

PR 100222776 Interpretation services

Question #7: Can bidders provide rates in foreign currency? If so, would the following (taken from the Buy and Sell website) apply?:

- 5.45.15. Bids in Foreign Currency: Unless the bid solicitation specifically requires bids to be made in Canadian currency, bids that are made in a foreign currency must be converted to Canadian currency for evaluation. The Bank of Canada rate published by 16:30 ET on the bid closing date, or on another date specified in the bid solicitation, must be applied as a conversion factor to the bids made in foreign currency.

Answer #7: Yes, bidders can provide rates in a foreign currency. The reference to Buy and Sell Chapter 5 article 5.45.15 will be used to guide the financial proposal for purposes of evaluation.

Question #8: We would like to inquire if per minute rates would be accepted. This is because not all calls would take up to an hour long in length so that is why our pricing model is set in per minute rates.

Answer #8: The Basis of Payment at section 6.7.1 Basis of Payment of the Request for Proposal has been modified to change from hourly to per minute rate. Amendment 3 to the Request for Proposal is attached

Question #9: Will you require scheduled telephone services, or do you anticipate that all calls will be made on an on-demand/immediate basis? We ask this as there are different pricing structures for scheduled vs immediate phone and the amended pricing table only allows for one hourly rate to be included. Should you require pricing for both scheduled and immediate services, would you consider amending the pricing table to provide for this?

Answer #9: All calls will be on an as and when required basis. The Basis of Payment at section 6.7.1 Basis of Payment of the Request for Proposal has been modified to change from hourly to per minute rate. Amendment 3 to the Request for Proposal is attached.