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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

All enquiries are to be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer, Janine Donovan: Email - janine.donovan@pwgsc.gc.ca.

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Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 51019-184018	Date 2020-08-31
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Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2020-09-30	
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Signature	Date

Solicitation Amendment

Title Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance Program

Solicitation Amendment No. **003**

This solicitation is hereby amended to provide the follow questions and answers:

Q2. What is the estimated process time for the sponsorship?

A2: The estimated process time for the sponsorship can take up to three (3) days.

Q3: What is the estimated process time for the screening process? Are there any delays anticipated in that process if some of the team working on the project are US-based?

A3: Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) cannot provide a specific timeline for completing screenings for Designated Organization Screening (DOS) or Facility Security Clearance (FSC) for Canadian or foreign based companies. Organization, personnel and physical security screening processes may take a considerable length of time. To be proactive with security requirements and to avoid delays in the security screening process, please complete the Request for Private Sector Organization Screening (PSOS) form and forward to the Contracting Authority, Janine Donovan at janine.donovan@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca.

Q4: Is security screening required prior to bidding or prior to reward?

A4: Security screening is required prior to contract award.

Q5: Can we submit an application for screening with a limited number of employees and later amend it to add additional employees? What is the process time for this? Are there any delays anticipated in that process if some of the team working on the project are foreign based?

A5: Yes, an application for screening with a limited number of employees can be submitted and amended after award to add additional employees. PSPC cannot specify a specific timeline for personnel security screening of the team working on the project based in the foreign countries. For foreign-suppliers, PSPC security branch can only provide foreign-suppliers with an equivalency to Reliability prior to contract award.

If a foreign-supplier is chosen, PSPC would send the Security Requirements Check List (SRCL) with the contact information of the foreign company and the PSPC security branch would do an assessment of the country to ensure it has a bilateral agreement with Canada. Then PSPC security branch would contact the foreign-supplier and request information from them, based on the SRCL, PSPC security branch would then request a proof of incorporation, background forms and criminal record checks for employees, a signed attestation form and an IT questionnaire to be answered by the company.

The IT questionnaire would then be reviewed by PSPC IT to ensure the company meets the IT requirements. Timelines for that is dependent on the IT team's approval.

All in all, once the PSPC security branch receives all the documentation and the approval by the IT team, then PSPC security branch can provide an equivalency within 5 business days of receipt of all completed documents.

Q6: If a Bidder decided to form an incorporated joint venture with partners to deliver the services, would it be able to incorporate the joint venture vehicle after successfully winning the tender?

A6: A joint venture cannot be formed after contract award. Each joint venture member must meet the Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity certification and financial capability. Further any resulting contract must be signed by all the members of the joint venture to fulfill the requirement prior to entering into contract.

Q7: If a Bidder forms a new incorporated joint venture company with a partner, can the Joint Venture partners rely on their existing financial and technical capacities to qualify the new joint venture company (given it will have no track record as a newly formed company)?

A7: A joint venture bid is a combination of their money, property, knowledge, expertise or other resources in a single joint business enterprise, sometimes referred as a consortium, to bid together on a requirement. If a financial capability assessment is done, then all members of the joint venture will be assessed.

Q8: Reference Draft RFP articles 1.2.1 & 3.1.3.2, Pages 5 & 14. Are all individuals within the national network of Rehabilitation professionals (whether part of a multi-disciplinary team in a formal partnership for the project, or an independent provider) required to meet the organizational, site, IT and personnel security requirements prior to providing services within the contract?)

A8: Security clearance requirements apply for personnel requiring access to PROTECTED information, assets or site(s) and must EACH hold a valid RELIABILITY STATUS, granted or approved by the CSP, PWGSC before services can provided within the contract. For more information on personnel and organization security screening or security clauses, 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 of the solicitation document remain unchanged.

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