

AMENDMENT 004

The purpose of this amendment is to:

- 1) Respond to potential bidders' questions.
- 2) Revise the solicitation closing date.

1) QUESTION 30:

The current solicitation period includes the Easter holiday, end of GoC fiscal and the newly adjusted March break (now April 12 to April 16). Further, sufficient lead time is required to gain firm decisions and signatures from the Lead Department. Considering the increased workload associated with March 31 (before and after) the increase in staff absences and sufficient lead time for DG signoff, we are requesting a 3 week extension to the closing date.

RESPONSE 30:

Please refer to 2) below for a revision to the solicitation closing date.

QUESTION 31:

Regarding the max funding per project type, should a project span the R&D and Technology Demonstration project types, what would the contract upper limit be?

RESPONSE 31:

Refer to Annex A – Project Types and Parameters.

QUESTION 32:

Per 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.

- a) Is that a new requirement from DRDC?
- b) We do have an innovation that meets other requirements, but at this present time, we do not have an officially "selected" LGD for our proposal. Does that mean that we cannot present our project? Is a "firm and signed" letter of intent necessary in order to present our proposal?

RESPONSE 32:

- a) The DRDC Science and Technology (S&T) Call for Proposals has always had a requirement to partner with a Canadian Lead Government Department (LGD).
- b) The Lead Government Department must provide the certifications required in the Electronic Proposal Submission Form, under the Lead Government Department (LGD) portion at the time the proposal is submitted.

QUESTION 33:

- a) Another element I wasn't able to find is the actual amount of funding to be obtained if our proposal gets selected. On page 29, it is stated TBD? Is there a specific amount OR specific % of reimbursement of expenses, for example?
- b) Does that mean that the LGD is expected to "purchase" our innovation at the end of the project? Will it be offered to other ministries?
- c) The granted funds would be allocated to whom? The LGD? Our company? A combination of both? I read contractor, by that I understand that it would be our company.

RESPONSE 33:

- a) It is recommended that all proposals stay within the funding limits identified in Annex A – Project Types and Parameters. For information on eligible expenses, refer to Annex I – Co-Investment Information.
- b) Refer to Section 4.7 - Intellectual Property.
- c) Typically, the funds are transferred to the LGD and the funds are dispersed as deemed appropriate according to the arrangement of the project team. For information on the flow of project funding, refer to Annex J – Funding flow chart for resulting Contract(s)/Memorandum of Agreement(s).

QUESTION 34:

Can [a] University be the lead for the project and send money to [a federal government department] as they are able to just transfer money? Let me know if this is acceptable.

RESPONSE 34:

For resulting Contracts or Memorandums of Agreement, funding always flows through the Lead Government Department (LGD) to other partners. Universities are not eligible to act as LGDs. Please refer to Annex F - Funding flow chart for resulting Contract(s)/Memorandum of Agreement(s) for further information.

2) The solicitation closing date has been revised to May 11, 2021 at 2:00pm EDT.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.