreak has declined. Some recent RFPs and RFSOs [for translation services] were cancelled on the grounds of the current crisis before their evaluation was completed. Other award decisions were postponed by hundreds of days for the same reason. Preparation of a proposal is a significant undertaking in terms of both financial and human resources particularly at the time when it is not certain how long these resources will be needed. Are there indications that after the outbreak of Covid-19 and since the release of this RFSO demand for translation services under the resulting SO may change in comparison to the pre-COVID time? Are there any signs that this RFSO may be cancelled or postponed?

Answer

The work will be sent on an as and when required basis, the demand for translation may decrease in comparison to the pre-COVID time. There are no signs that this RFSO may be cancelled or postponed.