

**SHARED SERVICES CANADA**

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

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AMENDMENT 008****This amendment has been raised to:**

- To answer questions posed by the potential respondents.
 - To Amend RFP Solicitation Document Part 6 Resulting Contract Clauses, Section 6.8 Basis of Payment;
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Question 060:

Annex A clause (54)

We ask that this requirement be removed as support for PKI specific to SD-WAN solutions is limited and this requirement may impact Canada's ability to receive compliant bids

Answer 060:

The requirement remains unchanged

Question 061:

1. **In section 2.1** Canada states that Modules in process may be accepted, and need to be published in the list at <https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/modules-in-process/modules-in-process-list> . In this SD-WAN RFP Canada is asking for an enterprise-grade SD-WAN solution, SD-WAN innovation has matured over the last year and a number of desirable new enterprise SD-WAN features have been introduced. The FIPS (CMVP) certification has multiple phases, and the first lab phase is currently delayed and behind schedule due to current global conditions (Global Pandemic) that have negatively impacted its ability to efficiently process (FIPS) testing requirements. In the first phase the labs need to do all the testing, validation and create the submission report that is submitted to the NIST CMVP (this is the in-process/IUT phase), after the CMVP reviews the lab's report and issues the certification (this is the in-process/in-process phase). Reviewing publicly available information from <https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/modules-in-process/IUT-List> we can confirm many projects that have been submitted by the vendor community to the lab in late 2020 and early 2021 are still in the IUT phase. Given these unforeseen delays in the accreditation process would Canada adjust requirement 2.1 to accept solutions in both in-process phases of CMVP, including the <https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/modules-in-process/modules-in-process-list> and the <https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/modules-in-process/IUT-List> ?

Answer 061:

1. **Annex A - Statement of Work** - Clause (38) is **DELETED** in it's entirety.

REPLACE with the new clause (38):

(38) The Contractor must provide an SD-WAN solution that uses FIPS 140-2 Level 1 and / or FIPS 140-3 validated cryptographic modules as per CCCS ITSP.40.111. Modules which are in the process of being reviewed by NIST may be accepted, but must be on the published list of modules in process list at <https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/modules-in-process/modules-in-process-list> or the <https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/modules-in-process/IUT-List> .



2. **Annex C - Statement of Work** - Technical Evaluation Criteria - sub-reference (2.5) is **DELETED** in its entirety.

REPLACE with the new sub-reference 2.1:

The Contractor must provide an SD-WAN solution that uses FIPS 140-2 level 1 and / or FIPS 140-3 validated cryptographic modules as per CCCS ITSP.40.111. Modules which are in the process of being reviewed by NIST may be accepted, but must be on the published list of modules in process list at <https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/modules-in-process/modules-in-process-list> and/or <https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/modules-in-process/modules-in-process-list> or the <https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/modules-in-process/IUT-List> ?

See Modification 003 for more details

Question 062:

Will SSC build into the basis of payment section of the solicitation (or the appropriate section) the Economic Price Adjustments in firm price contracts clause? Given the multi-year length of this contract and the current market supply conditions the ability for manufacturers to predict future cost structures has been dramatically impacted. SSC has been issuing contracts (with a much lower total value) over the past few weeks for goods and services that build in the Economic price adjustments in firm price contracts clause.

Example below Basis of Payment

(e) Economic price adjustments in firm price contracts: The contractor will be permitted to make a price adjustment of up to 5% of the firm price and adjustable on a per-deliverable basis once per contract year.

SSC reserves the right to discontinue use of the contract as per Part 6 Resulting Contract Clauses; Section 6.8; Sub Section (e):

Answer 062:

See modification 004 for details

Question 063:

8. 3.19.7 – OSPFv3 limits the amount of vendors that can comply with this requirements. Will you allow compliance of OSPv2 or OSPv3.

Answer 063:

Annex A - Statement of Work – Clause (91) sub-reference g) is **DELETED** in its entirety;

REPLACED with new clause (91) sub-reference g);
g) Open Shortest Path First v2 (OSPFv2) for IPv4 and OSPFv3 for dual-stack IPv4/IPv6.

Annex C - Statement of Work - Technical Evaluation Criteria - sub-reference 3.19.7 is **DELETED** in its entirety.

REPLACED with new sub-reference 3.19.7;
g) Open Shortest Path First v2 (OSPFv2) for IPv4 and OSPFv3 for dual-stack IPv4/IPv6.



Modification 003:

Annex C Statement of Work – Technical Evaluation Criteria – has been updated and Version 4.0 is available in the attachment section of this Solicitation.

Annex A Statement of Work – has been updated and Version 5.0 is available in the attachment section of this Solicitation.

Modification 004:

On the RFP Solicitation Document **Part 6 Resulting Contract Clauses, Section 6.8 Basis of Payment;**

INSERT;

(e) Economic price adjustments in firm price contracts: The contractor will be permitted to make a price adjustment of up to 8% of the firm price of the optional deliverables of the contract. SSC reserves the right to discontinue use of the contract as per Part 6 Resulting Contract Clauses; Section 6.3; Sub Section a: General Conditions.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME