



SHARED SERVICES CANADA (SSC)

Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) for Government of Canada Network Services (GCNS) Procurement Process

ITQ No.	R000076631	Date	January 28, 2021
Amendment No.	004	GETS Reference No.	PW-20-00939000

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Time Zone	Eastern Standard Time (EST)		

INVITATION TO QUALIFY AMENDMENT NO. 004

ITQ Amendment no. 004 is raised:

- 1) To identify key dates; and
 - 2) To answer questions posed by the potential respondents.
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Milestone	Original Date	Revised Date
ITQ release date	December 21, 2020	completed
ITQ Briefing Session	January 8, 2021	completed
Pre-bid submission date	January 22, 2021 @ 11:59 PM (EST)	January 29, 2021 @ 11:59 PM (EST) (AMD#1) February 5, 2021 @ 11:59 PM (EST) (AMD#2)
Last day for Questions and Comments	January 26, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (EST)	February 2, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (EST) (AMD#2)
ITQ closing date and time	February 12, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (EST)	February 19, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (EST) (AMD#1)

Question 7:

“Could the Government please advise if the services outlined in this GCNS ITQ are being provide to the GOC today. If so, through which procurement vehicle, and by whom.”

Answer 7:

Canada confirms that there are existing contracts for telecommunication services that may be similar to those requested in the ITQ. Canada will not provide the requested information on existing contracts.

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Question 8:

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Answer 8:

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Question 9:

“Based on the industry briefing session that took place on Friday January 8th, we would like to edit the original questions.

2.The services outlined in streams 2, 3 and 4 of this ITQ are all available through the new NSSC vehicle, therefore why are these services being asked for in this GCNS? We request that these 3 streams be removed from GCNS.”

Answer 9:

The services specified in the GCNS ITQ are not available as Managed Services through the Network Solutions Supply Chain (NSSC) contract vehicle. All GCNS services include the provision of telecommunications services (e.g. lines, circuits, transport) which are not available from the NSSC contract.

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Question 10:

“Based on the industry briefing session that took place on Friday January 8th, we would like to edit the original questions.

3.How is GCNS different than NSSC, with the exception of Stream 1 and 5?”

Answer 10:

Please refer to Answer 9 above.

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ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.

