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pour un arrangement en matière
d'approvisionnement**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless
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the Solicitation remain the same.

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Date of Original Request for Supply Arrangement 2021-05-28 Date de demande pour un arrangement en matière d'app. originale	
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM Eastern Standard Time EST on - le 2027-07-30 Heure Normale de l'Est HNE	
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The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer. Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre.		
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ADDENDUM 003

The purpose of amendment 003 is to provide answers to the questions raised by the industry during the Request for Supply Arrangement period;

Question 13

Definitions for categories S.17, S.18, S.19 and G.7 (requested for some of the areas) do not exist in Annex B - Resource Category Description. Is it possible to have the definition of these categories?

Answer :

See new Attachment 1 - Mandatory Evaluation Criteria, which replaces the one posted on May 28, 2021.

Question 14.

Section 11.4 from Annex A - SOW indicates that overtime will only be undertaken only when authorized by the Technical Authority. In case work must be performed outside usual hours and more than 37,5 hours over a period of one week, how will overtime be paid w.r.t. the normal hourly rates (established in the RFP/TA)? Since bidder's answers for each Task Authorization is deemed in less than 21 calendar days (3 weeks), can the Crown provide a clarification of this aspect in the Supply Arrangements qualification to avoid omissions, uncertainty and/or delays during the RFP/Task Authorization bidding process ?

Answer:

The purpose for the RFSA is to pre-qualify suppliers. Clauses and conditions related to the resulting contract will be part of eventual requests for proposal.

Question 17

Would PSPC consider extending the completed related R&D projects period from 3 to 5 years?

Answer :

No

Question 18

Would PSPC consider accepting relevant DND C4ISR professional services contracts over \$75K involving a solution development and implementation as substitute for the two R&D projects?

Answer :

Yes, as long as the professional services contracts clearly meet all the elements described for Mandatory Criterion 2 (M.2).

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Question 19

It is mentioned that "An employee can only be proposed in a single resource category requested for a given C4ISR R&D Area, but the same resource may be proposed in more than one C4ISR R&D Area". This indicates equivalencies would be required when using the same resource for two (2) different resource categories in Areas 1-5. In an effort to increase the number of C4ISR R&D Areas (1-5) for which a Supplier wishes to qualify for, will Canada accept equivalencies to demonstrate that each candidate maps to the required services (listed in Annex B) of the targeted Resource Category?

Answer :

Each time a resource is proposed for a given category, the supplier must provide all the requested information to Mandatory Criterion M.3 for the targeted category.

Question 21

With reference to the disclosure of Foreground Information, can Canada confirm when bidder must provide the information stated?

Answer :

On completion of the Work, the Contractor must submit to the Technical Authority and to the Contracting Authority a copy of the Contractor Disclosure of Foreground Information attached as Annex D of the RFSA stating that all applicable disclosures were submitted.

Question 23

Can it be confirmed that there isn't an educational requirement for the following resource categories as it is not noted within the annex:

- A.1 Software Architect
- A.2 Enterprise Architect
- A.3 Systems Architect
- A.4 Data Architect
- A.5 Software Analyst
- A.10 Network Analyst
- A.12 Geomatics Analyst
- A.13 Software Lead Developer
- A.18 System Admin Programmer

Answer :

Confirmed

Question 24

The RFSA states that each resource needs to be a minimum of level 2 but there are certain resources listing only level 3 descriptions, would this mean that these resources needs to be at that level 3 requirement?

Answer :

Yes

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Question 25

For the purpose of providing experience and expertise of the supplier, can a sub-contractor's project experience qualify under the supplier?

Answer:

No

All other terms, clauses and conditions remain unchanged

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Attachment 1 - Mandatory Evaluation Criteria

1. Mandatory Requirements

This Request for Supply Arrangement (RFSA) contains mandatory requirements. All elements of this RFSA that are mandatory requirements are identified specifically with the words “must”, “mandatory”, or “(M)”.

