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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

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SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 001

This Solicitation Amendment is issued to modify the solicitation document and provide Questions and Answers 1-30 regarding Request for Proposal (RFP) EN912-212869/A.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE RFP SOLICITATION DOCUMENT:

1. **At page 5, Part 1, 1.2 (j) Summary:**

DELETE:

RESOURCE CATEGORY	LEVEL OF EXPERTISE	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESOURCES REQUIRED
B.1 Business Analyst	LEVEL 3	3
B.2 Business Architect	LEVEL 3	3
B.3 Business Consultant	LEVEL 3	6
P.1 Change Management Consultant	LEVEL 3	3
P.7 Project Coordinator	LEVEL 2	3
P.9 Project Manager	LEVEL 3	27
P.9 Project Manager	LEVEL 2	6
P.10 Project Scheduler	LEVEL 2	3

INSERT:

RESOURCE CATEGORY	LEVEL OF EXPERTISE	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESOURCES REQUIRED
B.1 Business Analyst	LEVEL 3	1
B.2 Business Architect	LEVEL 3	1
B.3 Business Consultant	LEVEL 3	2
P.1 Change Management Consultant	LEVEL 3	1
P.7 Project Coordinator	LEVEL 2	1
P.9 Project Manager	LEVEL 3	9
P.9 Project Manager	LEVEL 2	2
P.10 Project Scheduler	LEVEL 2	1

2. At page 77, P.1 Change Management Consultant (Level 3), R3, Resource Point-Rated Criteria:

DELETE:

The Contractor should demonstrate, by providing a copy of the certification, that the proposed resource holds an ITIL 3.0 certification at Practitioner Level or above as of the draft TA issuance date.

INSERT:

The Contractor should demonstrate, by providing a copy of the certification, that the proposed resource holds an ITIL 3.0 certification at Practitioner Level or above as of the draft TA issuance date. Note: Prosci is an acceptable certification and is categorized as Expert Level.

3. At page 120, P.1 Change Management Consultant (Level 3), R3, Resource Point-Rated Criteria:

DELETE:

The Bidder should demonstrate, by providing a copy of the certification, that the proposed resource holds an ITIL 3.0 certification at Practitioner Level or above as of the posting date of the bid solicitation.

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The Bidder should demonstrate, by providing a copy of the certification, that the proposed resource holds an ITIL 3.0 certification at Practitioner Level or above as of the posting date of the bid solicitation. Note: Prosci is an acceptable certification and is categorized as Expert Level.

4. At page 95, M1, Corporate Mandatory Criteria:

DELETE:

TBIPS ID	RESOURCE CATEGORY	LEVEL OF EXPERTISE	MINIMUM NUMBER OF BILLABLE DAYS
B.1	Business Analyst	3	1,500
B.2	Business Architect	3	800
B.3	Business Consultant	3	400
P.1	Change Management Consultant	3	1,000
P.7	Project Coordinator	2	400
P.9	Project Manager	3	3,800
P.9	Project Manager	2	2,000
P.10	Project Scheduler	2	1,300

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P.9	Project Manager	3	3,800
P.9	Project Manager	2	2,000
P.10	Project Scheduler	2	400

TRACKING LOG OF INDUSTRY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PROVIDED TO DATE:

Q#	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	We are requesting an invitation to submit a proposal for the Project Management Services (EN912-212869/A) solicitation found on Buy and Sell and we are formally requesting to receive the applicable solicitation documentation.	<p>In accordance with the Bid Solicitation, Part 1 – General Information, Section 1.2(h), Only TBIPS SA Holders holding a TBIPS SA for Tier 2 at the time of bid closing, in all required resource categories in this solicitation and in the National Capital Region under the EN578-170432 series of SAs are eligible to compete.</p> <p>The process for submitting bids is identified in the Bid Solicitation, which can be found in the Tender Notice - Notice of Proposed Procurement (NPP) for Project Management Services (EN912-212869/A) under the attachments heading near the bottom of the page.</p>
2	We would like to participate in the bid and submit the proposal for Project Management Services (EN912-212869/A). Would it be possible to add us to the list and send the details for this RFP?	<p>In accordance with the Bid Solicitation, Part 1 – General Information, Section 1.2(h), Only TBIPS SA Holders holding a TBIPS SA for Tier 2 at the time of bid closing, in all required resource categories in this solicitation and in the National Capital Region under the EN578-170432 series of SAs are eligible to compete.</p> <p>The process for submitting bids is identified in the Bid Solicitation, which can be found in the Tender Notice - Notice of Proposed Procurement (NPP) for Project Management Services (EN912-212869/A) under the</p>

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		attachments heading near the bottom of the page.
3	Regarding the above-mentioned solicitation posted on Buy&Sell, nearly all of the submission content requires bidders to use tables and templates specifically produced for the solicitation. We would therefore ask if we can receive a copy of the Attachment 1 document (or at least Attachments 4.1 and 4.2) in Word format in order to maintain accuracy.	As per the Tender Notice - Notice of Proposed Procurement (NPP) Description: "Note to Bidders: This solicitation document is available in .PDF format only."
4	Could the client please confirm if the Corporate Point-Rated Criteria (Pages 110-111 of Attachment 001) is correct? The criterion and the point allocation seem unrelated to the rest of the RFP.	<p>Yes, the corporate point-rated criteria on pages 110 and 111 (pages 118 to 120 in French solicitation) of Attachment 001 is correct. These point rated criteria are to address Canada's commitment to accessible procurement. Please see the Tender Notice - Notice of Proposed Procurement (NPP) Description paragraph on Accessibility (also shown below).</p> <p>Accessible Procurement</p> <p>Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC)'s goal is to ensure that the goods and services the Government of Canada (GC) buys are inclusive by design and accessible by default. Considering accessibility in public procurements is now an obligation in the Treasury Board Contracting Policy and accessibility criteria must be included in the requirements for goods and services, where appropriate.</p>
5	We would like to be invited to this mandate, if our Company qualifies for this mandate.	<p>Please note that companies are not invited to the above mentioned solicitation.</p> <p>In accordance with the Bid Solicitation, Part 1 – General Information, Section 1.2(h), Only TBIPS SA Holders holding a TBIPS SA for Tier 2 at the time of bid closing, in all required resource categories in this solicitation and in the National capital Region under the EN578-170432 series of SAs are eligible to compete.</p> <p>The process for submitting bids is identified in the Bid Solicitation, which can be found in the Tender Notice - Notice of Proposed Procurement (NPP) for Project Management Services (EN912-212869/A) under the</p>

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6	Can you please invite us to the above mentioned solicitation?	<p>Please note that companies are not invited to the above mentioned solicitation.</p> <p>In accordance with the Bid Solicitation, Part 1 – General Information, Section 1.2(h), Only TBIPS SA Holders holding a TBIPS SA for Tier 2 at the time of bid closing, in all required resource categories in this solicitation and in the National capital Region under the EN578-170432 series of SAs are eligible to compete.</p> <p>The process for submitting bids is identified in the Bid Solicitation, which can be found in the Tender Notice - Notice of Proposed Procurement (NPP) for Project Management Services (EN912-212869/A) under the attachments heading near the bottom of the page.</p>
7	For M1 Sub Section #8 & 9, please confirm that if the billable days are for a TBIPS contract in the exact same TBIPS category then a Bidder does not have to map/match the tasks of the SOW provided the Bidder supplies the specific contract details per APPENDIX B TO ATTACHMENT 4, indicating the exact TBIPS category and level that the named resource was contracted under (and therefore matches) in Section 4.	In accordance with Attachment 4.1, Mandatory Criteria 1, Subsection 9, "For each demonstrated task, the Bidder must cross-reference to the associated tasks listed in Annex A for that Resource Category of that level" and "The Bidder must complete both Appendix A1 to Attachment 4.1 (Bidders Response Template for Billable Days) and Appendix B to Attachment 4.1 (Bidders Response Template for Contract/Project Reference) submitted as part of its response to M1. In addition, Appendix B to Attachment 4.1 Mandatory Criteria, Subsection 4 requires identification of the tasks performed by each individual named resource under the contract, with a cross reference to each specific SOW associated task.
8	Can PWGSC please confirm that the total number of resources to be proposed for evaluation at time of bid submission is eight (8). (One (1) resource per category listed in Annex A of the RFP).	In accordance with the Statement of Work, section 4.1 Scope of Work, 4.1.1 the total number of resources required for the contract period as well as the option period is 18 as per below: B.1. Business Analyst 1, B.2. Business Architect 1, B.3. Business Consultant 2, P.1. Change Management Consultant 1, P.7. Project Coordinator 1, P.9 Project Manager (level 3) 9, P.9 Project Manager (level 2) 2, and P.10 Project Scheduler 1.

