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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

Vendor/Firm Name and Address

**Raison sociale et adresse du
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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. 008
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client B9220-220011	Date 2021-09-15
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
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (613) 218-9269 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX () -
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

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.

1. Questions and Answers

Question 1

The Reference Project definition in Appendix A to Annex E requires that all reference projects for all categories include client reference information. Since it is common for client contacts to have changed positions, retired, or are deceased, this type of request could cause serious delays at the time of Task Authorizations. We respectfully ask IRCC to amend the requirement to instead request client references for two (2) projects within the last five (5) years of bid closing date or, if the proposed resource has been continuously contracted to the same organization for the last five (5) years, include one reference for the full five-year period?

Answer 1

The request has been reviewed and the requirement will remain unchanged. As a clarification, the Definitions are at Appendix E of Annex A.

Question 2

On page 123, M6, Cloud Implementation Specialist – Level 3, The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource holds at least 1 valid professional certification of either the Amazon Web Services Certified SysOps Administrator; Amazon Web Services DevOps Engineer; or Microsoft Certified Azure Administrator Associate.

A) Would the Crown please consider accepting the following certifications in addition to those being requested? Many of these are recognized in higher standing than the certifications that are being asked for.

- AWS Associate Developer Certificate
- AWS Associate Solution Architect Certificate
- AWS Associate Solution Architect Certified
- AWS Cloud Practitioner Certificate
- Microsoft Certified: Azure Solutions Architect Expert
- Microsoft Certified: Azure Security Engineer Associate
- Microsoft Hybrid Cloud with Azure stack
- Microsoft Azure Associate Security Administrator

B) Would the Crown accept a certification that has recently expired for any of these categories?

Answer 2

A) Canada will not consider additional AWS certifications for M6 Cloud Implementation Specialist – Level 3.

Canada will consider the Azure DevOps Engineer Expert Microsoft Certification in addition to the Microsoft Certified Azure Administrator Associate.

B) Canada will not accept a certification that has recently expired for any of these categories.

Question 3

Due to the delays in receiving answers to questions that resulted in multiple amendments that have changed the nature of both Corporate and Resourcing requirements, many bidders have been asking for an extension to the bid closing date. We understand that IRCC has an immediate and pressing need for this requirement; however, we would like to strongly request an extension to October 7, 2021 to ensure that all bidders are able to provide fully detailed and developed bids. The Crown has invested a lot of money and resources in this RFP process and allowing for this short extension will ensure that the Crown is able to secure the caliber of resources that are required for IRCC to be successful during implementation. We are confident that allowing bidders this little bit of extra time will make bids clearer and easier for the Crown/IRCC to evaluate and ultimately ensure a quicker contract award.

Answer 3

Refer to Q&A #1 of Bid Solicitation Amendment 007.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BID SOLICITATION REMAIN UNCHANGED