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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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Title - Sujet TBIPS - COBOL software	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation E60ZR-202861/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 004
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 20202861	Date 2020-08-24
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$EL-640-38367	
File No. - N° de dossier 640e1.E60ZR-202861	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2020-09-10	
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Signature	Date

Bids must be submitted only to the Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit via e-post Connect by the date and time indicated on page one of the bid solicitation.

For additional information on the submission of bids using epost Connect, please refer to the RFP.

The purpose of Amendment number 004 is to

- answer bidders' questions; and
- amend the Request for Proposal (RFP).

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q.18

R2, item 1, and R3, item 1, stipulate that the resources named must each have at least 5 years of experience performing particular tasks. Would a tagged resume for each resource suffice to demonstrate this experience?

A.18

Corporate Point-rated Criteria R2 and R3 have been modified to add clarification. The substantiation of technical compliance using tagged resumes is subject to Article 3.2(a)(iii)(A) & (B) in the RFP for Mandatory Technical Criteria and Point-rated Technical Criteria.

Q.19

Per the answer to Question 3 in Amd.2, please confirm that the following text should be deleted from R3: "For the experience to be considered, the Programmer(s)/Analyst(s) should have worked on the reference contract for a minimum duration of 6 consecutive months."

A.19

The following text has been deleted from R3. Please refer to RFP Amendment for details.

"For the experience to be considered, the Programmer(s)/Analyst(s) should have worked on the reference contract for a minimum duration of 6 consecutive months."

Q.20

Re: Corporate Mandatory Requirement M.1:

As written, M.1 states, *'The bidder must demonstrate that it was awarded one or more contracts that resulted in a total billed value* of \$1,000,000.00 or more (Canadian including applicable taxes) for services rendered within the last 5 years prior to the issue date of this RFP...'*

Please confirm that Bidders must demonstrate award of one or more contracts, where each individual contract must have a total billed value of \$1,000,000.00 or more specific to the development and operational support of COBOL applications.

This will ensure that the Crown receives proposals from Bidders who are able to provide the specific COBOL application support services at the volume anticipated by the Client Department (~10 resources,

up to 5 years) instead of less qualified Bidders using multiple contracts to cumulatively reach the \$1M requirement.

A.20

Canada has reviewed the request, please refer to the RFP Amendment below for the modification in Corporate Mandatory Requirement M.1.

Q.21

With regards to R2 and R3 (Item 1): Item 1 states that the resource named should have performed one of the listed tasks for a minimum of 5 years. Item 2 stated that the services demonstrated in item 1) should be delivered for a minimum of 6 consecutive months under the bidder's contract. Our understanding of these 2 items is that the named resources should have 5 years of experience in the task while working under various contracts (not exclusively for the bidder). And that the same resource should have performed that task for at least 6 consecutive months for the bidder, under the bidder's contract. Can you please confirm our understanding?

A.21

Yes, this is correct.

Q.22

With regards to R2 and R3 (item 1): Based on the above understanding of item 1, how do you want bidders to demonstrate the named resources' 5 years of experience with the tasks within the past 10 years? Would a statement to this effect in response to the criteria, as part of the signed proposal be sufficient?

A.22

Corporate Point-rated Criteria R2 and R3 have been modified to add clarification. Please refer to the RFP Amendment below for the modifications. The substantiation of technical compliance is subject to Article 3.2(a)(iii)(A) & (B) in the RFP for Mandatory Technical Criteria and Point-rated Technical Criteria.

RFP AMENDMENT

1. At Attachment 4.1 – Bid Evaluation Criteria – Corporate Mandatory Requirements – M.1:

DELETE in its entirety.

