

**SHARED SERVICES CANADA**

**Request for Proposal
for
Software Defined – Wide Area Network (SD-WAN) Solution**

Solicitation No.	BPM014320	Date	December 1, 2021
Amdt No.	002	Amdt Date	December 7, 2021
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Closing Date and Time	Date and Time December 17, 2021 @ 3:00 PM / 1500 h (referred to in this solicitation as " Solicitation Closing ")		
Time Zone	Eastern Standard Time (EST)		
Destination of Goods/Services	Canada		
Email Address for Submitting your Bid by the Closing Date	Oliver.Librada@ssc-spc.gc.ca		



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AMENDMENT 002

- To extend Solicitation closing period to December 17, 2021(3:00 PM / 15h00)
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Question 008:

Standard Instructions for All Procurement Documents

b) Deadline for Asking Questions: Unless otherwise indicated in the solicitation, all questions and comments regarding the solicitation must be submitted by email to the Contracting Authority no later than 10 Federal Government Working Days (FGWDs, defined below) before the closing date. Questions received after that time may not be answered.

Bid was released on December 1, 2021 and Closes December 10, 2021 @ 3:00

This is a total of 8 FGWD therefore any question received may not be answered. Will SSC extend the closing date by enough time to allow the vendors at least a few days to review and ask any clarification questions and receive answers?

Answer 008:

See Part 2 - Bidder Instructions Section 2.6

a) Questions and comments about this solicitation can be submitted in accordance with the section of SSC's Standard Instructions entitled "Communications". However, instead of the deadline specified in SSC's Standard Instructions, the deadline for submitting questions is **3 business days** before closing date. Questions submitted after the deadline, may not be answered.

SSC will extend the solicitation by seven calendar days to give potential bidders more time to prepare their responses. The solicitation will now close on **December 17, 2021 at 3:00PM**.

Deadline for Questions and comments remains on **December 7, 2021**.

Question 009:

Canada's closing date for this RFP is incredibly aggressive and will not provide us the opportunity to coordinate or formulate our response, or secure the approvals needed for our financial proposal. We are respectfully requesting that SSC please extend the closing date of the RFP to December 17 at 15:00 EST?

Answer 009:

SSC will extend the solicitation by seven calendar days to give potential bidders more time to prepare their responses. The solicitation will now close on **December 17, 2021 at 3:00PM**.

Deadline for Questions and comments remains on **December 7, 2021**.

Question 010:

Based on some of the changes in the RFP specifications, we would respectfully request an extension of 5 business days to provide the most comprehensive response for the Government of Canada. This will allow us to provide the best pricing and validate the supply chain to meet the Government's timelines.

**Answer 010:**

Please refer to Answer 009.

Question 011:

I am writing today to request a short extension to the Software Defined - Wide Area Network (SD-WAN) Solution RFP. We are requesting a week extension due to the fact that the RFP specification has changed since the DRAFT was publicly released. We want to be able to provide an optimum solution to the crown, and would take this week extension to validate manufacturing and supply chain constraints. We want to be certain we can deliver this solution given the global chip shortage constraints.

Answer 011:

Please refer to Answer 009.

Question 012:

"Michelle Beaton – Director SSC PVR recently informed TechNation members that if a bidder cannot deliver equipment by specified dates the bidder should not submit a solicitation bid response. With Covid impacting global supply chains and the ability for us to commit to delivery dates specified in the solicitation we require extra time to validate delivery with SDWAN technology suppliers.

We request that SSC extend the closing date of this solicitation by 1 week to provide bidders with additional time to validate with SDWAN technology suppliers that equipment can be delivered to meet the requirements set forth in the solicitation. "

Answer 012:

Please refer to Answer 009

Question 013:

Regarding: Solicitation No. BPM014320 - Software Defined – Wide Area Network (SD-WAN) Solution

I would like to request an extension of one week from SSC on this solicitation. We are currently validating with various OEM's the supply chain link to ensure delivery capabilities to meet the requirements.

Answer 013:

Please refer to Answer 009.

Question 014:

We respectfully ask for a three (3) week extension to the close date of this solicitation so that our company can fully review the changes in the RFP and consult legal counsel as required.

Answer 014:

Please refer to Answer 009



Question 015:

We are also requesting that an extension be granted to Dec. 15th, to allow bidders adequate time to complete their responses.

Answer 015:

Please refer to Answer 009

Question 016:

In Part 1 – General Information - the RFP references Form 4 – SCSI Submission Form in the forms section. This form does not appear to be included in the bid documents. Can you please issue a copy of this form and confirm it is to be completed and submitted with the bid response.

Answer 016:

Form 4 – SCSI Vendor Submission form is now available for download. Form must be completed and submitted with the bid response.

Modification 001

On front cover, Closing Date and Time: (referred to in this solicitation as “Solicitation Closing”)

Delete: December 10, 2021 (3:00 PM / 15h00)

Insert: December 17, 2021 (3:00 PM / 15h00)

Modification 002

At Part 2 Bidder Instructions, Section 2.6 Questions and Comments, Item a): **DELETE** in it’s entirety:

REPLACE with:

- a) Questions and comments about this solicitation can be submitted in accordance with the section of SSC’s Standard Instructions entitled “Communications”. However, instead of the deadline specified in SSC’s Standard Instructions, the deadline for submitting questions is December 7, 2021 at 3:00 PM EST . Questions submitted after the deadline, may not be answered.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME