



SHARED SERVICES CANADA (SSC)

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

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Amendment No.	010	GETS Reference No.	PW-20-00939000

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Time Zone	Eastern Standard Time (EST)		

INVITATION TO QUALIFY AMENDMENT NO. 010

ITQ Amendment no. 010 is raised:

- 1) To identify key dates; and
- 2) To answer questions posed by the potential respondents.

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) February 12, 2021 @ 11:59 PM (EST) (AMD#7)
Last day for Questions and Comments	January 26, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (EST)	February 2, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (EST) (AMD#2) February 9, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (EST) (AMD#7)
ITQ closing date and time	February 12, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (EST)	February 19, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (EST) (AMD#1) February 26, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (EST) (AMD#7)

Question 45:

“Based on the level of complexity and volume of references required for each Stream, we request that Canada extend the closing date by two weeks to March 12, 2021.”

Answer 45:

Canada will not make the requested change.

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Question 46:

“4.6.6 Certifications (Mandatory upon request after ITQ closing):

Can Canada please confirm if the mandatory certifications required under Part 7 (Annex H) are to be included with the ITQ response or upon request after ITQ closing?”

Answer 46:

Respondents are requested, and advised, to submit the certification (Annex H) with their ITQ response prior to ITQ Closing. Failure to do so, will not in itself result in the disqualification of the respondents response. However, this certification is mandatory and the Contracting Authority will request it be produced after ITQ closing if not submitted with the ITQ response before ITQ closing. Should the respondent fail to produce same certification after the request is made by the Contracting



Authority, within the prescribed timeframe, the result will be the disqualification of that respondent from the ITQ.

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Question 47:

“Would Canada consider separating the Access Network Service (ANS) from the Local Area Network Service (LAN) and creating two separate streams for these requirements?”

Answer 47:

Canada will not make the requested change.

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Question 48:

“We would like to request that Canada allow a 2 week extension to the closing date of this ITQ.”

Answer 48:

Canada will not make the requested change.

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Question 49:

“Can Canada please confirm that the GCNS ITQ is in the P2P Portal?”

Answer 49:

The GCNS ITQ has been posted on P2P and assigned BPM No. BPM012005. As per the instructions in the ITQ, all Questions and Answers, as well as reference documents associated with this ITQ have been, and will continue to be, posted on the Buy & Sell web site. Amendments 001 through 009 have all been posted to date along with the relevant attachments. This will continue to be the case until ITQ closing.

The P2P site should only be used to submit the respondents’ final responses to the ITQ before the ITQ closing date and time. Any questions as well as pre-bid submissions should continue to be sent to ssc.gc-network-services-gc-services-reseautiques.spc@canada.ca as stipulated in the ITQ.

Please refer to Page 1 of this Amendment for the current key dates associated with this ITQ.

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Question 50:

“The deadline to submit questions comes after the Pre-Bid Deadline. Will Canada consider changing the date of the Pre-Bid deadline to one after the questions have been asked and answered. This is to ensure that any clarifications and/or changes are factored into the Pre-Bid submission.”



Answer 50:

Amendment 002 published on January 26, 2021 extended the deadline for pre-bids to after the deadline for submitting questions.

Amendment 007 published on February 2, 2021 extended all three key deadlines to their current dates below:

The deadline for submitting questions is February 9, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (EST).

The Pre-bid Compliance Check submission deadline is February 12, 2021 @ 11:59 PM (EST).

The ITQ Closing date is February 26, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (EST).

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ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.

