AMENDMENT 001

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The objective of Amendment 001 is to bring the following changes/additions to the Request for Proposals (RFP):

A. RFP Changes

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In Part 4 – Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection, insert the following:

4.1.1.1 Joint Venture Experience

- a) Where the Bidder is a joint venture with existing experience as that joint venture, it may submit the experience that it has obtained as that joint venture.
- b) Example: A bidder is a joint venture consisting of members L and O. A bid solicitation requires that the bidder demonstrate experience providing maintenance and help desk services for a period of 24 months to a customer with at least 10,000 users. As a joint venture (consisting of members L and O), the bidder has previously done the work. This bidder can use this experience to meet the requirement. If member L obtained this experience while in a joint venture with a third party N, however, that experience cannot be used because the third party N is not part of the joint venture that is bidding.
- c) A joint venture bidder may rely on the experience of one of its members to meet any given technical criterion of this bid solicitation.
- d) Example: A bidder is a joint venture consisting of members X, Y and Z. If a solicitation requires: (a) that the bidder have 3 years of experience providing maintenance service, and (b) that the bidder have 2 years of experience integrating hardware with complex networks, then each of these two requirements can be met by a different member of the joint venture. However, for a single criterion, such as the requirement for 3 years of experience providing maintenance services, the bidder cannot indicate that each of members X, Y and Z has one year of experience, totaling 3 years. Such a response would be declared non-responsive.
- e) Joint venture members cannot pool their abilities with other joint venture members to satisfy a single technical criterion of this bid solicitation. However, a joint venture member can pool its individual experience with the experience of the joint venture itself. Wherever substantiation of a criterion is required, the Bidder is requested to indicate which joint venture member satisfies the requirement. If the Bidder has not identified which joint venture member satisfies the requirement, the Contracting Authority will provide an opportunity to the Bidder to submit this information during the evaluation period. If the Bidder does not submitted this information within the period set by the Contracting Authority, its bid will be declared non-responsive.
- f) Example: A bidder is a joint venture consisting of members A and B. If a bid solicitation requires that the bidder demonstrate experience providing resources for a minimum number of 100 billable days, the bidder may demonstrate that experience by submitting either:
 - Contracts all signed by A;
 - Contracts all signed by B; or
 - Contracts all signed by A and B in joint venture, or
 - Contracts signed by A and contracts signed by A and B in joint venture, or
 - Contracts signed by B and contracts signed by A and B in joint venture.
- g) That show in total 100 billable days.
- h) Any Bidder with questions regarding the way in which a joint venture bid will be evaluated should raise such questions through the Enquiries process as early as possible during the bid solicitation period.

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ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED