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AMENDMENT NO. 4

Subject: Request for Proposal T8080-200101 - Study of Challenges and Opportunities for Automation of Rail Operations in Canada

No consideration will be given for extras and/or changes because the bidder was not familiar with the contents of this Amendment.

Questions have been received from a potential bidder about the subject Request for Proposal.

The purpose of this Amendment No. 4, to the Request for Proposal, is to summarize the questions and answers to inform all potential bidders.

QUESTION NO. 1:

In Sections PR2.1 and PR2.2, regarding team member qualifications, the RFP states that ***“evidentiary documents demonstrating the education and/or qualifications should be provided. Only documents from a recognized Canadian university or college, or the equivalent as established by a recognized Canadian academic credentials assessment service, if obtained outside of Canada, will be considered.”***

We are wondering whether the word “should” means that a submission without the qualifying documentation meeting the above requirements could still earn points. For example, if the team member’s qualifications have implicitly been accepted by Canadian and American academia based on their experience, but they do not hold a Canadian degree or have a current credentials assessment, could they earn points?

ANSWER NO. 1:

In Section PR2.1 and PR2.2, the Rating guide in each criteria will be used to score the proposals. Points will only be given if the Bidder clearly demonstrates the following requirements indicated to earn the corresponding points:

PR2.1 - Rating guide:

0 Points - Project Manager has a High school Diploma, or Post-Secondary Certification or College Diploma.

5 Points - Project Manager has a University Undergraduate Degree.

6 Points - Project Manager has a University Graduate Degree.

8 Points - Project Manager has a University Undergraduate Degree and a Professional Qualification

10 Points - Project Manager has a University Graduate Degree and Professional Qualifications.

PR2.2 - Rating guide:

0 Points - Project Manager has a High school Diploma, or Post-Secondary Certification or College Diploma.

5 Points - Project Manager has a University Undergraduate Degree.

6 Points - Project Manager has a University Graduate Degree.

8 Points - Project Manager has a University Undergraduate Degree and a Professional Qualification

10 Points - Project Manager has a University Graduate Degree and Professional Qualifications.

QUESTION NO. 2:

Alternatively, could a report from a recognized credentials assessment service be provided after the submission deadline? We are asking this because it appears that a report from one of these services could take a considerable amount of time. For example, the ICAS website states that a secondary/postsecondary assessment would take approx. 35 weeks.

ANSWER NO. 2:

The Bidder must provide the required documents/credentials, to substantiate their education and qualification by the bid closing date to earn points, as identified in the Rating guide specified for each Rated Criteria.