



# Technical Assistance Partnership– Expert Deployment Mechanism (TAP-EDM)

RFP Reference Number: 105343

## Questions and Answers – November 3, 2020

**Question 1: Project Director:** Given that General Professional Proficiency in the Project Director’s second language will likely be all that is required in practice, and that a 4/4 requirement for both English and French will unnecessarily restrict the pool of qualified candidates available for this role, we would ask that CCC/DFATD consider reducing the language requirement for the Project Director’s second language (English or French) to “3” (General Professional Proficiency) while retaining a “4” for their native language.

**Answer 1:** The language level requirement for the project director remains at 4 – Advanced Professional Proficiency – for both English and French.

**Question 2: Project Coordinator:** The RFP refers to this role as both “Project Coordinator” and “Program Coordinator.” Can CCC/DFATD please clarify which version is the official working title?

**Answer 2:** Project Coordinator as correctly written in the Statement of Work and the technical evaluation grid. An amendment to the RFP will be posted shortly.

**Question 3: Requirement A: Project Experience Profiles (1/2):** Can CCC/DFATD please confirm that the eligibility criteria for this requirement should be interpreted as follows?

- 1) Projects are only eligible if they were operational/active during in the period 2013-2020.
- 2) Projects are only eligible if they can demonstrate that they are at least 60% complete by the proposal submission date.

**Answer 3:** The requirement for the Bidders is to “submit and describe in a clear narrative citing specific examples of sub-activities of two such projects executed within the last seven years (2013-2020). The project activities should be at least 60% completed during this period.”



**Question 4: Requirement A: Project Experience Profiles (2/2):** Regarding Requirement Ai(c), Geographic Distribution, given that Asia and Europe have been split into more than one sub-region, and considering the size and diversity of Sub-Saharan Africa as a whole, we would suggest that disaggregating the latter mega-region into "East or Southern Africa" and "West or Central Africa" (or similar) would allow for a more nuanced demonstration of bidders' experience than by considering all of Sub-Saharan Africa as a single region worth only one point. Would CCC/DFATD consider this amendment?

**Answer 4:** We accept to modify what is understood as the Sub-Saharan region into two "Regions", namely: 1) East and Southern Africa and 2) West and Central Africa. In the same vein, we are splitting the Latin America region merit criteria for the following two regions: 1) Central America and 2) South America. For this criteria, "Regions" now mean: North America, Central America, South America, the Caribbean, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, East and Southern Africa, West and Central Africa, Central and South Asia, Eastern and South-Eastern Asia, and Pacific. An amendment to the RFP will be posted shortly.

**Question 5:** Can DFATD/CCC please confirm that the diagram (**TA Request Approval Workflow**) included on p. 87 of the RFP is only indicative, and that bidders are welcome to propose alternative approaches based on their experience?

**Answer 5:** The TA Request Approval Workflow is indicative of the estimated timelines with the established decision-making process leading to DFATD Contracting or Technical Authority to issue a Task Authorization. Bidders are asked under the Requirement B i) to propose how it would streamline processes and timelines to recruit and contract Canadian experts from the moment DFATD issues a tasking (eg. Task Authorization) to the Implementing Entity (Contractor).