<p>9</p>	<p>In R4 of the Resource Point-Rated Criteria for both Project Manager Level 2 and Project Manager Level 3, to score the maximum of points 40 points, a Master's Degree in Project Management is required in addition to either a CMC, PRINCE2 (Foundation), or PRINCE2 (Practitioner) certification. This requirement of a Master's Degree in Project Management, in addition to the listed certifications, significantly limits the pool of available resources. In Part 1 – General Information 1.2 (j) the estimated number of resources required for Project Manager Level 2 six (6), and Project Manager Level 3 is twenty-seven (27). Considering that the Project Manager Level 3 requires a PMP to be compliant, and PMP and PRINCE2 are globally accepted project management standards, would the Crown amend the criteria for both the PM L2 and PM L3 to require only one of the listed certifications for full points, and remove the Master's Degree in Project Management? The addition of the Master's Degree to score 30 of the 40 available points unfairly limits the field of candidates who may have years of direct experience and credentials.</p>	<p>It has been our experience that not all Project Managers have the necessary PMP or Prince2 qualifications. Thus we have ensured different qualifications for both levels to ensure a broader range of candidates. The current evaluation criteria will stand.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>The request for eight resources, along with mandatory corporate requirements and references, requires a large and detailed proposal response. Due to the complexity of the requirements and the upcoming stat holiday and summer vacations we respectfully request a three-week extension which will allow for increased participation from vendors, and for bidders to find, reference check, and submit the best available resources for this requirement, resulting in more compliant choices for the client.</p>	<p>The number of resources for the contract period and option years is 18 not 8. No extension will be given at this time.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Can PSPC please explain why none of the corporate evaluation criteria requires any pay administration experience? The Statement of Work is clear in the Pay/HR context of the work: "PSPC is looking to the private sector to provide various "business project management office" related services supporting effective implementation of</p>	<p>PSPC is supported by both the Crown Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) as well as the Vendor (currently IBM). We require project management resources to support us in our day to day project management activities. It has been our experience that not all Project Managers have the necessary PMP or Prince2 qualifications. Thus we have ensured different qualifications for both levels to</p>

	<p>various pay administration projects to support the regular business cycle as well as to align with HR to Pay stabilization measures and with the overall goal of stabilizing and improving end to end HR to Pay. Skill sets are required to help with a variety of services within the context as outlined in this document. Skill sets are outlined in table 2.1.1.”</p> <p>Given this context, how can a Bidder’s team be considered properly qualified for this work when none of grids require experience with HR or Pay or GC Pay solutions and only two roles (Project Manager Level 2 and Level 3) require experience with PeopleSoft or SAP?</p> <p>We strongly urge PSPC to amend the RFP to require that at least 50% of the billable days in M1 be in projects that involved pay administration solutions and that the grids be amended to add HR to Pay experience in the mandatory and rated that represents at least 30% of the points weighting. For example, wherever the resource grid requires COTS experience it could be changed to require COTS ERP pay solutions experience (i.e. SAP, PeopleSoft).</p>	<p>ensure a broader range of candidates. We will not modify.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>For the Project Manager Level 2 criteria, in R4 the resource is awarded up to 40 for certifications that even an experienced Project Manager Level 3 may not have. For example a Masters in Project Management, Certified Management Consultant and PRINCE2 Practitioner are all considered advanced designations and it is highly unlikely that a Project Manager with five years experience would hold more than one certification, let alone advanced ones. To require the same level of certification for a Level 2 and Level 3 doesn’t seem fair. We suggest that providing full points for a PMP certification is more in keeping with the Level 2 role and for the grid to be changed to reflect this.</p>	<p>It has been our experience that not all Project Managers have the necessary PMP or Prince2 qualifications. Thus we have ensured different qualifications for both levels to ensure a broader range of candidates. Current evaluation criteria to remain.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>RE: M1 Sub-criteria #9.(i) states: “It is the Bidder’s responsibility to ensure it has obtained any required permissions to</p>	<p>The bidder must have permission to divulge any information about persons named in its bid.</p>

	<p>divulge any information about persons named in its bid.” ; and, (ii) “The Bidder must have been the prime contractor, rather than a subcontractor, for all contracts it references.”</p> <p>Considering M1 is for contract experience of the Bidder as a Prime Contractor, why would the Bidder need permission of the resources to disclose the details of the work that the Bidder was contracted to perform?</p>	
<p>14</p>	<p>The Change Management – Level 3 role requires an ITIL certification with additional rated criteria for higher levels and the Project Manager Level 3 role also contains rated criteria for an ITIL certification. Both Project Manager Level 3 and Level 2 also strongly favour a PRINCE2 certification in the rated with no allowance for the more common PMP Certification. This limits the resources that can be proposed in bidder responses and in turn will also lower the pool of potential candidates for these roles for individual task authorizations after contract award. ITIL and PRINCE2 are not mentioned within the Statement of Work. Can the client please provide details on how ITIL and PRINCE2 are being used as essential parts of this project?</p>	<p>ITIL Certification demonstrates that the resource has knowledge of Information Technology (IT) service management best practices and Prince certification demonstrates that the resource has knowledge or running a successful project regardless of scale or type. These are rated criteria that complement PMP for PM Level 3.</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Project experience implementing COTS software represents 2 mandatory resource criteria as well as multiple rated resource criteria representing a total 10% of the overall technical score for the RFP. This limits the resources that can be proposed in bidder responses and will also lower the pool of potential candidates for these roles for individual task authorizations after contract award. The Statement of Work does not mention how COTS Software will be utilized or what type of COTS software will be needed to fulfill any project requirements. Can the client please provide details on how implementing Commercial-Off-The-Shelf software is an essential part of this project?</p>	<p>CS Pay currently works with 2 COTS, PeopleSoft and Phoenix, and work has begun on developing a Reconciliation tool for pay matters. We require individuals who have been part of an implementation process in the past and understand the environment that this entails.</p>

<p>16</p>	<p>It is typical for Tier 2 TBIP RFP's of this scope and size to undergo a lengthy evaluation period before contract award. Can the client confirm if the 8 resources presented to fulfill the criteria are required to be available upon award of the contract?</p>	<p>The number of resources required for the contract period is 18 as opposed to 8 as identified in your question.</p> <p>The resources will need to be available per the following:</p> <p>Part 5 – Certifications and Additional Information, section 5.1(b) Professional Services Resources</p> <p>(i) By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that, if it is awarded a contract as a result of the bid solicitation, every individual proposed in its bid will be available to perform the work as required by Canada's representatives and at the time specified in the bid solicitation or agreed to with Canada's representatives.</p> <p>Part 7 – Resulting Contract Clauses, section 7.3 Task Authorization</p> <p>(d) Contractor's Response to Draft Task Authorization: The Contractor must provide to the Technical Authority, within 5 working days of receiving the draft Task Authorization (or within any longer time period specified in the draft TA), a quotation with the proposed total price for performing the task and a breakdown of that cost, established in accordance with the Basis of Payment specified in the Contract, as well as its corresponding proposed resource(s) in accordance with Appendix A to Annex A of the Contract. The Contractor's quotation must be based on the rates set out in the Contract. The Contractor will not be paid for preparing or providing its response or for providing other information required to prepare and validly issue the TA.</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>Please refer to the Corporate Point-Rated Criteria (Page 110 of the RFP).</p>	<p>Yes, the corporate point-rated criteria on pages 110 and 111 (pages 118 to 120 in</p>

	<p>a. The Corporate Point-Rated Criteria amounts to a total of 2 points. The Resource Point-Rated Criteria amounts to 1055 points. By our interpretation, this makes the total technical score to be 1057 points, which means the Corporate Point-Rated Criteria contributes less than 0.002% to the final technical scoring. Can the client please confirm this interpretation is correct, and if so, can the client please explain why it has decided to request demonstration of requirements that the client themselves have deemed inconsequential?</p> <p>b. These two criteria exclusively deal with accessibility in documents. These bear no relation to the Corporate Mandatory Criteria, the Resource Criteria, or the Statement of Work, which involves the supply of Professional technical resources on an as-and-when-required basis. The supplier would not be preparing the documentation used on the project as those deliverables will be prepared by the individual resources. Furthermore, the R2 criteria involves the Bidder advertising their accessibility accommodations on their website. Despite the rationale provided, we fail to see the importance of a Bidder confirming their accessibility options on their website as being deemed valuable by the technical authority for a proposal about the provision of ITSM resources. There is also a disconnect where R2 is speaking about providing service products using accessibility accommodations being mentioned on their website, but expects the demonstration to use the official GoC guidelines meant for web content only. Finally, if the client does deem accessibility accommodations as important for this contract, it would make more sense to include a clause or mandatory requirement within the RFP stating that the winning vendor must be able to provide their documents in an accessible format when requested. We therefore request that this criteria be removed completely from the RFP.</p>	<p>French solicitation) of Attachment 001 is correct. These point rated criteria are to address Canada's commitment to accessible procurement. Regarding part (a.) while the total number of points for the Corporate Point-Rated Criteria amounts to a total of 2 points, they are not insignificant or inconsequential. Regarding part (b) Canada has chosen to evaluate accessibility as part of the requirement and will not be removing the criteria from the RFP. Please see the Tender Notice - Notice of Proposed Procurement (NPP) Description paragraph on Accessibility (also shown below).</p> <p>Accessible Procurement</p> <p>Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC)'s goal is to ensure that the goods and services the Government of Canada (GC) buys are inclusive by design and accessible by default. Considering accessibility in public procurements is now an obligation in the Treasury Board Contracting Policy and accessibility criteria must be included in the requirements for goods and services, where appropriate.</p>
18	"Would the Crown consider amending Corporate Mandatory M2 to lessen the	Current criteria to remain.

	<p>number of years requiring revenues of five million dollars for Informatics professional services from five consecutive twelve month periods within the last five years to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Three consecutive twelve month periods in the last five years; or 2. Three consecutive twelve month periods in the last three years. <p>Alternatively, would the Crown consider amending M2 to allow vendors to show twenty-five millions dollars of revenue in the last five years?</p> <p>We believe that the above amendment options keep with the spirit of the requirement but will allow the Crown to receive a greater number of competitive bids.”</p>	
19	<p>For Corporate Mandatory criteria M1, would the crown consider consolidating the TBIPS business roles (B.1 Business Analyst Level 3 , B.2 Business Architect Level 3, B.3 Business Consultant Level 3) in a separate workstream and the TBIPS project management roles (P.1 Change Management Consultant Level 3, P.7 Project Coordinator Level 2, P.9 Project Manager Level 3, P.9 Project Manager Level 2, P.10 Project Scheduler Level 2) in a separate workstream allowing qualified TBIPS Tier 2 vendors to bid either workstream or both? As the crown more recently tends to procure TBIPS Tier 2 Services in separate workstreams for risk management purposes (ie one for business services, another for project management services, another for IT Security), requiring corporate mandatory criteria that include both business services management and project management services in the same contract reference(s) would be challenging. Separate streams would enhance stakeholder consultations for business needs analysis and allow on going project management services as required.</p>	<p>No. Criteria will remain as is.</p>
20	<p>We are an existing, qualified TSPS/TBIPS SA holder and we are very</p>	<p>Please note that companies are not invited to the above mentioned solicitation.</p>

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21	Currently M4 of this resource evaluation grid requires the resource to possess an ITIL certification at the Foundation Level, and R3 requires the resource to possess a second ITIL certification at the Practitioner Level or above to score points. A Prosci certification is a certification that is more common for experienced Change Management Consultants to hold. Given that it is very rare that a resource would have two separate ITIL certifications, would the Crown allow for a Prosci certification to be presented and score the full 30 points on R3?	Yes, Prosci certification is acceptable. The criteria has been amended herein as part of this solicitation amendment.
22	<p>We request an extension of the closing date of the RFP to Friday August 6, 2021.</p> <p>Due to the confluence of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the St. Jean Baptise holiday, and the July 1st holiday, Bidders and consultant resources require additional time to complete submissions for this RFP. Will the Crown please grant an extension to the current closing date to Friday August 6, 2021 in order to provide Bidders with sufficient time to gather information, vet resource qualifications, and produce a high quality proposal response?</p>	No extension will be given at this time.
23	Q. M3 – b. The start date for all ten (10) resources or more must have occurred within the same ninety (90) day period	Yes, the crown will accept that firms that have assembled a team of 10 or more qualified IT resources for a contract where

	<p>within the five (5) years preceding the posting date of this bid solicitation;</p> <p>Limiting the contract to 10 resources all working consecutively and starting work within 90 days doesn't accurately assess a firm's ability to deliver quality personnel, and is unduly limiting.</p> <p>Would the crown simply accept that firms that have assembled a team of 10 or more qualified IT resources for a contract where resources were engaged for the same 90 day period in the last five years be acceptable?</p>	<p>resources were engaged for the same 90 day period in the last five years, to be acceptable.</p>
24	<p>A resource with Level 3 experience by definition meets the experience required for Level 2 in the same category. Given this, please confirm that a resource in a category billing at Level 3 may be mapped and presented into a Level 2 category for any of the Level 2 categories billable days in Corporate M1.</p>	<p>No, as we are looking a billable hours and resources cannot be double counted in different categories.</p>
25	<p>P.1 Change Management Consultant Mandatory Criteria M4 requires resources to hold an ITIL certification, would the Crown please also accept a Prosci change management certification in response to M4 as the Prosci certification is highly relevant to the SoW and will allow venders to source capable and valuable resources.</p>	<p>Yes, that would be acceptable.</p>
26	<p>B.2 Business Architect Mandatory Criteria M4 requires resources to have a university degree, would the Crown please also accept candidates who hold a college diploma in a relevant field.</p>	<p>No, University degree is required.</p>
27	<p>P.9 Project Manager Rated Criteria R4 requires that the resource hold one or more of several Project Management certifications. In order to accommodate skilled and otherwise competitive resources would the Crown please also accept MSP certifications in response to R4.</p>	<p>Yes, that would be acceptable.</p>
28	<p>Please refer to Corporate Mandatory Criteria M1 (Page 96 of the RFP). The number of billable days that Bidders are required to demonstrate for M1 for</p>	<p>Yes. The Crown will reduce the number of billable hours from 1300 to 400 to match the project coordinator requirements.</p>

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	<p>Project Scheduler – Level 2 seems to be completely divergent from the estimated number of resources being expected. As noted on Pages 51-52 of the RFP, it is estimated that only one Project Scheduler will be required for the initial contract period and yet Bidders must demonstrate 1300 billable days which is more than triple the days required for the Project Coordinator role, also noted as only requiring 1 resource for this contract. This places a high value on a category that is uncommon or redundant for many major projects and that even in the case of this RFP is estimated to only be fulfilled by one resource. We therefore request that the required number of billable days for the Project Scheduler – Level 2 be reduced to 400 to match the Project Coordinator role.</p>	
29	<p>Given the upcoming Holiday, will the Crown grant a week extension To July 29, 2021</p>	<p>No extension will be given at this time.</p>
30	<p>With regards to the aforementioned solicitation, we would like to submit the following request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Due to the extensive requirements and to ensure the appropriate time is taken to address each criteria item and requirement, we would like to respectfully request an extension to Wednesday, August 4th, 2021 at 2:00pm EDT.	<p>No extension will be given at this time.</p>