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The Request for Proposal (RFP) Amendment 004 is raised to answer Bidders questions and amend the RFP.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 15

In reviewing the requirements we have concerns that the scoring methodology used in this RFP is disproportionately allocated and provides a distinct advantage to incumbent vendors. For example, R2 and R3 for Technology Architects – Development Centre Specialist Level 3 account for a total 160 technical points which is 32% of the total technical points to be awarded in this solicitation. It should also be noted that the financial points allocated to this position are far less than the other Technology Architect positions. We feel that it is not possible to return a competitive solicitation response unless the proposed resource under this category has been solely working in this client environment for 9+ years within the last 10 years, thus these criteria distinctly favor select incumbent firms who may have these resources working under other contracts within the same Client. We respectfully request the following changes to the scoring methodology which would be in adherence with a fair and open procurement process:

- A) that Rated Criteria R2 for Technology Architects – Development Centre Specialist scoring methodology be changed to award full points (5) per technology for 5+ years' experience
- B) that Rated Criteria R3 for Technology Architects – Development Centre Specialist scoring methodology be changed to award full points (5) per technology for 5+ years' experience

Answer 15

See RFP amendment below.

Question 16

Re Point-Rated Criteria R3 for the 3.2 Technology Architects – Systems Integrators – Capacity Management Level 3 on page 95 & 96 of the RFP.

In addition to the technologies listed within the R3 point-rated criteria for the Technology Architects – Systems Integrators – Capacity Management role, it is our understanding that the CBSA technical environment also includes IBM WebSphere Server on z/OS, WebSphere MQ Series on z/OS and Tivoli Enterprise. Experience working with these technologies would thus be relevant to the capacity management services required by the Crown. We ask that Canada amends the Point-Rated R3 Criteria as below:

R3	The Bidder should demonstrate that the proposed resource has experience, within the last two (2) years prior to solicitation issue date,	10	One (1) point for each item supported by one (1) project reference:
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<p>working with the following technologies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ElasticSearch 2. Kibana 3. Logstash 4. JSON 5. IBM Systems Management Facilities (SMF) 6. WordPress 7. Drupal 8. Graphical Database 9. Computer Associated Wily Introscope 10. Oracle JAVA 11. IBM WebSphere Application Server on z/OS 12. IBM WebSphere MQ Series on z/OS 13. Tivoli Enterprise <p>One (1) specific example of a project in which the Resource worked with the specific technology must be provided in order for points to be allocated.</p> <p>Note: the same project may be used for more than one item.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ElasticSearch 2. Kibana 3. Logstash 4. JSON 5. IBM SMF 6. WordPress 7. Drupal 8. Graphical Database 9. Wily Introscope 10. Oracle JAVA 11. IBM WebSphere Application Server on z/OS 12. IBM WebSphere MQ Series on z/OS 13. Tivoli Enterprise <p>Up to a maximum of ten (10) points.</p>
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Answer 16

Canada has considered your request. However, the requirement remains unchanged.

Question 17

Section 2.0 of Attachment 2 (Bid Evaluation Criteria) stipulates that "each identified project" in candidate resumes include, among other things, "**contact information of client project representative.**" Especially for projects completed upwards of five years ago, the project authorities in question have often moved on to different departments or employers, or have since retired or are even deceased. Given the difficulty of obtaining contact information in such circumstances, would the Crown accept this information only for projects completed in the past five (5) years as demonstrating compliance?

Answer 17

See RFP amendment below.

RFP AMENDMENT

1. At Attachment 2, section 2.0 Resource Evaluation Criteria,

Delete:

To demonstrate compliance, the Bidder must include the following information for each identified project:

- Project name;
- Client organization;
- Contact information of client project representative;
- Project start /end dates and duration;
- Project description;
- Description of project role and tasks performed by resource.

Insert:

To demonstrate compliance, the Bidder must include the following information for each identified project:

- Project name;
- Client organization;
- Contact information of client project representative **for project completed within the past five years. For older projects, bidders can provide the information if available;**
- Project start /end dates and duration;
- Project description;
- Description of project role and tasks performed by resource.

2. At Attachment 3, Bid Evaluation Criteria – Rated Requirements, 3.5 Technology Architects – Development Centre Specialist Level 3,

Delete R1 in its entirety

Insert:

R1	The Bidder should demonstrate that the proposed resource has experience, within the last ten (10) years prior to the solicitation issue date, installing, configuring and supporting each of the following JAVA infrastructure components: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IBM Rational Software Architect• WebSphere Application Server• WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment	25	Number of years per tool 4+ to 5 years = 1 points 5+ to 6years = 2 points 6+ to 7 years = 3 points 7+ to 8 years = 4 points 8+ years = 5 points Up to a max of 25 points		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floating License Server • MQMON 				
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Delete R2 in its entirety

Insert:

R2	<p>The Bidder should demonstrate that the proposed resource has five years of experience, within the last ten (10) years prior to the solicitation issue date, with the following tools and technologies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MQ Series 2. IBM WebSphere MQ 3. Ant Scripting 4. CA SiteMinder 5. SOAP Web Sevices 6. RESTFUL Web Sevices 7. XSLT 8. Eclipse Plug-in development 9. JAVAServer Faces 10. Liferay Enterprise Portals 11. IBM WebSphere Application Server developer Tools for Eclipse; 12. Cruise Control; 13. CICS Transaction Gateway; 14. Subversion; 15. Jenkins; 16. SonarQube; 	80	<p>Number of years per tool and technologies:</p> <p style="color: red;">4+ to 5 years = 1 points 5+ to 6years = 2 points 6+ to 7 years = 3 points 7+ to 8 years = 4 points 8+ years = 5 points</p> <p>Up to a max of 80 points</p>		
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Delete R3 in its entirety

Insert:

R3	<p>The Bidder should demonstrate that the proposed resource has experience, within the last 10 years prior to solicitation issue date, in the IT industry, using each of the following tools/technologies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JAVA policy files 	60	<p>Number of years per Tool/Technology</p> <p style="color: red;">4+ to 5 years = 1 points 5+ to 6years = 2 points 6+ to 7 years = 3 points 7+ to 7 years = 4 points 8+ years = 5 points</p>		
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. JAVA plug-in3. JNDI4. JMS5. J2EE6. DRS7. JNLP8. Name or text search engines9. Elixir print modules10. Grammar support tools11. Blaze business or comparable rules engines (site example)12. FOP/XLS		Up to a max of 60 points		
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ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED