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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

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AMENDMENT NO. 011

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

SOLICITATION REVISIONS

Revision 29 (please see attachment)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Due to operational timelines, inquiries received following this solicitation amendment may not be answered.

Question 41: With regards to RTC1 [for Workstream 2], would the Crown consider increasing the threshold of the minimum contract value to \$5M and allowing a single contract to score maximum points? A higher contract value would ensure the crown that bidders were successfully awarded and fulfilled a contract of similar scope and size as requested under this SOW and Solicitation.

Answer 41: The Crown will not increase the threshold of the minimum contract value to \$5M and will not allow a single contract to score maximum points. The Points Allocation for RTC1 for Workstream 2 has been revised. Please see Solicitation Revision 29 in the attachments.

Question 42: The point allocation of 850 points for RTC1 [for Workstream 2] can only be reached by utilizing 5 contracts each worth 170 points, each with a minimum \$1M contract value. We feel this does not reflect the delivery capability of the bidder that the crown is seeking to have demonstrated as per the SOW.

In effect a bidder could present 5 contracts each with a minimal contract value of \$1M with minimal "demonstrated experience" per 17 technologies as there is no evaluation criteria such as billed days to substantiate the requested "demonstrated experience" per technology per contract

Would the Crown please allow a single contract to potentially score full points for RTC1 with a signed client letter per MTC1 and RTC2?

Answer 42: The Crown will not allow a single contract to potentially score full points for RTC1 with a signed client letter per MTC1 and RTC2. The Points Allocation for RTC1 for Workstream 2 has been revised. Please see Solicitation Revision 29 in the attachments.

Question 43: RFP Amendment 008, Solicitation Revision 28 provided an extension to the bid closing date of six calendar days to December 14 in response to the bidder community, amongst concerns surrounding the gathering of billable days and drafting appropriate letters for clients to sign and return. Our clients have informed us that they will need time to verify/validate the information provided in the reference letter and sign/return the letter, all of which is impacted by the pandemic and remote working situations. To allow clients the necessary time to verify the information provided and return the signed copy, would the Crown consider extending the bid closing date further to December 21, 2020?

Answer 43: The solicitation closing date will not be extended.

Question 44: In follow up to the Crown's Answer 40 in Amendment 10 "All of the technologies are currently in use by ESDC, either on the ESDC cloud environment or on premises with SSC", we would like to clarify the following:

- a) With respect to Workstream 1, can the Crown please confirm that the Interoperability Solutions Division (ISD) within ESDC is the only group within ESDC that encompasses every single one of the 31 (RTC1-RTC6) technologies within one technical stack/environment (within ESDC cloud AND within SSC-ESDC on-prem cloud)?
- b) As such, can the Crown please confirm that a Bidder claiming ESDC as one of their five contract references (for each of RTC1-RTC6) must have provided professional services directly to the Interoperability Solutions Division (ISD) within ESDC if claiming that their ESDC referenced contract meets all 31 technologies from RTC1-RTC6?

Answer 44:

- a) No. Canada cannot confirm this as the client does not have information on the products in use throughout the department. Within the Interoperability group, the client has used or tested all of the listed technologies using a combination of employees and contractors.

The question suggests that all the technology is part of the current production stack. That is not the case. Some of the technology is part of the approved technology standard brinks in ESDC and as noted in the SOW, Requirements (Section 6), under consideration to meet future needs.

- b) No. The client has no insight as to what work has been done for other parts of the department.

Therefore, a Bidder may have provided professional services using the listed technologies outside the Interoperability Solutions Division if claiming that their ESDC referenced contract meets all 31 technologies from RTC1-RTC6. The information in each bid is subject to verification by Canada.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.

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