INSERT:

#	Mandatory Corporate Requirements
M.1 ^{PB}	<p><u>Corporate Experience</u></p> <p>The bidder must use a maximum of 2 of its contracts to demonstrate a total billed value* of \$1,000,000.00 or more (Canadian including applicable taxes) for services rendered within the last 5 years prior to the issue date of this RFP, where the contract(s), partly or wholly, provided information technology resources responsible for the development and operational support of COBOL applications.</p> <p>A summary of the scope, resource categories provided and key responsibilities specific to the development and operational support of COBOL applications under each contract must be provided.</p> <p>Note: To demonstrate compliance with this criterion, the bidder must submit the following for each reference contract:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A Bidder Response Table in Appendix A to Attachment 4.1; and2. A letter signed by the client, not by the bidder, to certify the information provided in the Bidder's Response Table (Appendix A to Attachment 4.1) is accurate. <p><u>Definition</u></p> <p>* Billed value is defined as the amount that was invoiced for services rendered specific to the development and operational support of COBOL applications. Invoiced amount for other services delivered under the contract(s) is not permitted.</p>

2. At Appendix A to Attachment 4.1 – Bidder Response Table:

DELETE in its entirety.

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**APPENDIX A to ATTACHMENT 4.1
BIDDER RESPONSE TABLE**

Bidder Response Table	
M.1 - Corporate Experience	
<i>Bidder to replicate table for each Corporate Reference Contract</i>	
Corporate Reference Contract Description	(Bidder to Insert Data)
Client Particulars	Client Organization Name
	Address
	Contract Number
	Contract or Project Title
	Client Name and Title
	Client Telephone Number
	Client Email Address
1. Provide a summary of the scope and brief description of the reference contract, limited to one page (letter size 8.5x11), specific to the development and operational support of the COBOL applications.	
2. Indicate the list of resource categories and levels provided and their key responsibilities under the contract specific to the development and operational support of the COBOL applications.	
3. Specify contract start and end date (mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy)	
4. Specify total amount billed value (Canadian, including applicable taxes) within the last 5 years from the issue date of this RFP, specific to the provision of professional services for the development and operational support of COBOL applications. Invoiced amount for other services delivered under the contract(s) is not permitted.	

3. At Attachment 4.2 – Bid Evaluation Criteria – Corporate Point-rated Requirements – R2 and R3:

DELETE in its entirety.

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<p>R2</p>	<p>Other than the 2 Programmers/Analysts identified in M.2, the Bidder should demonstrate its experience in providing additional Programmer(s)/Analyst(s) at Level 2 or Level 3, within the last 10 years prior to the solicitation issue date.</p> <p>To qualify:</p> <p>1) the Bidder should demonstrate that the named Resource(s) had performed one of the following tasks for a minimum of 5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Creating and modifying software in a COBOL application; or○ Creating and modifying screens and reports in a COBOL application. <p>AND</p> <p>2) the services demonstrated in 1) for each named Resource(s) should be delivered for a minimum duration of 6 consecutive months under a contract awarded to the Bidder within the last 10 years prior to the solicitation issue date.</p> <p>.</p> <p>The demonstrated contract(s) should include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Name of the Programmers/Analysts○ Start and end date of the work for the named resource on the reference contract○ Number of the reference contract○ Name of the client organization○ Start and end date of the reference contract○ Client Reference: name, title, telephone number and email address of the client Technical/Project Authority. <p>Maximum points: 20</p>	<p>1 Resource = 10 points 2 Resources = 20 points</p>	
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R3	<p>Other than the 2 System Analysts identified in M.2, the Bidder should demonstrate its experience in providing additional System Analyst(s) at Level 2 or Level 3, within the last 10 years prior to the solicitation issue date.</p> <p>To qualify:</p> <p>1) the Bidder should demonstrate that the named Resource(s) had performed one of the following tasks for a minimum of 5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Develop requirements, feasibility studies, cost, design, and specification documents for systems; or○ Translate business requirements into systems design and specifications. <p>AND</p> <p>2) the services demonstrated in 1) for each named Resource(s) should be delivered for a minimum duration of 6 consecutive months under a contract awarded to the Bidder within the last 10 years prior to the solicitation issue date.</p> <p>The demonstrated contract should include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Name of the System Analysts○ Start and end date of the work for the named resource on the reference contract○ Number of the reference contract○ Name of the client organization○ Start and end date of the reference contract○ Client Reference: name, title, telephone number and email address of the client Technical/Project Authority. <p>Maximum points: 20</p>	1 Resource = 10 points 2 Resources = 20 points	
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ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED