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Challenge-Based Solicitation (CBS) For an Automated Regression Testing Tool

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This amendment 004 is raised to extend the solicitation closing date as well as to provide questions and answers.

This Q&A No. 1 is raised to answer Bidders' questions and to clarify the solicitation document.

Questions	Answers
<p>Q1. We have up to 5 business days before the submission deadline of Nov 20th to send you our questions.</p>	<p>A1. All enquiries are requested to be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than five (5) calendar days before the CBS closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.</p>
<p>Q2. If questions including the content of this email were supposed to be sent via the P2P portal, please advise where the messaging function is.</p>	<p>A2. Bidders can refer to item 12. Messages with buyer in the HOW-TO: SUBMIT A BID section of the publicly available Supplier's Guide found in the Suppliers Training Portal at https://sscp2pspc.ssc-spc.gc.ca/aideP2Phelp/en/Suppliers/External/Supplier%20Guide.pdf</p>
<p>Q3. We understand that on November 20th we need to submit a total of 4 documents: Attachment 1 , Attachment 2, Software Publisher Authorization Form, and a brief pdf Response to Attachment 3 Mandatory Requirements Part A only. Is this correct?</p>	<p>A3. Bidders are expected to submit the following documents at Bid Closing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Attachment 1 – Bid Submission Form b) Attachment 2 – Financial Bid Form c) Software Publisher Authorization Form (if the bidder is not the software publisher) d) A report that demonstrates the bidder's solution's capacity to perform automated regression testing of the supplier portal in the production environment of P2P in accordance with the Use Case found at Appendix 1 of Attachment 3 – Evaluation Grid.
<p>Q4. Mandatory Requirement #1 however states that the bidder must submit a report....in accordance with the Use Case found in Appendix 1. Please advise where Appendix 1 can be found.</p>	<p>A4. Please refer to A3.</p>

<p>Q5. Stage 4 Final Requirement states that Based on Feedback, Canada will release an updated solicitation. Should we be on the lookout for additional solicitation questions in addition to the above? When will this be issued?</p>	<p>A5. The solicitation documents posted at Stage 1 can be considered the Final Solicitation documents as there was no feedback received on the solicitation package.</p>
<p>Q6. We assume that we can also upload datasheets, brochures or a ppt that summarizes our tool in the P2P with our submission on Nov 20th?</p>	<p>A6. While bidders may submit additional technical documentation at bid closing, please refer to A2 to see what is expected at bid closing.</p>
<p>Q7. Our understanding is that the actual technical bid will only be required in Stage 8.</p>	<p>A7. Per the CBS, based on the results of the selection process (further defined in sections 3 and 4), the highest ranked Bidders will be notified of Canada's intent to proceed with contract award(s). Bidders notified in Stage 8 will be invited to submit their technical bid describing in writing the elements demonstrated in Stage 7 as well as any additional requirements the Bidder feels are needed in order to resolve the problem(s).</p>
<p>Q8. Please confirm the maximum number of anticipated contracts to be awarded at Stage 10. We understand that only 1 contractor will then be recommended to process to Work Segment 2-Implementation.</p>	<p>A8. At Stage 10, a maximum of 2 contracts will be awarded to the prototype phase (Work Segment 1). Each prototype performance will be assessed in accordance with the "Decision-Making Framework for Choosing Solution to Be Implemented" described in Annex A - Statement of Challenge.</p> <p>Canada may invite the contractor that has submitted the selected Solution to move to Work Segment 2 – Implementation by exercising an option under the contract of the selected contractor. It is anticipated that only 1 Contractor will be recommended to proceed to Work Segment 2.</p>
<p>Q9. Please confirm if the resulting Tool can be a SaaS based tool and if there are any hosting restrictions.</p>	<p>A9. Canada is looking for an on-premise solution.</p>
<p>Q10. Please confirm that the selected vendor will be given a reasonable opportunity to negotiate a contract as 2.1B indicated that Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the CBS and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract. What if the legal team needs to propose addition or changes, do we address these via Q&A ? If that is the case, then we would appreciate a one week extension.</p>	<p>A10. Canada will not entertain proposed changes to the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract under this CBS process. As stated, in accordance with PART 2 - BIDDERS' INSTRUCTIONS, 2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions, item b) – "Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the CBS and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract".</p>

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED