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Subject/ Object: REQUEST FOR STANDING OFFER - Phase I, II, III and Detailed Site Investigations Services on an as and when Requested Basis on Behalf of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada (F&OC).

ADDENDUM #2

Further to the above- mentioned Request for Proposal documentation previously forwarded to your firm, Addendum (#1) is hereby issued.

Questions and Answers / Questions et réponses:

Q1. Background: How many SOA's will be awarded?

A1. 5

Q2. Background. What is the total estimated expenditure over the 2½ year life of the contract?

A2. \$4,000,000

Q3. Professional Registration / Diplomas. We understand that proponents are to include copies of professional accreditations as well as university diplomas with each candidate. We are planning to include these as pdf attachments after each candidate's form in the Statement of Qualifications. Please confirm if this acceptable.

A3. Pdf attachments are acceptable

Q4. Alternates. Alternates are required to be available under the RFP. Do they have to be named in the proposal? Do CVs have to be included? What about diplomas and professional accreditations?

A4. Alternates do not have to be named in the proposal. If it becomes necessary to replace someone included in the proposal with an alternate, then we will need to see the alternate's qualifications. Alternates may not be substituted after the award of the contract without prior approval of Fisheries & Oceans Canada.

Q5. Criteria R1.3, R3.3, R5.3, R6.3, R7.2, R8.2, R9.2. Demonstrated Experience. None of these criteria require that the demonstrated experience be in British Columbia. Please confirm that proponents can present relevant experience acquired outside of BC, without incurring penalty in the evaluation for these items.

A.5 That is correct.

Q6. Criterion R2.4. Demonstrated Experience for Senior Engineer or Scientist. We feel that the 5-year time frame specified for this senior-level role is unfairly limiting. Would FOC consider allowing projects from a longer period, say 8 years, for this criterion. Please confirm or provide alternate guidance.

A6. We would like to see evidence that the Senior Engineer/Scientist assigned to our projects has ongoing experience with field work. We will retain a 5-year time frame.

Q7. Criteria R2.4, R4.3 and R6.1. These require experience specifically with federal clients. Will FOC accept project experience with a First Nations client as equivalent to a federal client? What about experience on federal lands but completed for a non-federal client according to BC Contaminated Sites Regulation process?

A7. We ask for experience with Federal clients to make sure that the consulting firms with which we work are familiar with the rules and constraint about working on our projects. We would like to see work done specifically for Federal clients.

Q8. Criterion R4.1 Hydrogeologist Experience. Requires 10 years of demonstrated experience in BC. Will FOC accept demonstrated experience from Alberta, which has similar hydrogeological conditions?

A8. We are sticking with experience within BC.

Q9. Criteria R4.3 R6.1. Requires experience with a British Columbia client. We presume this refers to the type of client – private sector, provincial department, municipality etc. Please provide clarification

A9. Yes, we will accept any client within BC.

Q10. Due Date. Would FOC consider extending the deadline for proposal submission by two weeks to August 19?

A10. We are retaining the original deadline for proposal submission.

Q11. Minimum Score, all roles. Proponents expected to attain the minimum required points for each key personnel (for example, 11/20 for the Project Manager), AS WELL AS for each item (for example, 2/5 for criterion R1.1). Please confirm or provide clarification.

A11. That is correct. The proposed staff must meet the minimum score within each section as well as overall to be considered qualified.

Q12. Senior Engineer or Scientist 1 & 2 (CSAP) – R2 / R3:

R.2.4 and R3.3 is asking to demonstrate experience with remedial options evaluations and remedial design however this is a Phase I, II & III ESA SOA. We are seeking clarification regarding demonstrating experience on remediation in our project examples as we are only providing two projects?

A12. We are not asking for experience with remediation, merely experience with presenting and costing on a proposed solution any issues of contamination detected during the ESA.

Q13. Intermediate Engineer or Scientist position (R5):

R.5.3 shows the scoring criteria as follows:

4 points for 2 upland project

4 points for 2 aquatic projects
2 points for remote site experience

It is unclear how to score 10/10 for this criteria. It is also unclear how to demonstrate 4 projects when the forms only ask for two projects? Is it implied that we need to demonstrate two projects that have both upland and aquatic (water lot) components? Please provide clarity to this.

A13. Project titles can be listed in Box 3 for the Intermediate Engineer or Scientist.

Please note this Solicitation ends on August 5, 2020, 2020 at 14:00 ADT