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AMENDMENT 008

The purpose of this amendment is to:

1) Respond to potential bidders' questions.

1) QUESTION 90:

The Reference Documents section as only 31 character for the title, however the actual publications/references have longer title. Is there a way to format it with more character?

RESPONSE 90:

The Bidder may wish to put the title of the reference document across two lines. The Bidder also has the option to add attach additional documentation. Refer to Section 3.4.1.1 of the solicitation document.

QUESTION 91:

Also, we might be having more than 9 referenced documents, is that table expandable?

RESPONSE 91:

Please refer to Amendment 007, Question and Response 87.

QUESTION 92:

The cells in the table for reference documents do not seem to fit the title of the documents or the names of the authors. How is it expected to be handled?

RESPONSE 92:

Please refer to Question and Response 90.

QUESTION 93:

Regarding the Program Funding Requested Summary form... how would I include cash being provided by my academic partners to top-up salaries of students being hired for the project? There is the Co-Investment Contribution In-Kind and Cash section of the form with "TOTAL IN-KIND (Labour)" which is where I would want to put the cash part for labour, but it is not clear if I can mix cash with in-kind labour. Please clarify.

RESPONSE 93:

Please include this contribution as in-kind(labour) and the amount should be the total that will be spent on that labour, which can include the top-ups as described.

QUESTION 94:

I'm just writing to ask whether there is any possibility that this CFP's deadline will be extended again?

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RESPONSE 94:

The solicitation closing date remains unchanged at this time.

QUESTION 95:

In MC-4: Financial Support Disclosure, do in-kind contributions from project partners count as sourced of funding? And should they be listed in this section?

RESPONSE 95:

The purpose of the MC-4 Financial Support Disclosure question is for the Bidder to list funding received from all Canadian federal government organizations and programs. In-Kind contributions from project partners must be listed in the table on page 13 under Co-Investment Contribution In-Kind and Cash.

QUESTION 96:

Under section 3.5.4.1 it talks about residual value of tangible goods. Does this mean if we need to make a technology purchase for the project we cannot use the funding provided to do that or that we would need to "buy out" the residual value at the end of the contract? (This would be I the context of a non-federal LGD).

RESPONSE 96:

As per Section 3.5.4.1, the bidder is encouraged to either:

- i) Buy the equipment with partner in-kind cash funds so that the equipment belongs to that partner and will continue to belong to the partner at the end of the project, or
- ii) Rent the equipment for the duration of the project so there is no residual value

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.