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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 001 to the Request for Proposal is raised to answer questions and make modifications.

All other terms and conditions of the solicitation remain the same.

A proposal already submitted may be amended prior to closing time by sending the amended correspondence to Bid Receiving, the envelope/fax bearing the proposal No. W7714-196996/B and the closing date of March 4, 2021.

Modification 1:

Please note that the Contracting Authorities needs to be change. Please submit any following enquiries, questions & bid proposal to:

William Sinka
William.sinka@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

QUESTIONS

Question 1:

Due to the increasing case numbers and onset of a second wave of COVID-19 in the National Capital Region, would the Crown accept bids submitted by email?

Answer 1:

Due to the impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, bidders are strongly encouraged to transmit their bids electronically using the Canada Post epost Connect service instead of using the other methods of bid delivery usually available.

This service allows suppliers to submit bids, offers and arrangements electronically to PSPC Bid Receiving Units. This online service enables the electronic transfer of large files up to Protected B level. To use epost Connect, or to get more information on how to use it, please send an email to the national Bid Receiving Unit's generic address at tpsgc.dgareceptiondessoumissions-abbidreceiving.pwgsc@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca.

For Suppliers and Contracting Authorities, the physical location of the **Bid Receiving Unit for the National Capital Region (NCR)** remains open, Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4 pm (Eastern Time) but with limited staff available. The health and safety of staff and suppliers remains our top priority. As such, measures are being taken on-site to encourage social distancing. Suppliers can still leave their bids in the bid box outside the Bid Receiving Unit and complete the requested information on the sheet next to the bid box to obtain an electronic receipt. For information regarding regional Bid Receiving Units, please consult your [PSPC regional office](#).

Question 2:

The Intermediate and Senior level positions have degree requirements for graduate and post-graduate education. However, no allowances exist for Military experience or DP 3 / 4 equivalencies. Arguably 30 years of military experience and skill-specific employment should provide DRDC Ottawa with the knowledge and expertise necessary to meet the needs for the required OR&A services. Could the RFP be amended to allow for recognition of appropriate military service, training and educations? We would suggest on degree program less for 25+ years of experience or DP 3+ (Command and Staff Course) or better equivalencies.

Answer 2:

No. The degree requirements address a basic level of accreditation required for credible scientific analysis. It also serves as a consistent and measurable metric between respondents at the contract/task level.

Question 3:

At Attachment 001, MANDATORY AND POINT RATED TECHNICAL CRITERIA, para a) indicates that the bidder may propose only one resource per category. However, Section 7, RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS indicates that multiple resources are required for most categories. Please confirm that number of resources indicated in the table in Section 7 is indicative only and we only must produce one CV per category.

Answer 3:

Confirmed. For evaluation purposes we are seeking only one cv per category.

Question 4:

It is unclear within the bid if we can bid the same resource in multiple labour categories.

Answer 4:

No, the same resource cannot be bid against multiple labour categories.

Question 5:

Please refer to Mandatory Technical Criteria MT2.16.1 for Technical Writer Professional on page #22 of the RFP. Would the Crown consider altering the requirement to include a completed undergraduate degree in the field of Science, Engineering or Social Science as follows "*The proposed resource must demonstrate that it has completed an undergraduate degree in Communications, Science, Engineering or Social Science from a Canadian University or equivalent from an accredited foreign institution.*"

Answer 5:

The proposed resource must demonstrate that it has completed an undergraduate degree in any field from a Canadian University or equivalent from an accredited foreign institution.

Question 6:

Para 2.1 of the RFP stipulates that the minimum experience used to meet the mandatory technical criteria for the various Resource positions will not be considered in the evaluation of the point

rated criteria for those Resources. We require some clarification on our interpretation of this point.

As an example (using the Senior Concept Development Professional although this concern is pervasive within the Resource requirements):

- To be compliant with the Mandatory Requirements, the resource must have a minimum of 8 years experience within the last 10 in two different classes of activities (MT2.3.2 and MT2.3.3).
- With respect to Point Rated Criteria: To get any points at all, the resource must have in excess of 8 years experience within the past 10 years. To get maximum points, the resource requires 10 years in the past 10 years.

Given the stipulation captured in Para 2.1, for a resource to be minimally compliant, they would require 8 years specific experience in the management of personnel and another (non-redundant) 8 years experience managing a team of concept developers. As such, the resource would require a minimum of 16 years experience in the last 10 years. In the instance wherein a single resource worked on multiple projects over the last ten years, working on a single project at a time (ie. serial as opposed to overlapping or parallel projects), they would meet the Mandatory Criteria but get 0 points in the Rated Criteria.

With our current interpretation of Para 2.1, we believe that the Resource cannot represent the same projects in both the Mandatory and Rated requirement, and as a result cannot be compliant. If we have misinterpreted the intent of Para 2.1, please clarify. If we have not misinterpreted Para 2.1, we request that it be struck from the RFP.

Answer 6:

We expect respondents will demonstrate the discrete experience separately. "Non-redundant" does not mean non-concurrent therefore, we do not expect respondents to demonstrate 16 Years of experience in a 10 year period.