



**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

Proposal to / Propositions aux:
Statistics Canada

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par le présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

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The purpose of Amendment 01 to RFP J051824/A is to answer questions from Industry and to add the Travel and Living Expenses- National Joint Council Travel Directive clause.

1) Questions and Answers

Question #1

MC2 states “Projects must have taken place during the past five (5) years (as of the closing date of this RFP). Only completed projects will be evaluated.”

- Can Canada please define the length of the project to get full points?
- Can Canada please confirm projects that started prior to the 5 years as of closing date of RFP with the initial project completed during the past 5 years will be considered compliant as they were completed within the allotted timeframe?
- Can Canada please confirm that options periods of a contract are not consider part of the initial project durations?

For example

Project A

Contract start date – February 1, 2015

Contract end date – January 31, 2020

Option Periods granted start date – February 1, 2020

Option Periods granted end date – January 31, 2021

Answer #1

- MC2 is a mandatory criteria which can only be met or not met. It is to note that RC1, which is a rated criteria will be based on the answer provided in RC1. Note that there is no minimum duration for the project summary provided.
- Yes, ongoing projects that started prior to the 5 years of closing date of the RFP will be considered compliant.
- The project summaries will be evaluated based on the entire contract. This includes the initial contract period and/or optional periods.

Question # 2

In Annex A – SOW – SW7 – states “The costs associated with travel required for training or work at every site will be reimbursed by Statistics Canada in accordance with the Travel Directive:

Can Canada please confirm the following:

- Statistics Canada will be paying for all related associated expenses for the duration of the training sessions?
- Training days are billable to Statistics Canada?

Answer #2

- Yes, Statistics Canada will be paying for all related expenses for the duration of the training sessions.
- Yes, training days will be billable to Statistics Canada.

Question #3

In the RFP it is under clear how the travel and accommodation policy will work:

- Stated in Annex A – SOW SW7 – costs associated with travel will be reimbursed by Statistics Canada. In Annex A – SOW SW8 – it states traveling/living arrangements of the dentists will be paid for and arranged by Statistic Canada. Does this mean for example that the flights, hotels MEC and/or rental vehicles are prepaid by Statistics Canada at the time of booking and the contractor will not have to pay for these types of expenses?



- Will the contractor need to prepay for the living expenses to the dentists and invoice Statistics Canada for reimbursement or will Statistics Canada issue the living expenses directly to the dentist?
- As vehicle rentals are covered when needed, would the 2 dentist each have access to a vehicle or would the dentists be expected to share a vehicle?
- If out of pockets occur ie. Taxi, uber where a vehicle was not arranged, will the out-of-pocket expenses be paid to by the contractor to the dentist and then invoiced to Statistic Canada?
- During any closures that should occur, will Statistics Canada cover travel home and back to the MEC?

Answer #3

- Most of the expenses related to travel will be paid in advance, when possible. When this is not possible, the dentist will be required to pay the expense upfront and ask for a reimbursement (with receipt) from the Statistics Canada Travel team. Clear instructions will be provided to the dentist.
- The contractor will not be asked to pay for travel expenses. As per the previous answer, expenses are to be prepaid by Statistics Canada when possible. Other expenses are to be paid directly by the dentist and will be reimbursed by Statistics Canada.
- Each dentist will have their own rental car.
- Any out-of-pocket expense (for example taxi) needs to be paid by the dentist. Dentist will be required to submit reimbursement request to the Statistics Canada travel team.
- If closures occur, Statistics Canada will cover travel home and back to the MEC.

Question #4

It is understood that all T&L costs are covered by StatsCan, please confirm that the "Per site Cost*" column in Annex B should be left blank by bidders.

If not, please provide some examples of cost that should or could be captured here?

Answer #4

- Financial Bids are to be completed at Attachment 3.2 Pricing Schedule at Section 3. The "Per site Cost" does need to be completed. Please refer to the note below the table:

Note:

- [1] assuming 480 hours per site is provided (40 hours a week x 6 weeks x 2 dentists);

Question #5

Can you confirm that dental recorder will be supplied by Statistics Canada?

Answer #5

- Canada confirms that the dental recorder will be supplied by Statistics Canada.

Question #6

In Annex A – SOW – SW5 – states "Dentists are required to be fluent in both official languages. Dentists are required to administer the Oral Health components in the chosen official language of the respondent"

In our experience, it is very challenging to find dentists that are bilingual across western Canada. It is our recommendation that Stats Canada break out the requirement by regions. Would it be possible to amend the SOW to read the following?

Region A - requires a minimum of one (1) bilingual dentist on duty for the following locations:

New Brunswick

Quebec

Ontario

Region B – requires dentists speaking English for the following locations:

Nova Scotia



Saskatchewan
Alberta
British Columbia

Answer #6

Please note that the objective is to have the same dentists participating in as many sites as possible. Note also that the dentists will not be working together. They will each be on different schedules. Therefore it is not possible to only have 1 dentist who is bilingual for a given site. As a result, bilingual dentists are required at every site.

Question #7

In Annex A – SOW – SW5 states “Each dentist must have a minimum of 3 years of general clinical practice including oral examination experience with the general population.”
Dentist who have 3+ years experience may find it difficult to leave their private practice for 6 weeks at a time, would Stats Canada also consider new graduates (who have received their license) to perform the work in the SOW?

Answer #7

Canada understands the challenge. But due to the requirements, dentists must have a minimum of 3 years of experience. Note that the dentists recruited should be able to work on as many sites as possible, not only 6 weeks at the time.

2) AT PART 7, Section 7.8 Payment:

INSERT:

6) Travel and Living Expenses- National Joint Council Travel Directive

The Contractor will be reimbursed its authorized travel and living expenses reasonably and properly incurred in the performance of the Work, at cost, without any allowance for profit and/or administrative overhead, in accordance with the meal, and private vehicle allowances specified in Appendices B, C and D of the National Joint Council Travel Directive, and with the other provisions of the directive referring to "travelers", rather than those referring to "employees".
Canada will not pay the Contractor any incidental expense allowance for authorized travel.

All travel must have the prior authorization of the Project Authority.

All payments are subject to government audit.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME