

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Bid Solicitation # 5000062132
Questions and Answers – Set 1
January 27, 2022

Question 1

Most of our nuclear experts are based out in France and we would like to confirm the following:

- RFP Part 2, Bidder Instructions, 2.1 Standard Instructions, clauses, and conditions: From the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) Manual section 2010B 30 1&2
 - Persons in Canada, and Canadians outside of Canada, are bound by economic sanctions imposed by Canada. As a result, the Government of Canada cannot accept delivery of goods or services that originate, either directly or indirectly, from the countries or persons subject to economic sanctions.
 - The Contractor must not supply to the Government of Canada any goods or services which are subject to economic sanctions.

With all other requirements satisfied, our experts residing in France would be eligible to contribute to the project. Please confirm.

Answer 1

Proposals can be submitted if there's no economic sanction imposed by Canada on the originating country.

Question 2

Does CNSC have a specific budget or expenditure threshold in mind for the scope of the work in the RFP?

Answer 2

The anticipated expenditure threshold for this requirement is \$200,000.00 before taxes.

Question 3

Could CNSC review and confirm the following: There is a difference in the passing mark for the technical evaluation criteria which are subject to point rating; See Section 4.2 a) ii. (56/80 = 70%) and ATTACHMENT 1 TO PART 4, TECHNICAL CRITERIA (80/100 = 80%). We assumed that the passing mark within ATTACHMENT 1 TO PART 4, TECHNICAL CRITERIA is correct as it aligned with the scoring.

Answer 3

The correct scoring is identified in ATTACHMENT 1 TO PART 4, TECHNICAL CRITERIA. The total available points is 100 and the minimum pass mark is 80 points. The scoring identified in Section 4.2 a) ii. can be disregarded.

Question 4

The current evaluation criteria balance for technical and financial score is very weighted on financial and would not value a global firm with deep regulatory and sophisticated AI experience globally. Would CNSC consider revisiting the balance of the technical and financial criteria if it feels that securing global regulatory and AI experience is indeed of value?

Answer 4

The split between the technical rating and financial rating will remain unchanged.

Question 5

Regarding Solicitation # 5000062132, is there a template word document that can be provided that I can use for the submission?

Answer 5

Template version will be uploaded to Buy and Sell. The original PDF version will prevail in case of dispute between both documents.

Question 6

I am new to submitting bids to the CNSC, thus would like to ensure the formatting is as expected. I would also like to be added onto the list of interested suppliers (if eligible), and would appreciate any redirection, unless I just need to submit my bid to determine eligibility.

Answer 6

There's no list of interested suppliers. Anyone can submit a proposal for this requirement.

Question 7

Terms And Conditions-We understand from Section 6.2.1 of the RFP that 2035 (2020-05-28) General Conditions (Higher Complexity Services) apply to this RFP with the changes noted in Section 6.2.1 of the RFP. We further understand that Section 6.2 states that "all clauses and conditions identified in the Contract by number, date and title are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

We do not see any other references to other contract terms set out in the RFP other than those noted above.

- a) Are the 2035 (2020-05-28) General Conditions (Higher Complexity Services) with the changes noted in Section 6.2.1 of the RFP the only terms and conditions that apply to this RFP?
- b) Do any of the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions; namely Section 4 Supplemental General Conditions or Section 5 General Procurement Clauses apply to this RFP?

Answer 7

- a) The 2003 (2020-05-28) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation (see Part 2, section 2.1) and the 2035 (2020-05-28), General Conditions - Higher Complexity - Services, apply to and form part of the Contract (see Part 6, subsection 6.2.1).
 - b) The Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions, such as Section 4 Supplemental General Conditions and Section 5 General Procurement Clauses apply to this solicitation. The specific clauses that apply are referenced in the solicitation document.
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