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Amendment 006

This amendment is raised to modify the RFP and to respond to questions from Industry:

In the RFP Annex G, 3.1.1 All-Inclusive Hourly Labour Rates for Work Element 1 & 2.

Delete:

1. Criteria for Category Group A to Group E inclusively:

- 1.1 The Bidder must have an average (mean) rate for the second Labour Category in the Category Group within -10 % and -35% of the average (mean) rate of the more senior Labour Category in the same Category Group. The Bidder must also have an average (mean) rate for the third Labour Category in the Category Group within -10% and -35% of the average (mean) rate of the second Labour Category in the Category Group and so on and so forth for all the labour category in the same group.

For example:

For Group A, the Bidder must have an average (mean) rate for the Intermediate Applied Science Specialist that will be within -10% and -35% of the average (mean) rate of Senior Applied Science Specialist.

The Bidder must have an average (mean) rate for the Junior Applied Science Specialist that will be within -10% and -35% of the average (mean) rate of Intermediate Applied Science Specialist.

The Bidder must have an average (mean) rate for the Entry Level Applied Science Specialist that will be within -10% and -35% of the average (mean) rate of the Junior Applied Science Specialist.

Insert:

1. Criteria for Category Group A to Group E inclusively:

- 1.1 The Bidder must have an average (mean) rate for the second Labour Category in the Category Group within -10 % and -35% of the average (mean) rate of the more senior Labour Category in the same Category Group. The Bidder must also have an average (mean) rate for the third Labour Category in the Category Group within -10% and -35% of the average (mean) rate of the second Labour Category in the Category Group and so on and so forth for all the labour category in the same group.

For example:

For Group A, the Bidder must have an average (mean) rate for the Intermediate Applied Science Specialist that will be within -10% and -35% of the average (mean) rate of Senior Applied Science Specialist.

The Bidder must have an average (mean) rate for the Junior Applied Science Specialist that will be within -10% and -35% of the average (mean) rate of Intermediate Applied Science Specialist.

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The Bidder must have an average (mean) rate for the Entry Level Applied Science Specialist that will be within -10% and -35% of the average (mean) rate of the Junior Applied Science Specialist.

1.2 The Labour rates for the Entry Level position in Group A to Group E inclusively must be higher than the Labour rate for CO-OP Student and General Labour.

Questions from Industry:

Q.29 We are looking for clarification on the validation spreadsheet from Financial Evaluation, Financial Evaluation Section 3.1.1:

In column A – states Group F – contains the Categories Technologist and Entry level technologist but in column M states Group E for the same Categories. Please confirm that column A should state Group E?

A.29 Yes, it is a typo and column A should state Group E in the validation spreadsheet.

Q.30 In columns G through M, Group F is not represented. Please confirm that Group F does not have a Validation Protocol.

A.30 For the information on Group F, please refers to RFP section Annex G, Section 3.1, Paragraph 2. Criteria for Category Group F.

Q.31 In Section 24. Records and Reports - can Canada please confirm that they maintain cost and expense for the Computerize Maintenance Management System?

A.31 Yes, maintenance and cost are under Work Element 2.

Q. 32 In Annex C – Basis of Payment the Transition Period costing states the pricing should be included in the fixed price for Work Element 3 for Year 1. We believe that the fees associated with the Transition Period should be a represented as an independent cost item as opposed to bundling within WE3. Further, this fee should not be considered as part of the Financial assessment as it constitutes an unfair advantage in favour of the Incumbent. It is expected that the Incumbent, being in place and operational, would not require fees for the Transition Period. Can Canada please remove these transition fees from the scoring?

A 32. Work Element 3 represent the monthly management fee and are not the transition cost.

Question 33 has been reformulated to meet the Q&A format:

Q.33 RFP – Annex G Financial Evaluation (p. 86 of 93)

Paragraph 3.1.1 All Inclusive Hourly Labour Rates for Work Element 1 & 2

Bidders must provide all inclusive hourly rates for each personnel labour category in accordance with the requirements specified in Appendix 3 of the Statement of Work (SOW) for the first two years of the initial contract period.

Appendix 4 of the SOW addresses the 85 minimum skill and knowledge requirements to ensure NETE business continuity. These do not specify the need for all 25 labour categories. A bidder could thus submit realistic hourly rates for labour categories stipulated in Appendix 4 and the more junior categories

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for each implicated Labour Group. The bidder could then choose to ignore the need for other labour categories and bid very low rates, perhaps even bidding zero in certain cases. As long as the prevailing risk mitigation rules have been respected, the bidder will have succeeded in artificially lowering the bid. This poses risk to both the NETE 3 procurement process as well as to the long-term success of NETE.

In order to strengthen existing measures to prevent the likelihood of unusually low Labour rates, would Canada consider the implementation of floor rates to be met for each of the 25 labour categories for each of the first two years of the initial contract period?

A.33 Please see modification to the RFP above to clarify the rule that CO-OP Student and General Labour must be the lowest labour rates for all Category Groups.

Q.34 R.3 – Business Continuity Resources – Skill/Knowledge Requirement ID 55 This requirement addresses Knowledge of equipment and measurement techniques for in-situ evaluation of engine exhaust emissions. The requirement asks for a person qualified as a Senior Technical Specialist. Could Canada confirm that an individual with suitable experience but qualified as a Senior Engineer would fulfill this Skill/Knowledge Requirement?

A.34 This is acceptable as specify in the SOW – Appendix 4, NETE Business Continuity – Minimum Requirements, Paragraph F.

Q.35 R.3 - Business Continuity Resources – Skill/Knowledge Requirement ID 71
This requirement addresses Knowledge of operation, maintenance and in-situ testing of shipboard Chemical, Biological and Nuclear air filtration systems. The requirement asks for a person qualified as a Technologist. Could Canada confirm that an individual with suitable experience but qualified as a Naval/Military Systems Specialist would fulfill this Skill/Knowledge Requirement?

A.35 This is acceptable as specify in the SOW – Appendix 4, NETE Business Continuity – Minimum Requirements, Paragraph F.

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