
Part 1 - Questions & Answers**Question 001:**

On the RFP 1.2 security requirements, some security clearance takes 2-4 months to obtain. How does it work when we only have about three weeks to apply for this RFP?

Answer 001:

The security requirement is to be *met prior to awarding the contract* and *not to be provided at time of bid submission*. That means, Bidders do not have to take care of this requirement at this stage of the RFP process.

When the bids evaluation is completed and a Bidder is being selected for a contract, at that time we will verify the clearance of the personnel, or if not obtain yet, Canada can facilitate the security process for the Bidder.

That said, we outline the fact that yes, Bidder must collaborate to meet our security requirements and not cause us delays when we are on these steps at time of contract preparation, default to meeting this security promptly, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to act upon it.

Reference to RFP :

1.2 Security Requirements

Before award of a contract, the following conditions must be met:

- (a) the Bidder must hold a valid organization security clearance as indicated in Part 6 - Resulting Contract Clauses;
- (b) the Bidder's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites must meet the security requirements as indicated in Part 6 - Resulting Contract Clauses;
- (c) the Bidder must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites;

Bidders are reminded to obtain the required security clearance promptly. Any delay in the award of a contract to allow the successful Bidder to obtain the required clearance will be at the entire discretion of the Contracting Authority.

Question 002:

Who was the bid awarded to & How much was it for?

Answer 002:

The previous contract for these services was awarded to Qikiqtani Industry. The contract period was from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2021 (4 years) for a total evaluated cost of \$58,700.

End of the Addendum.