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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.

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Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W7701-197088/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W7701-197088	Date 2020-06-16
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$QCL-042-17926	
File No. - N° de dossier QCL-9-42084 (042)	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2020-07-07	
Time Zone Fuseau horaire Heure Avancée de l'Est HAE	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Specified Herein - Précisé dans les présentes	
Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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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	
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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

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AMENDMENT 001

Amendment 001 is raised in order to provide answers to questions submitted by the industry and extend the closing date of the request for proposal

1. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE INDUSTRY DURING THE SOLICITATION PERIOD

Question 1: "5.2.3.2 Status and Availability of Resources"

Rather than certifying that every individual proposed in the bid would be available to perform the Work, would the government be willing to change para 5.2.3.2 to reflect that bidders will certify that a proposed individual within a given resource category will be available to perform the Work?

Answer 1: No, the RFP certification included in the solicitation document will not be amended. If the identified resources in the bid are not available to perform the work, the contractor will have to submit a request to Canada to replace specific individuals, based on resulting contract's General Condition 2040-09 (2008-05-12) <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/3/2040/19#replacement-of-specific-individuals>. Failure to provide replacement individuals acceptable for Canada may result in a contractor being in default to fulfill its obligation against the contract.

Question 2: Will there be allowance for task authorizations to be conducted on a part-time basis at DRDC (Valcartier) which may allow individuals to continue to contribute to programs at their regular place of work?

Answer 2: Refer to Annex A – Statement of Work of the resulting contract clauses: "*Exceptionally, some work may be conducted outside of DRDC under special considerations to be determined in each TA. Requests must be made to the Technical Authority, who will assess the merits of the request and analyze the security considerations, and who has the discretion to approve or deny the requests.*"

Question 3: Will SECRET clearances be adequate for this contract, or will the contractor be required to submit a request to include the NATO caveat?

Answer 3: SECRET level and NATO-SECRET are different security clearances. The winning bidder will have to obtain the NATO-Secret clearance before award of a contract. Bidders are invited to contact the contracting authority to initiate a sponsorship process with PSPC-Industrial Security Sector to obtain the NATO-Secret security clearances. This is valid for both the Facility security clearance and all personnel security certificates.

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Question 4: With reference to paragraph 1 "General" sub-section g of attachment 1 to part 4 which states that *"The overall scores for each resource in a given category will be added together, then divided by the number of assessed resources to obtain an average score."*, it seems to us that this instruction could oblige tenderers to assess the specialized resources required by a category of labor in fields of expertise which are not within their competence: for example, one might have to assess the experience of an analog electronic engineer in the field of "optical design" for which he has neither the academic training nor the required experience. Is this the intention here when it is rather required by the criteria RT29, RT30 and RT31 to maximize the "number of fields of expertise covered by the resources of a category"?

Answer 4: The criteria RT29, 30 and 31 reward the proposal with proposed resources in a given category capable of being qualified in a wide range of fields of expertise (versatility). Since the Contractor will be paid a firm hourly rate per resource category there is no conflict in assessing resources with different skills but still qualifying in this category, so as to average their score to obtain the final result.

Question 5: With reference to section 1 "General", sub-section b of attachment 1 of part 4 which states that *"one (1) year of experience is equivalent to 1 200 hours"*, it seems to us that previous requests for proposals from PSPC defined that a month of work was 150 and not 100 hours. Would it be a typographic mistake here?

Answer 5: There is no mistake. All bidders have the same information.

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Question 6: With reference to the following section of the Request for proposal document:

Section 4.1.2 c Number of resources evaluated

Additional Resources will only be assessed after contract award once specific tasks are requested to the Contractor.

Section 5.2.3.2 Status and Availability of Resources

The Bidder certifies that [...] every individual proposed in its bid will be available to perform the Work....

If for reasons beyond its control, the Bidder is unable to provide the services of an individual named in its bid, the Bidder may propose a substitute with similar qualifications and experience [...]

[...] only the following reasons will be considered as beyond the control of the Bidder: death, sickness, maternity and parental leave, retirement, resignation, dismissal for cause or termination of an agreement for default.

The understanding is that only resources identified in the bid can be assigned against tasks. Of these resources only a few will actually be evaluated for bid scoring. Others will be evaluated at the time they are allocated to a Task Authorization to confirm level of expertise. Recommending a resource for a task authorization who is not already identified in the bid will not be entertained, unless for reasons "beyond our control".

Is this interpretation correct?

Answer 6: The resources identified in the bid must be available to perform the work at the date of contract award. If additional resources are necessary to perform the work required by Canada in a Task Authorization later during the contract period, the additional required resources will be evaluated against the criteria described in the request for proposal and identified in the contract through a subsequent amendment.

If, for reason beyond its control, the contractor must substitute resources identified in the contract, the contractor will have to follow the procedure stated at General Conditions 2040.

2. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CLOSING DATE EXTENSION

At the Notice of Proposed Procurement:

DELETE

Date closing

2020/06/23 14:00 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

INSERT

Date closing

2020/07/07 14:00 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED