

Title: *the evaluation of projects from the call for proposals “technological platforms to strengthen public sector accountability and citizen engagement”*

A. AMENDMENT TO THE BID SOLICITATION

Amendment 1

In the Instructions to Bidders, under the Data Sheet, DELETE the words from clause Definitions (dd) and REPLACE with the following “The RFP Closing Date is July 15th, 2020 at 14:00 hrs, Eastern Standard Time (EST).”

B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1	My firm is reviewing this tender notice in preparation for submitting a bid. The TOR requests outcome harvesting expertise, which team member(s) need to demonstrate this skill and what are the criteria for evaluation of this skill?
Answer 1	“Outcome harvesting” is not specifically stated in the RFP. The RFP indicates specific parameters regarding the evaluation methodology and approach. Beyond these, bidders are free to propose their methodological choices and team composition as long as they meet the requirements indicated in the RFP.
Question 2	Would DFATD consider changing the requirements ii, iii, iv, and viii for the Evaluation Team Leader to be the same as the requirements for the Senior Evaluator? Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Been completed within fifteen (15) years of RFP Closing Date; ii) <u>Contract value of CAD\$ 150,000 or more</u> iii) <u>A duration of at least six (6) months;</u> iv) <u>An Evaluand value of CAD \$10M or more;</u> v) An Evaluand Time Period covered by the Development Evaluation Assignment of three (3) years or more; vi) A data collection involving at least three different types of stakeholder groups; vii) been led, managed and fully conducted (design, implementation and reporting) by the proposed Evaluation Team Leader. That is, the Evaluation Team Leader that conducted the Development Evaluation Assignment must be the same as the proposed Evaluation Team Leader for the present mandate; viii) <u>A level of effort of at least 40 days specifically for the proposed Senior Evaluator;</u> ix) a Evaluation Team Leader that supervised at least three (3) professional staff.
Answer 2	DFATD will not consider changing the requirements for the Evaluation Team Leader. The requirements remain the same.
Question 3	We noted that the evaluation criteria for the Team Leader (M1) have been returned as originally published in February. During this round of publication, an addendum (1) had revised the criteria downwards. Is it possible to revise the criteria again? - We also noted that criteria were added for the Senior Evaluator (R.1.2), is it possible to revise these criteria downwards? - Is there openness to having fewer criteria or requirements in the evaluation of the methodology to be submitted?
Answer 3	DFATD will not consider changing the requirements for the M1 criteria neither for the Senior evaluator (R1.2). The requirements remain the same.
Question 4	As we are interested in participating in the RFP of DFATD for Technology platform. We need clarification for the below points. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technological Bridges for Citizen Engagement - implemented by Equitas

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Power Up: Women Shaping their Future with Technology - implemented by Oxfam Canada 3. Technological Platform to Support Victim Service - implemented by JES 4. Sustainable Use of Technology for Public Sector Accountability in Nepal - implemented by CECI <p>We want to just understand that these above projects will be implemented by “Equitas, Oxfam Canada, JES, CECI” respectively.</p>
Answer 4	Each of the seven projects are being implemented by a specific Canadian CSO, and the four that they have sought clarification on are correct. Page 45 of the RFP lists the seven projects and the corresponding implementing organizations.
Question 5	Due to the special circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, which make it more difficult to identify national consultants and set up the work plan, we would like to request an extension of 1 month from the date of submission.
Answer 5	Please see amendment 1 above.

C. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.