

## **AMENDMENT 001**

The purpose of this amendment is to:

- 1) Include Version 2 of the Electronic Proposal Submission Form;
- 2) Respond to potential bidders' questions.

1) On the buyandsell notice for this solicitation, under "Attachments", a new version of the Electronic Proposal Submission Form has been uploaded. Please use this version when completing your proposal.

### **2) QUESTION 1:**

We have a solution that would be suitable for multiple themes within the CFP. Should we submit multiple proposals, each against its own theme, or submit a single proposal that references multiple themes? Which would be most suitable for the required response?

#### **RESPONSE 1:**

It is at the bidder's discretion how to format their proposal(s). However, in this case, individual proposals may facilitate the proposal evaluation stage. Please refer to section 3.2.10 for further information on how to submit multiple proposals.

### **QUESTION 2:**

It seems that the RFP allows for Federal government departments to apply as bidder and LGD. I was wondering if you could please confirm this.

#### **RESPONSE 2:**

Per section 3.1 Who May Apply of the Call for Proposals document;

A proposal submission must be comprised of a team that includes a Canadian Lead Government Department (LGD) (federal, provincial, territorial, municipal) and a public or private sector partner organization that is different than the LGD.

Any of the project partners may take on the role of the bidder, who assumes the responsibility of submitting the proposal and serves as the point of contact for the duration of the CFP process.

### **QUESTION 3:**

The RFP seems to be silent on what kind of expenses are eligible for the LGD? Can they charge their employee's salary to this fund?

#### **RESPONSE 3:**

Please refer to sections 3.5.4 Eligible Costs, 3.5.6 Salary Wage Envelope Conversion for Federal Government Participants, and 3.5.7 Ineligible Costs for further information.

**QUESTION 4:**

In the eligible cost section, I was wondering if the bidder (federal government) could include the salary of term employees (such as post-doctoral fellows) that would be hired for this project as expenses.

**RESPONSE 4:**

Per section 3.5.7 Ineligible Costs, DRDC funds cannot be used to pay for salaries of indeterminate employees at the federal level of government in Canada, however, term employee salaries are eligible.

**QUESTION 5:**

What is the planned timeline for the proposal review process and decision about funding? If funding is announced, for example, in September 2021. Would a planned 3-year project, run until September 2024? Or would it be limited to the end of the 3rd fiscal year, i.e. March 2024?

**RESPONSE 5:**

The Program estimates a funding decision by Q3 2021. A project can only start once a contract is signed with the Government of Canada and the project timelines would be adjusted accordingly.

**QUESTION 6:**

NRC has several research centers. The bidder will be one of these centers and I was wondering if we could sub-contract out some part of our work to other centers and pay for it from this fund?

**RESPONSE 6:**

Funding cannot be used to pay for salaries of full-time GOC employees. Refer to Section 3.5.4 Eligible Costs and 3.5.7 Ineligible Costs.

**QUESTION 7:**

Will multiple proposals be awarded?

**RESPONSE 7:**

Please refer to Section 2.6 Funding. The establishment of the pool of pre-qualified proposals and the selection of proposals for funding does not constitute a guarantee on the part of Canada that a contract will be awarded, however it is the intent to award multiple contracts.

**QUESTION 8:**

Can we partner with a University?

**RESPONSE 8:**

Yes, you may partner with a University. Refer to Section 3.1 Who May Apply.

**QUESTION 9:**

In the submission form, the second section is Lead Government Department (LGD). How do we fill that in or it is not applicable for the industry?

**RESPONSE 9:**

Refer to Section 3.1 Who May Apply. The proposal submission must include an LGD, either Federal, Provincial/Territorial or Municipal.

**QUESTION 10:**

In the next section i.e. Partner 1 it shows Organization Type (Federal, Provincial/Territorial, Municipal), if we partner with the university can we just mention Academia or University?

**RESPONSE 10:**

Yes, please specify Academia or University. (There will be a corrected form posted to the BuyandSell website. Please use Version 2 of the form).

**QUESTION 11:**

For the purposes of this innovation call for proposals, your documentation suggests that seasonal wildfires are not considered a high impact low frequency event of concern.

Do you consider outlier wildfire events, disaster-class wildfire events, such as the 2016 Fort McMurray disaster or the Kelowna fire-storm of 2003 to be HILF events or do these events fall outside of the scope of this RFP?

**RESPONSE 11:**

Major disaster-class events, including extreme wildfire events, can potentially be considered HILF events and potentially fall inside the scope of the RFP. However, proposals must provide a rationale for why the future events which are being risk-mitigated are (i) quantitatively different in scale from seasonal events, keeping in mind that seasonal events themselves are increasing in magnitude each year, and (ii) qualitatively different from seasonal events in terms of their potential for national economic or social disruption, their potential impact on critical infrastructure, and the necessity for a national response as opposed to a regional response.

**QUESTION 12:**

Can a solution in response to S&T Challenge 3 be in the form of a Study?

**RESPONSE 12:**

Bidders must meet the parameters outlined in Annex A. Beyond this, there are no other Challenge-specific restrictions on project type.

**QUESTION 13:**

I realize that my solution to the challenges meets all four 2021 S&T Challenges. Should I fill out four separate electronic files or only one in order to participate in the call for proposals?

**RESPONSE 13:**

Please refer to Question and Response 1.

**QUESTION 14:**

Can a solution in response to S&T Challenge 3 be in the form of a Study?

**RESPONSE 14:**

Yes, it is at the bidder's discretion to determine whether their solution aligns with the Challenge(s) as written. Proposals must follow the parameters as outlined in Annex A.

**QUESTION 15:**

Can projects/studies begin in FY 2022-23 or will they be required to start in FY 2021-22?

**RESPONSE 15:**

Please refer to Question and Response 5.

**QUESTION 16:**

Under section 3.1, a proposal submission must be comprised of a team that includes a Canadian Lead Government Department (LGD) (federal, provincial, territorial, municipal) and a public or private sector partner organization that is different than the LGD – does this requirement apply to the studies project type in Annex A?

**RESPONSE 16:**

The partnership requirements apply to all project types.

**QUESTION 17:**

We are in the process of formalizing our Canadian entity. What would we need in order to be eligible to submit a proposal?

**RESPONSE 17:**

Please refer to the Canadian Content Definition, as per the Canadian Content certification within the Electronic Proposal Submission Form (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/5/A/A3050T/5>). Note that the SACC Manual clause A3050T (2020-07-01), Canadian Content Definition, is amended as follows:

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**QUESTION 18:**

I am requesting that the submission deadline for this solicitation be extended to April 30, 2021.

**RESPONSE 18:**

The solicitation closing date remains unchanged at this time.

**All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.**