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AMENDMENT NO. 014

This amendment is raised to revise the solicitation and to answer bidders' questions.

RFP REVISIONS:

Revision No. 22

At Page 1 of the RFP, Solicitation Closes:

Delete: 2020-11-12

Insert: 2020-11-17

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 49:

Given the amount of effort and information required from Bidders in order to respond to the RFP, the number of changes and clarifications made to the RFP in Amendments 1 to 12, the challenges (due to COVID-19 restrictions) in reaching and accessing clients to obtain signatures for the Rated criteria, and the number of large RFPs currently due in the same timeframe, Bidders aiming to respond to all 5 Workstreams will need additional time to react, re-assess and clarify bid content to ensure the Crown receives a compliant response. In light of this, would the Crown please provide a two-week extension of the current deadline for this RFP in order to provide Bidders with this necessary additional time?

Answer 49: Please refer to Revision no. 22 from Solicitation Amendment 014.

Question 50:

Attachment 4.1, Workstream 1 - Application Services: RTC3 & RTC4:

Both criteria are awarding points for signed statements from our clients. There are some clients working from home due to COVID 19 who do not have access to the technology to be able to sign back documents. Would the Crown accept an email from the client confirming the Risk Mitigation Strategy and Contract Management Strategy were implemented as part of the contract?

Answer 50: Canada confirms that email confirmations and electronic signatures are acceptable for both RTC3 item 2 and RTC4 item 2, in all workstreams. Note: a copy of the email must be submitted with the bid.

Question 51:

Attachment 4.1, Workstream 1 - Application Services: MTC1-A, MTC1-B & RTC1:

All three criteria require Bidders to provide billable day information as part of the response. When providing client contact information, please confirm it is acceptable for Bidders to use a Contracting Authority who can attest to the billable day information as the client reference?

Answer 51: It is not acceptable to use the Contracting Authority as the client reference for MTC1-A, MTC1-B, and RTC1. The criteria do not specify that the client reference is only to confirm the billable day information. The client reference could be asked to confirm any of the information required to meet the criterion.

Question 52:

Regarding Amendment 011:

Question 37:

Regarding RTC2 for all Workstreams, in order to meet item #2 (The number of years experience serving as a Client Manager). As per MTC2, bidders are required to provide a copy of the Client Manager's resume which will demonstrate years of experience. Is there anything else required to substantiate this item?

Answer 37: To meet RTC2, 2; provide the number of years the individual named in RTC2, 1. has served as a Client Manager. Please refer to Form R2, b).

Form R2, line item b) simply asks for years of experience, whereas the requirement at RCT2 asks that bidders use “one or more reference contract(s)” to demonstrate experience. Is there a specific format / Form to ensure that bidders provide the same detail for the contracts used to demonstrate Form R2, line item b)?

Answer 52: To demonstrate RTC2, article 2., provide the number of years the individual named in RTC2, 1. has served as a Client Manager (refer to Form R2, b). There is no specific format required to present the Client Manager's years of experience in response to RTC2. The purpose of the forms and tables is to assist bidders in preparing their responses. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to clearly demonstrate in its bid how it meets the requirements of each criterion as it is described at Attachment 4.1 Technical Criteria and in the solicitation amendments for the workstream(s) for which the Bidder is providing a bid.

Question 53:

Regarding the post contract award Resource Assessment Criteria and Response Tables:

Many of the resource categories include a mandatory resource requirement that indicates resources must “demonstrate experience in each of the technologies, software, tools and techniques identified in the Task Authorization as essential within the last seven years, as follows:

X projects each with a minimum duration of six months. If the project involved “new technologies” as indicated on the TA, then one project with a minimum duration of four months is acceptable.”

However, Appendix B to Annex A Task Authorization Form template only lists “Resource Essential Technology Requirements” rather than “technologies, software, tools and techniques” as listed in the response table(s).

- a) By techniques, does CSC intend for end clients to also be able to include additional task experience here? If so, please update the Task Authorization Form template to include “Resource Essential Technology, Software, Tools or Techniques Requirements”
 - b) While common to evaluate responsibilities by project, it is highly unusual for experience with technology to be evaluated by number of projects. For example, resources may stay on larger projects for extensive periods of time but have in-depth knowledge of specific technologies.
 - a. Will CSC consider altering these requirements to evaluate durations rather than number of projects? For example, rather than 3 projects of 6 months each to pass, request 18 months of experience?
- OR
- b. Will CSC consider altering these requirements to also accept “project equivalencies” where significantly longer duration projects are evaluated as equivalent to multiple separate 6 month projects at different clients? For example, will CSC accept a 13 month project as equivalent to 2 projects of 6 months?

Answer 53 a): As stated in the Statement of Work, CSC IM/IT Infrastructure will change with time. The details specified in a Task Authorization will include the list of tasks and the list of essential technologies required for the respective TA. Your request has been considered but the requirement remains unchanged.

Answer 53 b): Canada will not consider altering the requirements.

Question 54:

Due to the length and complexity of the requirements for bidders responding to all five (5) Workstreams, including coordinating the provision of signed client reference statements/letters to score full points, would CSC please grant a one-week extension to allow bidders to produce a quality response?

Answer 54: Please refer to Revision no. 22 from Solicitation Amendment 014.

Question 55:

We are working diligently to provide Correctional Service of Canada the best response at the best value. However, in order to provide a more thorough response, we cordially request that the closing date be extended in order to efficiently review and implement all thirteen (13) amendments, to date, in our response.

Answer 55: Please refer to Revision no. 22 from Solicitation Amendment 014.

Question 56:

Regarding Amendment #11, Question #36

Please note that in Amendment #11, Question #36, the question erroneously refers to minimum contract values of \$2 Million for Workstreams 1 through 4. Although no changes were made to the RFP as a result of this question, we would like to mention this in case it changes other bidder's assumptions.

Answer 56: The required minimum contract value for the reference contracts have not been revised for any of the technical criteria.

Question 57:

With regards to Workstream 1: Application Services, A.9 System Auditor; would the Crown be able to provide any further details to better define the expected role? The contract category has historically not often been used in Government of Canada Tier 2 RFP's.

Specifically, does the Crown anticipate that the position would require experience relative to auditing specific IM/IT systems such as:

- ERP systems
- departmental web applications
- departmental servers
- network security/cyber security

Answer 57: The specific systems to be audited will be detailed in the task authorizations as required.

Question 58:

Do we need to be qualified for every workstream in order to bid? For example: If we are qualified for every workstream from 1 to 4 but not for workstream 5, can we still bid?

Answer 58: If you wish to bid on Workstreams 1, 2, 3 and 4; and you are a TBIPS SA Holder holding a TBIPS SA for Tier 2 at the time of bid closing, in all required resource categories of Workstreams 1, 2, 3, and 4 in this solicitation and in the National Capital Region under the EN578-170432 series of SAs, then you are eligible to bid for Workstream 1, and/or Workstream 2, and/or Workstream 3, and/or Workstream 4.

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