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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 006

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 #36

1. Part 2 – Bidder Instructions – Section 2.2 Submission of Bids. PSPC has requested that bids be submitted via ePost Connect. Given that Canada Post is sunsetting this application at the end of 2022, should there be any delays in the evaluation process requiring more time and extending into 2023, will PSPC continue to have access to this application? Email submission (as a backup) might be required.
2. As a follow-up clarification to Q&A #13, please confirm that Form M1-2 and Form M2 (also titled Form M2-1) are redundant, and that only one of either is required and is only applicable to MTC5?
3. Regarding RTC2, please confirm that billable days are not required as per Form R2, and that only a demonstration of TA length i.e. >6 months is required?
4. Regarding RTC2, would the Crown consider awarding 10 pts to Bidders who are able to demonstrate all (8) resource categories, and 8pts to Bidders able to demonstrate (7) resource categories, and 6 pts to Bidders able to demonstrate (6) resource categories, etc, etc? This will ensure the client is receiving proposals from Bidders able to satisfy all resource categories deemed as 'core resources'.
5. Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions – Section 3.3 Section II: Financial Bid. Considering the inflation factor that now forms part of the world's economies including Canada's, would PSPC consider including an economic price adjustment clause in the resulting contract?
 - (a)

Answer 36

1. The ePost Connect application will still be available to bidders replying to GoC's opportunities past December 2022.
 2. This has already been answered in Q32:
 - 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
 3. Per form R2, the total # of billable days are required.
 4. The Crown declines to modify the requirement at this time.
 5. Canada will not assume risks related to inflation for this requirement. Bidders must submit their rates as per Annex B" of the RFP.
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Question #37

The Statement of Work tasks for the B.4 Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Specialist (Level 3) category appear to be a duplicate of the tasks for the C.3 Information Technology Security TRA and C&A Analyst category,

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with an emphasis on assessment, certification and accreditation activities which are not in line with the TBIPS category. Could the Crown please confirm that the correct list of tasks for B.4 Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Specialist (Level 3) is as follows:

- *Develop and implement business and technology continuity plans*
- *Develop technology and business continuity and disruption recovery strategies*
- *Develop crisis communication planning strategies*
- *Identify past and potential impact resulting from disruptions*
- *Develop techniques to identify and evaluate potential disruptions*
- *Develop and implement backup, replication and redundancy strategies as required*
- *Develop awareness, training, and communication programs with both internal staff and other stakeholders*
- *Establish coordination activities with internal and external stakeholders and establish actual and potential dependencies*
- *Develop and implement monitoring activities and performance management*

Answer 37

That is correct. The list of tasks for the for B.4 Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Specialist (Level 3) should be:

- Develop and implement business and technology continuity plans
- Develop technology and business continuity and disruption recovery strategies
- Develop crisis communication planning strategies
- Identify past and potential impact resulting from disruptions
- Develop techniques to identify and evaluate potential disruptions
- Develop and implement backup, replication and redundancy strategies as required
- Develop awareness, training, and communication programs with both internal staff and other stakeholders
- Establish coordination activities with internal and external stakeholders and establish actual and potential dependencies
- Develop and implement monitoring activities and performance management.

Question #38

As bidders will need the clarification on the potential errors in the Statement of Work to finish their responses, please extend the closing date to August 16, 2022.

Answer 38

The closing date has been extended to August 9, 2022. The crown declines to extend the closing date.

Question #39

With respect to RTC3, Canada is seeking Bidders that have demonstrated risk mitigation strategies on 5+ contracts in the Canadian Federal Government. Because Canada is requiring companies who have significant experience in delivering on IT Security / Business Continuity contracts and to remain consistent with RTC1 &

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RTC2, will Canada please confirm that Bidders should demonstrate the relevance of each of the 5+ contracts for RTC3 by using contracts that include at least one (1) of the core resource categories.

Answer 39

The Crown declines to modify the requirement.

RFP REVISIONS

1. At page 55 of the RFP, Article 6.8 of the Statement of work:

DELETE: B.4 Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Specialist (Level 3) Tasks.

INSERT: B.4 Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Specialist (Level 3)

- Develop and implement business and technology continuity plans
- Develop technology and business continuity and disruption recovery strategies
- Develop crisis communication planning strategies
- Identify past and potential impact resulting from disruptions
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