Suppliers must comply with each and every mandatory requirement. If a proposal does not comply with a mandatory requirement, the proposal will be considered non-compliant and be disqualified.

RFSA Definitions:

These definitions are provided within the RFSA:

- i. An acceptable substantiation reference under this RFSA is defined as a client reference who may be contacted, at Canada’s discretion, to confirm the Supplier has previously provided the identified Services. The same reference may be used for multiple Domains of Expertise. Multiple projects may have the same substantiation reference. Where Canada determines that the Supplier has not provided the contact information required for the substantiation reference as requested, Canada may provide the Supplier with 48 calendar hours within which to submit information acceptable to Canada. Failure to follow up on a request for additional information made by the RSFA Authority will result in the exclusion of the proposal.
- ii. An Outside Entity is any legal entity that is not a parent, subsidiary or affiliate of the Supplier or any member of a joint venture supplier.
- iii. A Project is a contract between the Supplier and an Outside Entity under which the Supplier has provided S&T professional services solution to the Outside Entity, and has fulfilled all of the terms of the contract, provided that, if the contract provides for discrete phases with specific deliverables, then any such phase completed by the Supplier, including receipt by the Supplier of payment in full for all work and delivery by the Supplier of all deliverables, shall qualify as a Project. Task authorization completed in a given contract can be considered as a project.

It is mandatory that Suppliers submit detailed information to demonstrate that they meet all the requirements. Suppliers should utilize Templates (Tables 2 and 3) in the preparation of their Technical Proposal.

2. Mandatory Criterion 1 (M.1) - Minimum Years in Business

The Supplier must have been in business as the same legal entity for a minimum of three (3) years as of the RFSA closing date. In order to demonstrate this, the Supplier must provide documented proof such as a certificate of incorporation, business registration or tax returns in its proposal confirming the number of years its firm has been in business.

In the case of a joint venture, one of the members of the joint venture must demonstrate the minimum three-year requirement.

Canada will consider the three (3) year minimum requirement to be met if the Supplier has been incorporated or otherwise created less than three (3) years before RFSA closing as the result of a corporate change under which it has in law assumed all of the assets, undertaking, operational capability, skills and resources of other legal entities, then Canada will consider the three (3) year minimum requirement to be met. In this case, the number of years in business of the other recognized legal entities and the one of the Supplier must total a minimum of three (3) years.

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3. Mandatory Criterion 2 (M.2) - Experience and Expertise of the Supplier related to the C4ISR R&D Areas

For each C4ISR R&D Areas for which the Supplier wants to be qualified, he must provide two (2) relevant R&D projects completed for one or more Outside entities.

To determine if a project is considered relevant, the jury will rely on the typical tasks related to the C4ISR Areas described in Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of the SOW, the topics of Annex C - Sciences and Technology Fields and how it could be applied within the military C4ISR.

Failure to provide all information required will result in the project being declared as non-compliant. Should a project be non-compliant, then the entire C4ISR R&D Area will be non-compliant, as each C4ISR R&D Area requires compliant projects to be submitted. If more than two (2) projects are submitted, then only the first two projects will be evaluated.

The same project could be presented in more than one C4ISR R&D Area.

For each C4ISR R&D Area for which the Supplier wants to be qualified, he must provide:

Two (2) relevant R&D projects related to the C4ISR Area for an Outside Entity completed within the last three (3) years prior to RFSA closing date. The total dollar value of each of the two (2) projects must be over \$ 75 000 CAD, excluding all taxes, to be considered.

To determine whether a project meets the requested criterion, the Supplier must provide a description of each project by giving the following information:

- a. Identification of the project (also known as a mandate or initiative) and whether the Supplier was the prime contractor, a sub-contractor, or participant in a joint venture;
- b. Identification of the Client Organization: company name, country and city location;
- c. Total dollar value (\$ CAD) excluding all taxes of the project for the Supplier;
- d. Start and End Dates of the project;
- e. Effort (full-time PY equivalent) of the project for the Supplier;
- f. Brief description of the nature of the project;
- g. List of typical activities and a description of the associated deliverables. In case of published papers, provide a full bibliographic reference;
- h. Relevance of the project against the C4ISR R&D Area and how it could be applied within the military C4ISR Area;
- i. Reference(s):
 - Contact Name;
 - Title;
 - Phone Number and/or email.

The Supplier should describe each project using the "Project description template" (PDT) of Table 1 provided below.

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Table 1 - PROJECT DESCRIPTION TEMPLATE

(a) Project:		Prime Contractor: ___ Yes ___ No	Sub-Contractor: ___ Yes ___ No
(b) Client Organization:		Country:	City:
(c) Total Dollar Value of the Project:	(d) Start Date: End Date:	(e) Effort:	
(f) Description:			
(g) Typical Activities and Deliverables			
Activities:		Deliverables:	
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.			
(h) Relevance of the Project against the C4ISR R&D Area			
(i) Reference(s):			
Contact Name:	Title:	Phone Number and/or email:	

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4. Mandatory Criterion 3 (M.3) - Experience and Expertise of the Supplier's Resources related to a C4ISR R&D Area

For each C4ISR R&D Area for which a Supplier wants to be qualified, the Supplier must provide the names of employees that match the experience and expertise description of resource categories associated with the C4ISR R&D area. To determine if the experience and expertise are relevant, the jury will rely, among other things, on the experience and expertise of these resource categories as described in Annex B. The experience and expertise of a resource may have been acquired for a different organization than the Supplier.

To be qualified and awarded a SA in a given C4ISR R&D Area, the Supplier must provide the number of employees asked among the resource categories requested for that C4ISR R&D Area (see Table 3). An employee can only be proposed in a single resource category requested for a given C4ISR R&D Area, but the same resource may be proposed in more than one C4ISR R&D Area.

C4ISR R&D Area 1 to Area 4:

The Supplier must propose two (2) employees, having at least a Level two (2) of experience and expertise, from two (2) different resource categories among the resource categories identified for that C4ISR R&D Area.

C4ISR R&D Area 5 - C4ISR Integration:

The Supplier must propose three (3) employees, having at least a level two (2) of experience and expertise, from at least two (2) different resource categories selected among the resource categories identified for that C4ISR R&D Area.

The Level two (2) for each resource categories is described in Annex B - Resource Category Description.

To determine whether resources meets the criterion, the Supplier must describe the experience and expertise of each proposed employee by providing the resumes (Curriculum Vitae: CV) of each proposed employees and each of this information:

- a. Name of the proposed resource;
- b. Resource category with his level, as Annex B;
- c. Description of the relevant experience and expertise of the category of the proposed resource, as per Annex B;
- d. Reference to the detailed CV where the experience and expertise of the proposed resource is described;
- e. Name of the project (also known as a mandate or initiative) during which experience and expertise has been acquired;
- f. Name of the client or organization for which the project (also known as a mandate or initiative) was executed.
- g. Task duration, in months, performed by the resource and pertaining to the experience and expertise described;

The Supplier should describe the experience and expertise of each proposed employee using the Summary of Experience and Expertise Template (SEET) of Table 2 provided below.

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5 – Table of requirements for M.2 and M.3 and examples

The following is a summary of Mandatory Criteria 2 and 3 required for each of the areas for which a Supplier want to qualify.

