



SHARED SERVICES CANADA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR NETWORK ATTACHED STORAGE (NAS) DEVICES

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THIS SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 001 IS ISSUED TO:

1. Publish Canada's Responses to Bidders' questions.

NOTE: Bidders' clarification questions are numerically sequenced upon arrival at SSC. Bidders are hereby advised that questions and answers for this solicitation may be issued out of sequence.

Bidder's Question 001	Storage RAW Capacity requirement is asking for two options, RAID 1 and RAID 5 with one additional drive configured as a hot spare. Considering the nature of the NAS device, the centralized management and alerting platform, the MTBF rating of 2 million hours and the overall restrictiveness of the requirements, will Canada please remove the hot spare requirement otherwise there are no NAS devices which we are able to bid for this submission.
Canada's Response to Question 001	Canada will keep the requirements as-is.
Bidder's Question 002	How do we submit "Annex C SCSI Vendor Submission Form Template"? Based on the note in the top right of each workbook the document becomes Protected B once complete. Protected B documents are not normally permitted to be sent over email. However, SSC has asked for an email submission. Please advise on how to proceed.
Canada's Response to Question 002	The classification marking is a handling instruction internal to the Government of Canada. It is essentially meaningless to vendors so they can ignore it. There is no need for the vendor to encrypt the information they are sending to us. Once this information is on the GoC system, it is our responsibility to handle it appropriately.
Bidder's Question 003	As a reseller of OEM hardware and software, we will need to work back and forth on these documents, which will be all but impossible when documents are listed as Protected B (given the Pandemic and the need to work remote – and Protected B documents cannot be sent electronically). Are we permitted to email the Protected B document back and forth among those who are in a need to know capacity (across companies)? Please advise on how to proceed.
Canada's Response to Question 003	Please see answer for Question 2
Bidder's Question 004	All throughout "NAS Devices BPM011633 RFP" the document refers to an IT Product List named Annex D. However, Annex D seems only to be a SCI Scope Diagram. We did receive a document titled "Annex C SCSI Vendor Submission Form Template" (Protected B - When Complete) as a part of Amendment 1. Is this document misnamed? Should it be instead "Annex D SCSI Vendor Submission Form Template" and should the Annex D SCI Scope Diagram be renamed? Please clarify and advise.
Canada's Response to Question 004	Please disregard reference to the IT Product List. The Annexes should be referenced as follows: Annex A - Statement of Requirements

	Annex B - Basis of Payment Annex C - SCSI Submission Form Annex D - SCI Scope Diagram Annex E - Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification
Bidder's Question 005	Would SSC consider removing the Protected B status of "Annex C/D SCSI Vendor Submission Form Template"?
Canada's Response to Question 005	Please see answer for Question 2

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SOLICITATION REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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Following is a summary of Attachments/Amendments issued to date to this solicitation:

Document Tracking	Distribution	Date	Description
Amendment No. 001	Buy and Sell	Current Document	Canada's Response to Questions