
CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

Questions and Answers for RFSO-000462

9. **Q:** What flexibility is there with respect to the Master Agreement (particularly the IP clauses)?

A: Once a proponent is approved for the Standing Offer the Master Agreement terms and conditions can be negotiable. This would apply to all proponents.

10. **Q:** I work alone, managing and undertaken all phases of a research project, and thus have difficulty with your pricing section. On an as required basis, I have hired research assistants (almost always students). I only have an hourly rate that pertains to the principal researcher category. Would it be apt to only list this rate?

A: Yes, for project teams of one person, where that person serves as both Project Manager and Senior Researcher /Principal Investigator, the respondent would provide the rate for that person only.

11. **Q:** Is the “Recently completed at least five (5) significant projects related to the research area(s)” a mandatory requirement?

A: In Template 1, respondents must list at least five relevant projects or assignments related to the research area(s). It is not a requirement that all projects listed be focused on housing; however, respondents should make clear in their submission how the projects listed are related to the Research Competencies and/or Specialized Knowledge areas described in Template 2. Additional research experience (beyond the last five years) may be identified in the response, but this must be in addition to five recently completed projects requested in Template 1.

12. **Q:** Are interested organizations able to partner with outside expertise from other organizations to form a new team for the RFSO? More specifically, could our team partner with a company that specializes in a specific stream we are lacking in to provide a more complete application?

A: Only individual entities may submit a response to the RFSO. Selected respondents, who are awarded a Standing Offer from this RFSO (the “SO Holder”), may subcontract a portion of the work pending written pre-approval from CMHC through the Call-Up process. Call-ups will be issued to the SO Holder (not the subcontractor) and the SO Holder will remain responsible for the sub-contractor and ensure the sub-contractor is bound by the same terms and conditions of the SO Master Agreement. Respondents should identify in their proposal which partner (subcontractor) they would propose to use for a specific service and must identify in the Call-Up.