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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise
indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation
remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire,
les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

Comments - Commentaires

Invitation to Qualify (ITQ)

Vendor/Firm Name and Address

Raison sociale et adresse du
fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur

Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution

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Title - Sujet ITQ: ISS GoC Pay System	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EP961-200285/B	Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 20200285	Date 2020-05-28
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$XE-672-37773	
File No. - N° de dossier 672xe.EP961-200285	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2020-06-17	Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Dooley, Ian	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 672xe
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (613) 482-9536 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX () -
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

Solicitation Amendment 001

This amendment is raised in order to:

- i) To make changes to Mandatory Requirement M5 of the ITQ; and
- ii) Answer questions received from potential suppliers.

Changes to the Invitation to Qualify

1. **At Requirement number M5 of Annex B – Mandatory Criteria, in the English version of the Invitation to Qualify:**

Delete:

M5 in its entirety.

Replace with:

Req. #	Mandatory Requirement	Evaluation	Instructions	Cross Reference to Response
M5	The supplier must be able to manage on GC infrastructure – Advance Interactive eXecutive (AIX) Administrator and DB2 database.	MET / NOT MET	The supplier must provide two reference projects to demonstrate that, as a prime contractor, it has successfully acted as an AIX Administrator and has used DB2 databases.	

Questions and Answers

Q1-3: In section 5.1 of the ITQ, it is stated that “Currently the Functional AMS, has about a 30% touchpoint with the Crown; i.e.; the current Contractor is responsible for 70% of tasks under this AMS.” Would the Crown please confirm the following:

Q1: The name of the current contractor(s) responsible for 70% of tasks under this AMS (the incumbent)?

A1: The incumbent is IBM Canada Limited.

Q2: The Crown’s average annual spend for all the professional services associated under this AMS associated with the Contractor’s responsibilities?

A2: Canada is not able to specifically disclose the average annual spend for all the professional services associated with the AMS, under this contract. Contract information, including value and all amendments, is available on the buyandsell.gc.ca website: (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/contract-history/EN260-101970-001-XE-47>).

Q3: The approximate number of FTE’s in which the contractor(s) are providing for the services associated with this AMS?

- A3:** Under the AMS agreement, it is the contractor's responsibility to determine the appropriate number of resources it requires to meet its contractual obligations. This number fluctuates throughout the year, but averages approximately 200 FTEs.
- Q4:** On page 31 of the ITQ document; M5 states, "The supplier must be able to manage on GC infrastructure – **IAX Administrator** and DB2 database." Will the Crown please confirm this should read "AIX Administrator"?
- A4:** M5 should read "AIX Administrator" and has been corrected as per 1. of "Changes to the Invitation to Qualify" above.
- Q5:** M4 states that the Supplier must be able to deliver services in both official languages of Canada. In order to meet this requirement, the supplier must provide two reference projects of a similar scope described in M1.
- The spirit of this requirement is to demonstrate that the supplier can provide Application Management Services in both official languages of Canada. This would include application support, systems administration, application enhancement, operations / processing, testing, application security / roles management, transition support, call-centre operations, reporting, web-based hosting, etc. To help increase competition on this ITQ and given that the payroll component requirement is covered under M1, M2, M3, M6, M7 and M8, would the Crown consider accepting project references for M4 that consisted of Application Management Services pertaining to other operational functions and processing (other than payroll processing) that could include claims processing, managed services, financial and accounting processing, etc.?
- A5:** We have reviewed your request asking the Crown to accept project references that consist of Application Management Services pertaining to other operational functions and processing (other than payroll processing). To be qualified, the vendors must demonstrate the ability to provide all services in both official languages, including payroll processing. The requirement remains unchanged.
- Q6:** M5 states that the supplier must be able to manage on GC infrastructure – IAX Administrator and DB2 database. Can the Crown provide some context around what is meant by IAX?
- A6:** Please see response A4.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS INVITATION TO QUALIFY REMAIN UNCHANGED