

# October RPA Status Update

## Challenge-Based Standing Offer Solicitation:

2BS-1-91027 - Initial - for Robotic Process Automation &

2BS-1-91027/B for Robotic Process Automation - Professional Services

SSC would like to provide the Vendor community with an update on the Status of Challenge-Based Standing Offer Solicitation 2BS-1-91027 - Initial - for Robotic Process Automation as well as 2BS-1-91027/B for Robotic Process Automation - Professional Services.

### **Transfer of All Professional Services to Solicitation 2BS-1-91027/B RPA Professional Services**

As published in October 4th's What We Heard Report on RPA Professional Services, as a result of feedback from Stage 3 ITR of the CBSOS for RPA Solutions, all Professional Services have been removed from solicitation 2BS-1-91027 for RPA Solutions and transferred to solicitation 2BS-1-91027/B for RPA Professional Services.

### **Next Steps for Solicitation 2BS-1-91027 RPA Solution**

All Vendors who made a Pre-Qualification Submission under Stage 4, have been notified if they have been successful and are eligible to move forward to subsequent stages or not.

To meet government demand for this technology, the RPA Solution solicitation has been placed on an accelerated timeline with the goal of being available for Call-up of Licenses by November 30.

Those vendors who are eligible to move forward were invited to participate in a webinar explaining next steps this past Wednesday October 13, where the following key dates were shared.



The Vendors that Pre-Qualified at Stage 4 proposed 4 distinct solutions (UiPath, Blue Prism, IBM RPA, A360). For the next stages, the OEM Software Publishers are being asked to designate one Vendor to represent their solution for Standing Offer award and at Proof of Concept Call-up. The Resellers of those solutions that succeed at Proof of Concept will then be invited to submit a bid, and if successful SSC intends to award further Standing Offers.

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While the current focus is establishing the *2BS-1-91027 RPA Solution* solicitation, development of the 2BS-1-91027/B RPA Professional Services solicitation is still underway; however, please note that it is expected to follow behind the Solution tender. For the moment SSC will be extending the closing date on *2BS-1-91027 RPA Solution* solicitation to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to allow for its development.

As always the Center of Expertise for Agile and Innovative Procurement (CoEAIP) welcomes your feedback. In order to ensure regular engagement with the Vendor Community the CoEAIP is committing to provide at a minimum monthly updates with regards to these two solicitations which will be posted on BuyandSell.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact [coeaip-ceaan@ssc-spc.gc.ca](mailto:coeaip-ceaan@ssc-spc.gc.ca) .