

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FOR RFSO 1000227016

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Q12	On page 20 of the RFSO document, under R1.2 in the Point-Rated Requirements table, there is a reference to Clause 4.5.1 of the Technical Evaluation. Proponents are required to include all ten components listed in this Clause. However, this Clause is missing in the RFSO document. Please confirm which ten components you are referring to.
A12	Please refer to the ten components listed under section 1 (Format) in the Attachment 1 to Part 4 (p. 17 to 19).
Q13	At the top of page 20 of the RFSO document, in the last bullet about “Letter from an acceptable Insurance Company”, there appears to be an error in the PDF (read as Error! Reference source not found.) Please confirm the appendix referred to is Annex G
A13	Yes please refer to Annex G.
Q14	We would like to request that the closing date be extended to August 3, 2021. Like Indigenous Services Canada, we value quality, which we achieve in our proposals through rigorous reviews and validation. We would like not to sacrifice the quality of our response due to the short timeline.
A14	Unfortunately, we can not extend the closing date to August 3, 2021. The RFSO was set to be posted for 30 days and will be closed on July 23, 2021.
Q15	Item n in “Annex G – Insurance requirements” states that the Commercial General Liability policy must include “ <i>Sudden and Accidental Pollution Liability (minimum 120 hours): To protect the Contractor for liabilities arising from damages caused by accidental pollution incidents.</i> ” As the <u>sudden and accidental pollution</u> is NOT provided under the Commercial General Liability, please confirm if submitting an evidence of our Contractors Pollution Liability policy which is in force would be acceptable for Indigenous Services Canada.
A15	Yes, if your sudden and accidental pollution liability policy is not provided under the Commercial General Liability Policy, please include it as a separate policy. Minimum 120 hours window period for pollutants detection must be stated in your proof.
Q16	Page 23 of 65, Point Rated Requirements 4.1, of the RFSO states “Documentary Proof of design success (e.g., prizes and commendations) for each of the four (4) projects summarized (1 pt. for each prize/commendations, total 4 pt.)” Would ISC consider a positive reference letter from a client as documented proof?
A16	Yes, positive reference letter from clients are accepted as documented proof.
Q17	Page 19 of 65 of the RFSO states “ The Offeror is encouraged to submit CVs for more than two (2) candidates for each Personnel Category. For the purpose of Offer evaluation, ISC will only evaluate two (2) candidates with the highest number of years of relevant experiences. Additional candidates and their technical qualifications may be evaluated later and considered when selecting a successful Offeror for a Call-up.” a. If the bidder submits more than (2) candidates for each Personnel Category but would like ISC to review the CV of an individual with slightly less years experience because the

	individual with the fewer years experience will score better under other evaluation criteria, can the bidder request this in the proposal?
A17	Yes, you can specify the two(2) candidates in each Personnel Category that you would like ISC to review. Note that for all extra candidates proposed, ISC recommends bidder to follow the same requirements listed in Attachment 1 to Part 4, as the extra personnel proposed can be considered as a replacement for the two evaluated personnel from the same staff category, following S.W.9 of the RFSO.
Q18	Would ISC please consider giving a one week extension to the submission deadline?
A18	Unfortunately, ISC will not be able to extend the submission deadline.
Q19	If a submission deadline extension is not granted would ISC consider revising the enquiry submission deadline to no later than ten (10) calendar days before the RFSO closing date?
A19	ISC will extend the enquiry submission deadline to Friday, July 16, 2021.
Q20	The RFSO refers to “First Nations” engagement and experience throughout. Will engagement and project experience working with and for Indigenous nations (i.e. Metis, Inuit nations) be evaluated as First Nations experience for this submission?
A20	Yes, First Nation, Metis and Inuit Nations engagement and project experience would also be evaluated as “First Nations” experience for this submission.