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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
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The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise
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AMENDMENT NO. 003

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

SOLICITATION REVISIONS

Revision 1 to Revision 12 (please see attachment)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 8: Respectfully, could Canada please provide clarification in regards to the following criteria for Workstream 1: MTC1 (b) and item (f) within Form M1-A, RTC1 item 2(b), RTC2 item 2(b), RTC3 item 2(b), RTC4 item 2(b), RTC5 item 2(b), RTC6 item 2(b) and item (f) within Forms R1-R6. All of these criteria request an initial minimum contract value of a certain dollar amount. While most Government of Canada IT professional services contracts state a specific initial dollar value when awarded, most other IT professional services contracts do not have a set dollar value upon contract award. Please confirm Canada will accept **actual billed value** (excluding applicable taxes) under the contract in lieu of a specific initial contract value in these circumstances where no initial contract value was given?

Answer 8: The criteria and forms have been revised. Please see Solicitation Revisions 1 to 12 in the attachments.

Question 9: Respectfully, there are select few technologies and frameworks listed in RTC1, RTC2, RTC3 and RTC5 in Workstream 1 that are competing Microservices/DevOps products and frameworks and would be unable to exist in the same technical environment for a company. Will Canada please accept the following proposed changes to the "Points Allocation" for RTC1, RTC2, RTC3 and RTC5 and amend the following:

RTC1

"Ten points for each technology in a reference contract that demonstrates experience with the technology **for maximum points reached by demonstrating a combination of 7 of the 10 listed technologies in each contract**, to a maximum **of 5 contracts and** ~~of 50 points overall for each technology and 500~~ **350** points overall."

RTC2

"Ten points for each technology in a reference contract that demonstrates experience with the technology **for maximum points reached by demonstrating a combination of 2 of the 3 listed technologies in each contract**, to a maximum **of 5 contracts and** ~~of 50 points overall for each technology and 150~~ **100** points overall."

RTC3

"Ten points for each technology in a reference contract that demonstrates experience with the technology **for maximum points reached by demonstrating a combination of 3 of the 4 listed technologies in each contract**, to a maximum **of 5 contracts and** ~~of 50 points overall for each technology and 200~~ **150** points overall."

RTC5

"Five points for each technology in a reference contract that demonstrates experience with the technology **for maximum points reached by demonstrating a combination of 5 of the 10 listed technologies in each contract**, to a maximum **of 5 contracts and** ~~of 25 points overall for each technology and 250~~ **125** points overall."

Answer 9: Your recommendation was considered but the Points Allocation remains unchanged.

Question 10: This solicitation requires a very high level of effort for bidders, as well as requiring signed client letters during the COVID-19 pandemic. As many clients do not have immediate access to documentation needed to vet and sign off on these, and will require additional time to return the signed documents. To ensure that client contacts have enough time, as well as to ensure that the Crown receives high quality responses to this solicitation, please extend the closing date to December 11, 2020.

Answer 10: The solicitation period will not be extended at this time.

Question 11: For Workstream 1, Bidders are instructed to use contracts identified in MTC1-A to respond to MTC1-B. Could Canada please confirm Bidders may use additional individual resources not listed in their response to MTC1-A, but provided under the same MTC1-A contract in their response to MTC1-B (provided these resources meet all other criteria, such as 70% mapping to the SOW tasks and deliverables)?

Answer 11: Confirmed. Bidders may use the billable days of additional resources that provided services under the same contracts as those identified in response to MTC1-A to demonstrate the experience required to meet MTC1-B. The Bidder must demonstrate how each resource is the same or similar to the resources for which the Bidder is demonstrating the experience, as described in the criterion, and must ensure that all the requirements of the criterion are met. This applies to MTC1-B for both Workstreams.

Question 12: For Workstream 1, with respect to the signed attestation letter from the client for MTC1-A, it appears Bidders are required to have Table 1 signed, which is to be completed per each resource. Are Bidders permitted to have Form M1 signed on a per contract basis, to reduce the administrative burden on a single client having to sign up to four documents?

Answer 12: As part of its response to MTC1-A, for Workstream 1 and Workstream 2, the Bidder must submit a signed attestation from the Project Authority or Technical Authority for each reference contract certifying that the contract information provided is accurate. This includes the information required to demonstrate the experience of each resource. 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 Attachments 4.1 and 4.2 in the solicitation, and any amendments for the workstream(s) for which the Bidder is providing a bid.

Question 13: Respectfully, with requirements for up to eight client signatures and up to 30 separate client references to respond to the rated criteria, there is a considerable level of effort needed to prepare a response to this RFP. As such, would Canada consider granting a three week extension to the closing date of the RFP to allow Bidders adequate time to prepare their submission?

Answer 13: The solicitation period will not be extended at this time.

Question 14: With regards to "Annex B – Basis of Payment", it is a recent and common practice for similar sized Tier 2 TBIPS RFPs to have bidders only provide rates for "L3 Categories" and have an automated percentage dedicated to the corresponding "L2 Categories" which is automatically populated

for all "L2 Categories" accordingly. This approach eliminates the risk of Bidders 'low bidding' rates for resource categories they do not intend to use once awarded a contract. For example, TBIPS Tier 2 solicitation **08915-170500/B** from GAC used this approach and could be replicated for this solicitation as follows:

Resource Category	Level of Expertise	Firm Per Diem Rate (to be completed by the Bidder)
Application/Software Architect	Level 3	
	Level 2	90% of Level 3

Would Canada consider amending "Annex B – Basis of Payment" of the RFP to adopt this approach to pricing categories for WORKSTREAM 1 and WORKSTREAM 2?

Answer 14: Your recommendation was considered but the Basis of Payment remains unchanged.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.

NOTE: A BID ALREADY SUBMITTED MAY BE AMENDED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING DATE. AMENDING CORRESPONDENCE MUST ADDRESS THE SOLICITATION NUMBER AND THE CLOSING DATE.

BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLY TO THE PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES CANADA (PWGSC) BID RECEIVING UNIT VIA E-POST CONNECT.

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