



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Title:	Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) Research Analysis, Research Services and Document Management.
Solicitation Number:	1000212488
<p>QUESTION 1:</p> <p>We would like to request an extension to at least October 26, 2020 at 2 pm Eastern (30 days from tomorrow) for the Research Analysis, Research Analysis, Document Management RFSO No. 1000212488 posted on Buy and Sell this morning.</p> <p>The typical period for bid preparation for such a request for standing offer is 45 days. 10 business days will not allow for the preparation of the extensive documentation required for this bid, including the requested references.</p>	
<p>ANSWER 1:</p> <p>The closing date for this RFSO has been extended to November 4, 2020 at 2:00PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). Refer to the RFSO solicitation document amendment 1.</p> <p>For your information, on July 1, 2020, the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) came into force, replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The Government Procurement Chapter 13 of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) only applies to Mexico and the United States, not Canada.</p> <p>For procurements of commercial goods and services subject to one or more international trade agreements where the Notice of Proposed Procurement and the Tender Documentation are published at the same time by electronic means, the minimum solicitation period is 15 calendar days. SOURCE: Supply Manual - Annex 4.10: Summary of guidance on minimum solicitation periods</p>	
<p>QUESTION 2:</p> <p>We would like make a request that the original document images provided for 3.2 Scenario Analysis: Database Tasks (pages 58-70 of 122), be posted on Buy and Sell, as these have been compressed / resized when integrated into the RFSO PDF, making them somewhat illegible (particularly Document 10 on page 70 of 122).</p>	
<p>ANSWER 2:</p> <p>A clearer image of Document 10 on page 70 of the English RFSO (1000212488) has been provided, please consult document entitled 'Document 10 of page 70_RFSO English' under the Attachments section. The other images for Section 3.2 Scenario Analysis: Database Tasks will not be provided separately.</p>	



QUESTION 3:

We've downloaded the RFSO that was published today and note that the closing date is two weeks away, which is substantially less time than the standard 40 days that an RFSO of this nature permits bidders to respond. As companies are challenged responding to COVID-19, it would be helpful to see the closing date revised to at least October 31, 2020. Can an extension beyond October 9, 2020 be granted?

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