

Solicitation Number 1000215577A
Amendment #2 – Questions and Answers

The Department has been asked for clarification relevant to Solicitation 1000215577A and we would like to submit the following information to all prospective offerors to assist in the formulation of offers.

Please note the Closing Date/Time for Solicitation 1000215577A has been Amended to March 5, 2021 at 14:00 hours Pacific Standard Time.

Question #1

Considering the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainties around its potential impacts on travel and work restrictions in accordance with local government agency guidelines or directives. [This offeror] is addressing this matter in its proposal with the aim that any potential impact due to COVID-19 in delivering the services shall be managed collaboratively between the parties. Could you please confirm if you have concerns with this statement and, if so, provide us clarification on what those concerns are?

Answer#1

We do not have concerns with the statement: “any potential impact due to COVID-19 in delivering the services shall be managed collaboratively between the parties.”

Question #2

Project Team Requirements: The table in M3 (on Page 15) states that we can include a maximum of 6 Senior Project Team Leaders, 15 Senior Technical Experts, and 15 Technical Experts. However, in R3.1 to R.3.3 (on Pages 18 and 19), it states we should include 2 Senior Project Team Leaders, 10 Senior Technical Experts, and 10 Additional/Extra Technical Staff. Please clarify how many CVs we should include for each role.

Answer #2

As long as the minimum numbers of CVs are provided as indicated in the table in M3, the offer may pass Mandatory Criteria M3, however to be eligible for full points in the Rated Criteria R3, the following numbers of CVs would be required:

Include 1 Senior Project Team Leader for Environmental Impact Assessment and 1 Senior Project Team Leader for Site Water Management. (CVs of additional Senior Project Team Leaders can be included to a maximum of 6).

Include CVs of Senior Technical Experts for each of the 10 areas of expertise. The same Senior Technical Expert can be proposed for more than 1 area of expertise. More than one Senior Technical Expert can be proposed for an area of expertise, in which case a principle resource must be identified. (A maximum of 15 CVs can be proposed for the Senior Technical Expert Category).

Include CV of Additional/Extra Technical Staff (could be comprised of Senior Technical Experts and/or Technical Experts) for each of the 10 areas of expertise. (A maximum of 15 Extra Senior Technical Experts or Technical Experts will be evaluated.)

Administrative & Clerical Support CVs will not be evaluated against the point-rated criteria, however proposed Administrative & Clerical Support CVs which meet the minimum requirement indicated in the Statement of Work, 5.4 would be eligible to work under the resulting SOA.

For all categories, note that successful offerors who are awarded SOAs will have the opportunity to present additional resources for evaluation/consideration as needed.

Question #3

Principle Resource Categories: Point Rated Criterion R3 (Pages 17 and 18) states we should identify a principle resource per category. Does the term “category” refer to Senior Project Team Leaders, Senior Technical Experts, and Technical Experts? Or does it refer to the areas of expertise defined in section 4.2 of the RFSO?

Answer #3

In this context, the term “category” refers to areas of expertise defined in Annex A Statement of Work, Section 4.2 in (page 38).

Question #4

In M3 Project Team is states that “the Offeror MUST include a copy of the degree(s) or professional accreditation(s) received by each proposed resource.” Given the pandemic and the fact that many people are working from home without access to their office, where there degrees and certifications may be displayed or on file, would you considered removing this as a mandatory criteria?

Answer #4

For professional accreditation we would accept a screenshot of the accrediting body’s website where we see that person listed as registered. Due to potential challenges you have described relating to the pandemic, we are hereby removing the requirement to provide copies of degrees.

Question #5

If one resource is listed in more than one role (i.e. Senior Technical Expert for Mine Tailings and Waste Rock Management as well Senior Technical Expert for Surface Water Quality), are we able to provide a resume for each of the categories in order to demonstrate the relevant experience requirements?

Answer #5

We request only one CV per person. If they are proposed for more than one category, the single CV needs to demonstrate they meet criteria for all the categories they are proposed for.

Question #6

As per the directions of Point Rated Criterion 3.2 bullet 3 (page 19 of 45) Experience with EIA/ Site Water Management – Does CIRNAC want the Engineers, Waste experts, etc to demonstrate experience with EIA and/or Site Water Management?

Answer #6

If Senior Technical Experts have experience in EIA or Site Water Management, we would like this to be demonstrated in their CVs -