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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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Signature	Date

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SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 005

This amendment is raised to:

- 1. Provide answers to Bidder’s questions in relation to this solicitation; and**
- 2. Amend the Request for Proposal (RFP).**

QUESTIONS:

Question #30

Regarding RTC2, ‘Form R2 – Resource Billed Days’ has a line requesting “The start and end dates (MM/DD/YYYY) for billable days for billable days within the last three years as of the bid solicitation publication date” whereas the RTC2 criteria is requesting resource worked for a period of 6 months within the past 60 months. Please confirm per RTC2, services must have been provided within the last 60 months and that Form R2 can be amended by Bidders accordingly?

Answer 30

Form R2 should be corrected to say:

The start and end dates (MM/DD/YYYY) for billable days within the last 60 months as of the bid solicitation publication date.

Question #31

Given that answers to our questions, posed on July 12, have yet to be received and the potential responses are pertinent to our bid submission, which is due in two weeks and a day, we respectfully request a one-week extension to the submission date to August 9, 2022.

Answer 31

The crown will grant an extension to August 9, 2022.

Question #32

We have modified this question that was previously submitted as the answer in the QA was not clear.

1. Under Part 3 – 3.1.(f)(iii), it states that joint venture members cannot pool their abilities with other joint venture members to satisfy a single technical criterion of this bid solicitation.
 - a. For MTC5 (Billed Contract Experience) at page 96, would each category of Resource listed in the table be considered a separate and single technical criterion, or is the entire MTC5 with the 8 resources a single technical criterion.

Are bidders permitted to demonstrate billed contract experiences using combined previous joint ventures contracts and single contracts together for each of the resource categories? Please see the example below:

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Resource	Minimum Billable days (past 60 months)	
Strategic Information Technology Security Planning and Protection Consultant Level 3	600	<i>Contract #1: Vendor A (600 days)</i>
Information Technology Security Methodology, Policy and Procedures Analyst Level 3	600	<i>Contract #2: Vendor B (600 days)</i>
Information Technology Security TRA and C&A Analyst Level 2	1000	<i>Contract #3: Vendors A&B in JV (1000 days)</i>
Information Technology Security TRA and C&A Analyst Level 3	1000	<i>Contract #1: Vendor A (750 days)</i> <i>Contract #3: Vendors A&B in JV (250 days)</i> <i>Total: 1000 days</i>
Information Technology Security Engineer Level 3	800	<i>Contract #2: Vendor B (400 days)</i> <i>Contract #3: Vendors A&B in JV (400 days)</i> <i>Total: 800 days</i>
Information Technology Security Design Specialist Level 2	800	
Information Technology Security Systems Operator Level 2	800	
Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Specialist Level 3	600	

- b. In the same vein, for RTC1 (invoicing) and RTC2, would each resource be considered a single technical criterion within each RTC, or alternatively, would RTC1 and RTC2 be considered each an entire single technical criterion. Are Bidders permitted to demonstrate experience supplying core resources, using a variety of contracts, including previous joint-venture contracts and single contracts together?

For example, in response to RTC1:

Contract #1 – Vendor A

Contract #2 – Vendor B

Contract #3 – Vendors A&B in JV

2. In Reference to Answer#19 (Amendment#3) – “It is sufficient to provide the total billed days per resource category per contract”, please specify that the resource’s First and Last Name is not required on Form M1-2 (Resource Billable Days), Form M2-1 (Bidder Billable Days) and Form R1-1 (Resource Categories) and Form R2 (Resource Billable Days).

Answer 32

- 1.

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a. The entire MTC5 is be considered a separate and single technical criterion.

A bidder in joint venture may use previous joint venture contracts to apply to the criterion, but not single contracts for the current joint venture participants.

b. RTC1 is considered a single technical criterion. A bidder in joint venture may use previous joint venture contracts to apply to the criterion, but not single contracts for the current joint venture participants for individual elements.

RTC2 is considered a single technical criterion. A bidder in joint venture may use previous joint venture contracts to apply to the criterion, but not single contracts for the current joint venture participants for individual elements.

2.

Resource name is not required in Form M2-1

Resource names are required for Form M1-2

Resource names are required for Form R1-1

Resource names are required for Form R2

Question #33

We request an additional extension to the bid closing deadline of 2 weeks to allow Bidders enough time to coordinate with client references and obtain signatures, which already requires a high level of effort in typical circumstances, but takes even longer during the summer when many Canadian Federal Government employees are on vacation.

Answer 33

The client signature requirement was removed per a previous question. One week extension has been provided as per question / answer # 31 above.

Question #34

Due to the complexity of preparing a response to this solicitation and the large number of bids currently out to tender 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 34

The crown will grant an extension to August 9, 2022

Question #35

The number of corporate references this RFP requires an elevated level of effort. In addition, there are multiple resource-based RFP responses due within the same timeframe as this solicitation as well as internal employees having limited or no availability due to summer holidays. Due to these factors, and given the complexity of this solicitation, would the Crown please grant an extension of 2 weeks to the closing date of this solicitation? This

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would allow staffing agencies the time to respond to this solicitation with compliant and competitive proposals and would provide greater value to the Crown in the form of multiple vendor responses.

Answer 35

The crown grants one week extension to August 9, 2022

RFP REVISIONS

1. **At Form R2:**

Delete: The start and end dates (MM/DD/YYYY) for billable days for billable days within the last three years_as of the bid solicitation publication date.

Insert: The start and end dates (MM/DD/YYYY) for billable days within the last 60 months as of the bid solicitation publication date.