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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

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SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 005

This solicitation amendment is raised to :

1. Provide answers to Bidders questions in relation to this solicitation; and
 2. Amend the Attachment 4.1 - Mandatory Technical Criteria as detailed in appendix A-5
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Question #14:

In order to enable proponents to meet the unique requirements of this contract, would the Crown please accept foreign education credentials in response to M1, without a Canadian Equivalency assessment, provided that the Degree was granted by a British institution? The British post-secondary system is well established and highly similar to Canadian counterparts, in addition the strict timelines of this proposal submission prohibit resources from attaining a credential assessment prior to the deadline.

Answer #14:

Canada has amended the criteria M1 as detailed in Appendix A-5 below.

Question #15:

The Mandatory Technical Criteria include 3 identical grids for 3 IT Security Design Specialist positions. This skill set is highly sought after in today's workplace, and resources with the requisite qualifications are difficult to locate quickly. With this in mind, would the Crown please reduce the bid submission requirement to 2 resources, with a third resource to be identified and submitted at the TA stage?

Answer #15:

Please refer to Answer 9 in solicitation amendment 003.

Question #16:

Reference: M1 of the resource evaluation grid: "The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has completed a post-secondary educational program in Information Technology science, engineering, or other IT related field, from a Canadian post-secondary educational establishment, or an institution recognized by the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials. Proof of program completion must be provided in the bid."

Question: Regarding the M1 education requirement, can the Crown please confirm that a Masters degree in Computer Real Time Control from Beijing Jiaotong University with the addition of a degree equivalency from University of Toronto stating that the degree is equivalent in academic level to a Master's degree, specializing in program combining Electronics Engineering and Control (Computer) Engineering, from a Canadian university, will be considered to meet the requirement.

Answer #16:

Please refer to Answer 14 above

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Answer #17:

Please refer to Answer 14 above

Question #18:

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Question: Regarding the M1 education requirement, can the Crown please confirm that a Microcomputer Software Technician diploma from Heritage college (a Canadian post-secondary educational establishment located in Quebec) will be considered to meet the requirement.

Answer #18:

Please refer to Answer 14 above

Question #19:

Due to the upcoming long weekend and complexity of preparing a response to this solicitation, we would like to request a one-week extension to the solicitation closing date to ensure that vendors are able to submit high quality responses that provide the best value to the crown.

Answer #19:

Please refer to Answer 13 in solicitation amendment 004.

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Question #20:

- a) We would like to follow up on the below questions sent to you on June 28th, as well as our request for an extension to the bid submission date. In addition, we would like to submit the following question with regards to solicitation #M7594-222474/A:
- b) Due to the unique nature of the PSIB clause in this RFP (non-PSIB bid submissions will no longer be considered if two or more PSIB submissions are received), we would like to confirm that there would be no issue with us submitting one bid under our independent corporate title, as well as a second submission through our PSIB Joint Venture. There is a significant amount of effort involved in producing a bid submission of this nature, and we would like to avoid the possibility of that effort not being considered for award. We understand that we have passed the deadline for questions to be asked, but we have requested an extension on the submission date, and have not received a response to that request yet and the original closing date is quickly approaching.

Answer #20:

- a) Please refer to Answer 13 in solicitation amendment 004.
- b) As stated in RFP at article 3.1, sub paragraph f (iii), clearly state the following: Individual members of a joint venture cannot participate in another bid, either by submitting a bid alone or by participating in another joint venture

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APPENDIX A-5

IN ATTACHMENT 4.1, MANDATORY CRITERIA – RESOURCE EVALUATION CRITERIA

At M1 for positions 1, 2 and 3, criteria are amended as follow:

REMOVE.

The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has completed a post-secondary educational program in Information Technology science, engineering, or other IT related field, from a Canadian post-secondary educational establishment, or an institution recognized by the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials.

Proof of program completion must be provided in the bid.

ADD

The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource has completed a post-secondary educational program in Information Technology science, engineering, or other IT related field, from a Canadian post-secondary educational establishment, or an institution recognized by the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC) **or by the Alliance of Credential Evaluation Services of Canada.(ACESC).**

Proof of program completion must be provided in the bid.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAINS UNCHANGED