

**Q21:** On page 9 of 132 of the Annex A document, under Section 3.2.7 the RFSA document states that, “The Lead Project Manager must: (a) Possess an active Project Management Professional (PMP) certification or hold an active equivalent project management professional designation or certification.” Would the procurement team consider 25 years of project management experience equivalent to the PMP requirement or consider removing this requirement for the stream 1 projects?

**A21:** This requirement will be removed in Amendment 003.

**Q22:** In reviewing the RFSA, and to best align our response to the full scope of services required, we believe a partnering approach would bring the best mix of resources to most effectively be able to respond and service the individual RFP’s.

Beyond partnering with an architectural group, would PWGSC accept responses where a project manager and construction manager respond collectively bringing each of their strengths and resources forward?

**A22:** Please see the item “Who can qualify for the RFSA?” in the Speaking Notes found here: [https://buyandsell.gc.ca/cds/public/2021/09/01/292f9627b2278dbd8185e3bdf94386e/ABES.PROD.PW\\_GB.B009.E80295.ATTA009.PDF](https://buyandsell.gc.ca/cds/public/2021/09/01/292f9627b2278dbd8185e3bdf94386e/ABES.PROD.PW_GB.B009.E80295.ATTA009.PDF).

Also reference

[https://buyandsell.gc.ca/cds/public/2021/09/02/53c1a288658d582d9dc3c0907775cf/ABES.PROD.PW\\_GB.B009.E80295.ATTA010.PDF](https://buyandsell.gc.ca/cds/public/2021/09/02/53c1a288658d582d9dc3c0907775cf/ABES.PROD.PW_GB.B009.E80295.ATTA010.PDF)

**Q23 :** Would the two project profiles capture each of the main group’s experience and would the procurement team consider allowing different projects to be profiled in R4 and M1, in order to fully capture the entire team’s experience?

**A23:** R4 intends that respondents reference the same two example projects that they provided in response to M1. Additional projects are not permitted in responding to R4.

**Q24:** Is this RFSA for the selection of a single supplier or is it for the creation of a bank of suppliers to whom contracts will be granted on a random basis?

**A24:** Canada has issued the RFSA to create Supply Arrangements with qualified Suppliers. All Suppliers who pass the mandatory requirement and achieve a 70/100 or more on the point rated criteria, will be issued a Supply Arrangement. There is no limit to the number of Supply Arrangements that will be issued and therefore no limit to the number of Supply Arrangement holders. After Supply Arrangements are issued, as and when required, PSPC will issue RFP’s to all the Supply Arrangement holders. For each RFP a Contract will be issued to the Supply Arrangement holder based on lowest priced compliant proposal.

**Q25:** We are unable to locate specific details and/or requirements in terms of the format and the submission requirements. Could you please provide details/instructions on preparation and content requirements for Section I Technical Arrangement?

**A25:** The technical submission contains the responses to the evaluation criteria found in Annex D (revised in Amendment 002 [ABES.PROD.PW\\_GB.B009.E80295.EBSU002.PDF](#)). Page limits and criteria details are found in this Annex.

**Q26:** In order to further clarify the Construction Management role, can you please confirm that all the tasks listed in section 3.4.2.1 of Annex A - SOW (page 17-18 of 59) are to be included in the Construction Management fees at the RFP stage, and are not to be subcontracted.

**A26:** No, the tasks listed in 3.4.2.1 of *Site Coordination and Facilitation for Construction* are intended to be accounted for in Annex E - Terms of Payment TP2 – Limitation of Expenditure. It is up to the Supply Arrangement holder to decide how to deliver the services found in Annex A - SOW 3.4.2 Site Coordination and Facilitation for Construction. Delivery through subcontracting is acceptable. However, the statement “the site coordination and facilitation Work described hereunder must be distinct from Construction To be Delivered by Subcontractor as described in Section 3.4.3”, as given in 3.4.2, is included to ensure that Supply Arrangement holders understand that the services found in 3.4.2 must be distinct from and not be included with the Annex A – SOW 3.4.3 work they must subcontract.

**Q27:** With respect to the construction and relocation work which must be delivered by subcontractors to the Supply Arrangement holder, can these subcontractors include affiliated firms that the Supply Arrangement holder owns or are owned by same parent company as the Supply Arrangement holder or must subcontractors not be affiliated or owned by the Supply Arrangement holder?

**A27:** Canada is concerned with perceived or real conflict of interest when subcontracting, and as a result we have clarified this issue. Please refer to **Annex E – Request for Proposal Process Section 6.3.4 Conflict of Interest** (added in Amendment 003). The section is provided here for your convenience.

**“6.3.4 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

So as to prevent any conflict of interest the Contractor agrees that during the term of the Contract, as amended, the Contractor or any of its non-arm’s length affiliates, as defined in the Canada Business Corporations Act shall not be eligible to present a bid in response to any competitive procurement in the context of Requests for Proposal, as defined at Annex A – Statement of Work Section 4.4 of the Supply Arrangement.”

**Q28:** Regarding R4 c) “Provision of design services under either Government of Canada GCworkplace Fit-up Standards or Government of Canada Workplace Fit-up Standards” and R4 f) Provision of design services under Public Services and Procurement Canada’s Technical Reference for Office Building Design or equivalent federal design standard or document. Could you please confirm that design services adhering to relevant provincial government fit-up standards (for example Infrastructure Ontario) would also be accepted, so as not to restrict responses to only those currently providing these services to PSPC?

**A28:** For R4-c and R4-f Canada is evaluating respondents’ experience providing design services with respect to the stated federal standards in order to be consistent and fair to all.