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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 007

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 #40

The Crown has included Form M1-2 for billable days, however billable days are not required in MTC1, and there are forms provided for MTC5, RTC1, and RTC2. Further, Form M1-2 requests the same information as Form M2. Could the Crown please confirm that Form M1-2 is not required to be completed by bidders?

Answer 40

Bidders are welcome to use the relevant information for both M2 and M1-2.

Question #41

Form M1-2 states that bidders are to provide the "...start and end dates (MM/DD/YYYY) for billable days during a period of one year within the last three years as of the bid solicitation publication date". However, MTC1 requests for billings within the last four years. Could the Crown please confirm that Form M1-2 should say "within the last 48 months".

Answer 41

Yes, M1-2 should say "within the last 48 months" to match the MTC1 criteria.

Question #42

Mandatory Technical Criteria MTC1, MTC2 and MTC5 as well as Point-Rated Technical Criteria RTC2 require bidders to calculate their experience within certain timeframes "from the bid closing date." As many bidders are in the stages of finalizing their proposals, please confirm that bidders may calculate their experience for each requirement within the appropriate timeframe as of the original closing date (July 25), first amended closing date (August 2) or second amended closing date (August 9). This would ensure that bidders can continue finalizing their responses without the undue burden of recalculating their data for each requirement.

Answer 42

Bid closing date means the latest amended closing date (August 9). However, Canada will allow two (2) more weeks into each timeframe to cover the gap.

Question #43

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With respect to MTC1 and RTC1, in order to ensure that Canada is receiving bids from companies who have delivered contracts with similar billed value within core resource categories in this RFP, would Canada please amend MTC1 and RTC1 to state that bidders must provide the billed value using a maximum of five (5) contracts?

Answer 43

No, The Crown declines to modify the requirement.

Question #44

With respect to MTC5, in order to ensure that Canada is receiving bids from companies who have delivered contracts with similar billable days within the core resource categories in this RFP, would Canada please amend MTC5 to state that bidders must provide the billable days using a maximum of five (5) contracts?

Answer 44

No, The Crown declines to modify the requirement.

Question #45

Regarding MTC5, to remain consistent with MTC1/RTC1, will Canada please confirm that contracts being used for MTC5 must also be with the Canadian Federal Government?

Answer 45

Please see solicitation Amendment 001, Question 2 for clarification.

Question #46

The Crown has provided Forms for bidder’s to use when putting together their responses, however, many of the Forms are populated with the wrong information, don’t include all the information that is needed to meet the requirements, or are redundant. Could the Crown please confirm that bidder’s are not required to use the Forms, and can create their own, so long as all the requested information is easily accessible?

Answer 46

Bidder’s may provide their own forms as long as the information is clear, complete and easy to map to the requirement criteria.

Question #47

Experience of a Joint Venture - Section 3(1) of Part 3 - Bid Preparation Instructions

This is further to the question 23 in Amendment No. 3 and question 32 in Amendment No. 5. The answer to question 32 contradicts the example set out in section 3(1)(f)(iii). In that example, notwithstanding that it relates to one criterion (“the Bidder demonstrate experience providing resources for a minimum number of 100 billable days”), the

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bidder is permitted to provide contracts that either were signed by any member of the joint venture or contracts signed by the joint venture, or a combination thereof. However, the response to question 32 indicates that a “bidder in joint venture may use previous joint venture contracts to apply to the criterion, not single contracts for the current joint venture participants” (emphasis added). Based on this sentence, section 3(1)(f)(iii) is deleted, and the example is inaccurate because it allows ‘Contracts all signed by A’, “Contracts all signed by B”, “Contracts signed by A and contracts signed by A ad B in joint venture one member”; and “Contracts signed by A and contracts signed by A ad B in joint venture one member”. As a result, this would nullify 3(1)(f)(iii) and only 3(1)(f)(i) would be applicable and require in the context of MTC1 as an example, that the contracts must all have been signed by the joint venture. Further, the answer to question 32 also goes contrary to the request in section 3(1)(f)(iii) that bidders identify which joint venture member satisfied a requirement – this requirement is nonsensical if the requirement must be satisfied by the joint venture itself.

Please confirm that section 3(1)(f)(iii) remains a term of the RFP and that joint venture members can pool its individual experience with the experience of the joint venture itself (or combination thereof) for distinct sub-criterion as shown in the table submitted as part of question 32.

Answer 47

The question has been answered in question 23 in Amendment No. 3 and question 32 in Amendment No. 5 and bidders will need to respect the amended requirement. Where not otherwise specified section 3(1)(f)(iii) remains valid.

Question #48

Corporate Predecessor – Proposed New Clause would PSPC consider including a new clause 3(1)(g) which is similar to what SSC has included in previous solicitation documents?

Answer 48

The crown declines to modify the requirement at this time.

Question #49

MTC1, MTC2, MTC5, and RTC2 require bidders to demonstrate experience within a period of time from the bid closing date. However, extensions to the closing date cause these timeframes to shift and bidders that have been preparing their bids for several weeks may find that they no longer qualify based on changes to the closing date. To avoid unintentionally disqualifying bidders that were previously qualified, please confirm that bidders may calculate their experience using the original closing date or any of the amended closing dates.

Answer 49

Bid closing date means the latest amended closing date (August 9). However, Canada will allow two (2) more weeks into each timeframe to cover the gap.

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RFP REVISIONS

1. At form M1-2:

DELETE: Three years;

INSERT: 48 months.