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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

There are security requirements associated with this requirement.

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AMENDMENT NO. 004

This amendment is raised to answer Bidders' questions.

Question 17:

Requirements MTC1 & RTC1 state, "*In the event that 70% of the tasks results in a decimal (for example 4.8 tasks), the number of tasks would be rounded down (i.e. 4 tasks would be accepted as being equivalent).*"

Many resource categories contain a long list of sub-tasks. It is unclear how these sub-tasks are evaluated towards granting points for SoW Task Mapping.

For example:

C.4: Information Technology Security Product Evaluation Specialist:

- a) Review, analyze, and/ or apply the:
 - i. Canadian Common Criteria Evaluation and Certification Scheme, or, any evaluation scheme recognized under the Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement;
 - ii. Product evaluation methodologies, standards and best practices;
 - iii. IT software and hardware security products;
 - iv. Operating Systems such as MS, Unix, Linux, and Novell;
 - v. IT Security architectures including wireless;
 - vi. TCP/IP;
 - vii. Cryptographic Algorithms;
 - viii. FIPS 140 evaluation;
 - ix. Product evaluation policies, procedures and guidelines;
 - x. Product assessment methodologies, evaluations and reports;
- b) Complete tasks directly supporting the departmental IT Security and Cyber Protection Program;
- c) Develop and deliver training material relevant to the resource category; and
- d) Conduct knowledge transfer and coaching of the team members.

Can Canada please clarify the number of sub-tasks (i through x) in (a) above that need to be mapped to get full credit towards that SoW task?

Answer 17:

Items i. through x. in above (a) counts for 10 tasks. Total tasks for the example would be 13.

Question 18:

As part of its procurement modernization strategy, the Government as a whole has identified significant deficiencies within the current Aboriginal set aside program and proposed corrective measures. To that end, we have seen other departments issue RFPs that include Aboriginal set aside participation. We expect ESDC do all it can as well to support being economic and social development of underrepresented groups. To maintain a broadly competitive solicitation while also supporting aboriginal procurement, would ESDC consider one of the following:

1. reserving one of the 2 planned contracts for a qualified Indigenous business, or
2. awarding up to 3 contracts, with 1 contract reserved for a qualified Indigenous business

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Answer 18:

ESDC's overall requirement for IM/IT professional services includes Cyber Protection Services, Project Management Services, Application Services and IM/IT Services. To date RFPs have been issued for Cyber Protection and Project Management Services which includes an Aboriginal Set-aside RFP for Project Management Services. Future RFPs for the Application and IM/IT Services will include RFPs for Aboriginal Set-aside participation. As such, ESDC is supporting the Aboriginal Set-aside program. However, the requirement will not be changed to include a Set-aside procurement for Cyber Protection Services.

Question 19:

Based on the statement of work and previous experience performing similar services, it is our understanding that ESDC is seeking a vendor to provide cyber protection services to support the department's program delivery mandate. The delivery of these various cyber protection services will often require various resources and skills to be performing services in parallel and often during the same timeframe. With this in mind, could the Crown please confirm that in order to score maximum points for RTC1, the bidder must submit 5 unique names per category and that these resource names cannot be repeated elsewhere in the response for a different category. Therefore requiring 20 unique names be provided in order to obtain maximum points (20 points).

Answer 19:

A resource cannot be named more than once for the same resource category but can be repeated elsewhere in the response for a different category.

Question 20:

Due to extra screening with CISC for Pro C & Confidential, is it a requirement?

Answer 20:

As stated in Section 6.1 of the bid solicitation, before award of a contract, Bidders must hold a valid organization security clearance at the level of Secret.

For additional information on security requirements, Bidders should refer to the Contract Security Program of Public Works and Government Services Canada (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/esc-src/introduction-eng.html>) website.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.