

RFP # 2022-08 - Gender Equality and Diversity Inclusion on Canadian boards and Senior Management

Question 1: *Can the organization who completed the initial PAS on the 50/30 Challenge bid on RFP# 2022-08 or would this be considered a conflict of interest?*

Response: Yes, the same organization can bid on the present RFP. Given this is a new bid and a competitive process, we do not see any conflict of interest as all organizations will be evaluated against a defined set of criteria.

Question 2: *Can SCC please confirm the estimated maximum budget for this project?*

Response: SCC does not have a defined budget.

Question 3: *Could you please provide the meaning of "managing" within criterion - I. Project Team experience in developing standards solutions? item a of evaluation grid.*

Response: Managing in this case refers to reaching consensus and driving discussions forward. As we know, this topic is extremely complex and broad, so we want to make sure the developer has experience in leading discussions, ensuring quorum, driving consensus, ensuring members are actively participating and engaging in the discussions and answering in a timely manner to any voting sessions and so on, all this in the context of a committee comprised of volunteer experts.

Question 4: *Could you please provide the clarification of "guidance documents" within criterion - I. Project Team experience in developing standards solutions - a) & b) f evaluation grid ?*

Response: A guidance document primarily contains information and guidance on the applicability of a document or implementation of a process. It may also include recommendations where appropriate, but these are generally of a nature that would not support reliable claims of compliance. Examples of guidance documents include: a code of practice, a guide, a policy statement, a manual and so on. They are documents that offer guidance but are usually non-legally binding and not necessarily follow a consensus process required to be classified as a standard.