SHARED SERVICES CANADA

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Request for Proposals
for MAINFRAME REPORTING TOOL

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This Amendment is issued to Publish Canada's Responses to potential Respondent's questions. All the terms and conditions of the RFP remain unchanged.

THIS SOLICITATION AMENDMENT IS ISSUED TO:
1. Publish Canada's Responses to Bidders' questions.

1. CANADA'S RESPONSES TO QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS QUESTIONS

Question 1

In light of the RFP's release shortly before the holiday season, we request that SSC please extend the deadline by 10 business days to allow our resources to present optimal responses.

Canada's Response to Question 1:

Canada acknowledges your request. An extension will not be granted at this time.

Question 2

Regarding Mandatory Requirement M10, we request that SSC amend this requirement to include Windows or distributed Linux. The market is such that the Linux requirement as stated substantially limits SSC's choices. Most Capacity Planning vendors offload the reporting to Windows or distributed Linux to reduce MSU consumption. A Windows based data presentation layer can use Oracle DB or MS-SQL Server on any supported platform with ODBC connect ability not requiring higher GCP consumption and or requiring support staff to learn a new programming language. Amending this requirement will allow for additional vendors to bid and add substantial benefit to the Crown, as other models that use Windows and/or distributed Linux will allow for ease of use by SSC and Partner Departments staff and allow for use at a highly productive level require n addition reduce MSU consumption overall.

Canada's Response to Question 2:

The requirement is to have the data reporting tools run on either z/Linux or z/OS. Porting the data presentation layer off platform to an x86 Linux or Windows server is not going to meet the requirement. The requirement remains unchanged.

Question 3

Is the scope of the requirement for all agencies/departments supported by SSC? Or is the requirement only for a specific Agency/Department? If so, which Agency(ies)/Department(s) are in-scope?

Canada's Response to Question 3:

The scope of this engagement is for all departments and agencies that are currently using the mainframe environment. The specific departments / agencies are not relevant to the response.

Question 4

Regarding the bid submission process, do we send all our files via this email (pvrdcprojects-arfprojetscd@ssc-spc.gc.ca)? Or does SSC require printed copies? If so, how may printouts/copies are required?

Canada's Response to Question 4:

Please refer to Section 3.2 Electronic Submission of Bids in the RFP.