Table 3 – REQUIREMENTS FOR CRITERIA M.2 AND M.3

C4ISR R&D Area	M.2 Experience and Expertise of the Supplier related the C4ISR R&D Areas	M.3 Expertise and Expertise of the Supplier's Resources related to a C4ISR R&D Area	
	Relevant Projects to be presented	Resource Category, at least Level 2 (see **)	Number of employees to be presented in 2 different Resource Category
1 – Command and Control (C2)	Number : Two (2) Relevant Projects completed within three (3) years prior of RFSA closing date Value: more than \$75 000 CAD	S.1 - Sensemaking Specialist S.10 - Cognitive Engineering Specialist S.13 - Decision Support Specialist S.14 - Command and Control Specialist S.15 - Experimentation Manager	2
2 – Communication, computers information systems (C2IS)	Number : Two (2) Relevant Projects completed within three (3) years prior of RFSA closing date Value: more than \$75 000 CAD	A.9 - Security Analyst A.10 - Network Analyst G.3 - Modelling and Simulation Specialist G.4 - Network Engineer G.5 - Communications Systems Specialist	2
3 – Information Collection, Exploitation and Targeting	Number : Two (2) Relevant Projects completed within three (3) years prior of RFSA closing date Value: more than \$75 000 CAD	S.4 - Information/Knowledge Management Specialist S.7 - Human-Computer Interaction and Visualisation Specialist S.16 - Data Scientist	2
4 – Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance (ISR)	Number : Two (2) Relevant Projects completed within three (3) years prior of RFSA closing date Value: more than \$75 000 CAD	S.7 - Human-Computer Interaction and Visualisation Specialist S.16 - Data Scientist G.5 - Communications Systems Specialist G.6 - Electronic Warfare Specialist	2

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C4ISR R&D Area	M.2 Experience and Expertise of the Supplier related the C4ISR R&D Areas	M.3 Expertise and Expertise of the Supplier's Resources related to a C4ISR R&D Area	
	Relevant Projects to be presented	Resource Category, at least Level 2 (see **)	Number of employees to be presented in 2 different Resource Category
5 - C4ISR Integration	Number : Two (2) Relevant Projects completed within three (3) years prior of RFSA closing date Value: more than \$75 000 CAD	A.1 - Software Architect A.2 - Enterprise Architect A.3 - Systems Architect A.4 - Data Architect A.5 - Software Analyst A.10 - Network Analyst A.12 - Geomatics Analyst A.13 - Software Lead Developer A.18 - System Administration Programmer	3

Example 1 – Supplier “A” wants to qualified for C4ISR R&D Areas 2 and 5

- He must meet the Mandatory Criterion M.1 for the minimum years in business;
- He must provide all the information requested to mandatory Criterion M.2 - Experience and Expertise of the Supplier related the C4ISR R&D Areas 2 and 5. That means he must present :
 - Two (2) relevant R&D Projects related to Area 2;
 - Two (2) relevant R&D Projects related to Area 5.
- He must provide all the requested information to Mandatory Criterion M.3 - **Experience and Expertise of the Supplier's Resources related to a C4ISR R&D Areas 2 and 5**. That means he must present:
 - For Area 2 : Two (2) resources in two (2) different resource categories among these categories :
 - A.9 - Security Analyst
 - A.10 - Network Analyst
 - G.3 - Modelling and Simulation Specialist
 - G.4 - Network Engineer
 - G.5 - Communications Systems Specialist

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- For Area 5 : Three (3) resources in two different resource categories among these categories :
 - A.1 - Software Architect
 - A.2 - Enterprise Architect
 - A.3 - Systems Architect
 - A.4 - Data Architect
 - A.5 - Software Analyst
 - A.10 - Network Analyst
 - A.12 - Geomatics Analyst
 - A.13 - Software Lead Developer
 - A.18 - System Administration Programmer

Result:

For C4ISR R&D Area 2, the two (2) projects and the two (2) resources submitted are deemed compliant. Supplier A is qualified and is awarded a SA in C4ISR R&D Area 2.

For C4ISR R&D Area 5, the two (2) projects submitted are deemed compliant, but only two (2) resources on the three (3) presented are deemed compliant. The Supplier could see to qualified for Area 5 or another Area during the next period of evaluation of the RFSA.