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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.

Comments - Commentaires

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Title - Sujet DPM Service Delivery - PSAB Services de transformation et de prestation numérique	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation B9220-220011/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client B9220-220011	Date 2021-08-13
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$XY-001-39834	
File No. - N° de dossier 001xy.B9220-220011	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT on - le 2021-09-23 Heure Avancée de l'Est HAE	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Cardinal, France	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 001xy
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Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

This amendment is issued to publish questions and answers and modify the Bid Solicitation.

1. Questions and Answers

Question 1

Given the complexity of the bid requirements in the subject solicitation, the volume of other Federal Government solicitations currently undergoing competition, reduced availability of resources during the summer holidays which limits their ability to provide requisite grid substantiation details, as well as the ongoing adjustments and accommodations in regards to COVID-19; including remote work, and reduced hours and staff, we respectfully request a three (3) week extension of the closing date to September 23, 2021. Please advise.

Answer 1

Canada will extend the solicitation closing date to September 23, 2021.

Question 2

On page 106, with regards to VT1 03, the Crown is asking bidders to hold a) AWS – Select Partnership Status or b) Microsoft – Cloud Productivity – Gold status or higher. Would IRCC consider adding AWS Registered Consulting Partner to VT1 03, as the partnership level bidders are being asked to meet is restrictive and generally only held by large System Integrators. Allowing for bidders who have obtained AWS “Registered” or “Consulting” Partnerships will allow more bidders to participate in this competitive process and ensure greater value to the Crown while still demonstrating the bidders ability to meet the requirements of AWS Cloud partnership.

Answer 2

The request has been reviewed and the requirement will remain unchanged.

Question 3

On page 129, Human Resources Consultant, M2, provides a list of specializations that would be acceptable to meet the requirement. Could the Crown confirm that this is a list of examples and that other University Degrees with specializations that apply to Human Resources and Staffing are also applicable, such as specializations in Public Policy, Applied Ethics, Human Rights, Social Sciences, Sociology, Gender Studies, Indigenous Studies, Diversity Studies or Entrepreneurship?

Answer 3

Canada confirms that the following specializations will be acceptable to meet the requirement for the Human Resources Consultant category: Public Policy, Applied Ethics, Human Rights, Social Sciences, Sociology, Gender Studies, Indigenous Studies, Diversity Studies or Entrepreneurship.

Question 4

It is gratifying to see that IRCC has released this solicitation as an Aboriginal Set Aside and is doing its part to meet the growing commitment to grant substantial contracts to Indigenous owned companies. However, the corporate mandatory requirements are set at a very high threshold. So much so, it is unlikely a single indigenous companies can meet them. It is our understanding that two Bidder's that are related can only submit one bid (part 3, section 3.1 (d)). Can Canada confirm a Bidder can use an

affiliated company's project experience (who are not part of a Joint Venture) to meet the mandatory requirements. Specifically, the bidder and affiliated company are owned by the same indigenous person.

Answer 4

As indicated in Part 3.1, section e, article (i), the bidder cannot use the experience of a third party if that third party is not part of the joint venture that is bidding.

Question 5

Can the Crown confirm that for Corporate Mandatory WS1M-1 that the one contract can be at the Provincial or Municipal level of the Government of Canada?

Answer 5

Canada confirms that for Corporate Mandatory Criterion WS1M-1 the one reference contract must be at the Canadian Federal level of Government. The definition of Single Client will be amended to include 'Canadian Federal' for clarification.

Question 6

Can the Crown consider moving Corporate Mandatory WS1M-3 to be a rated component? Having a Partnership at the levels identified doesn't necessarily show that a bidder has done any cloud related work with either Cloud providers.

Answer 6

Canada will not consider converting WS1M-3 into a rated criterion.

Question 7

Will the Crown consider granting a 2 week extension to Bidder's given the timing of this RFP coincides with a heavy vacation period?

Answer 7

Canada will extend the solicitation closing date to September 23, 2021.

Question 8

Is there a firm currently providing similar services (within the last 2 years) to those required in the RFP to the IRCC?

Answer 8

There are no firms providing similar services within the last 2 years to those required in this RFP.

2. Modification of the Bid Solicitation

2.1 Appendix E of Annex A

Replace the definition of **Single Client** by the following:

Single Client:	A Single Client is defined as an individual department, agency or Crown Corporation at the Federal level.
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2.2 Appendix C of Annex A (modification of the French version of the Bid Solicitation only).

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BID SOLICITATION REMAIN UNCHANGED