
Amendment 005 to the Request for Proposal is raised to answer questions and make modifications.

All other terms and conditions of the solicitation remain the same.

A proposal already submitted may be amended prior to closing time by sending the amended correspondence to Bid Receiving, the envelope/fax bearing the proposal No. W8476-18ADIS/D and the closing date of March 31st, 2021.

QUESTIONS

Question 1:

Attachment 1 to Part 3: This is an excel spreadsheet that is to be completed by bidders. The formula provided in cell I57 in the "Labour" tab of the worksheet of Attachment 1 to Part 3 does not match the description of how the total estimated In-Service Support price is to be calculated. Specifically the formula in cell I57 does not add the sub-totals for the initial period and the 4 option periods (i.e. the addition of sub-totals C + D + E + F + G). The current formula causes only the value to display from cell I55 or sub-total F instead of the sum of C through G. Please confirm that Bidders should modify the formula of Attachment 1 to Part 3 so that the total estimated In-Service Support price equals the sum of subtotals C through G as described in cell H57 and that this value should be carried through to cell D67?

Answer 1:

The formula in cell I57 should read as follows : =F55+G55+H55+I55+J55

Question 2:

VOLUME 1: BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, 4.3.4, Below PR5 under Proposed Project Plans there is a statement "Bidders should assume a contract award date of 1 June 2020". Since this date is in the past, please confirm that Bidders may input their own suggested date as an assumed contract award date?

Answer 2:

In that section, June 1, 2020 should be replaced by September 2021 because of the DRDC Lab test requirement.

Question 3:

Could a 2-month extension be granted

Answer 3 :

The closing date will remain on March 31st, 2021. Canada has already granted a one (1) month extension.

Question 4:

Since the Canadian Government has stated in the last Amendment that this is now a Commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) based program with no R&D portion, will it still consider removing the ITB requirement?

Answer 4:

The Industrial and Technological Benefits (ITB) Policy is a mandatory requirement on the ADIS procurement and will not be removed from the RFP at this stage.

R&D Commitments in the ITB Value Proposition are not defined as technical requirements for the delivery of the ADIS solution. Additionally, the application of the ITB Policy is not dependent on whether a program is COTS-based, or whether R&D is a technical requirement in the delivery of a program.

Under the ADIS ITB Terms and Conditions, R&D activities qualify as Indirect Transactions. An Indirect Transaction (Section 1.1.18) is defined as: “a Transaction that is entered into for a business activity unrelated to the performance of any part of the Work under the ADIS Acquisition and In-Service Support Contracts.”

Furthermore, as indicated in Attachment 1B to Part 4 (ITB Evaluation Plan), Section 4.6.2, R&D is included in the Value Proposition as a rated criteria, not as a mandatory requirement. Therefore, Bidders can obtain Value Proposition points in the bid evaluation for any R&D Commitments that they choose to make at bid time, involving Canadian Companies or Canadian Post-Secondary Institutions, in accordance with the Basis of Evaluation outlined in Section 4.6.2. As Section 4.6.2. explains, Bidders have the flexibility to choose whether their R&D Commitments are in Electro-Optical/Infrared (EO/IR) Systems, or in other R&D areas that exclude EO/IR Systems. Bidders should refer to the definitions of ITB-related terminology found in the ADIS ITB Terms and Conditions.

Bidders are encouraged to use available informational resources to improve their understanding of the ITB Policy. For example, a Value Proposition Guide is available at www.canada.ca/itb. Industry may also reach out to the federal government’s regional development agencies to assist them in understanding the ITB Policy and identifying ITB-related opportunities. Contact information can be found at: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/086.nsf/eng/h_00140.html