

## **Solutions-Based Professional Services (TSPS) Requirement**

This requirement is for **Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)**

This requirement is open only to those **Supply Arrangement Holders under E60ZT-16TSSB** who qualified under Tier 1 (**\$0 - \$3.75M**) for the following categorie(s): **2. Business Consulting/Change Management Services**

**The following SA Holders have been invited to submit a proposal.**

1. Cathexis Consulting Inc.
2. Deloitte Inc.
3. Ernst & Young LLP
4. FERENCE & COMPANY CONSULTING LTD.
5. Goss Gilroy Inc.
6. IDS Systems Consultants Inc.
7. KPMG LLP
8. MGIS Inc.
9. NATTIQ INC.
10. PubliVate Inc.
11. R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd.
12. Research Power (N.S.) Inc.
13. The Institute on Governance
14. The Social Research and Demonstration Corporation
15. Y2 Consulting Psychologists Inc./Psychologues consultants Y2 inc.

### **Description of the Requirement:**

The Skills and Employment Branch (SEB) at Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) requires the services of a Contractor to: 1) Complete a review of ESDC skills and employment program evaluation reports and other relevant literature based on the research questions; and 2) Engage with the following target population on the research questions below and report on findings.

Individuals from equity-deserving groups who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- 1) Received EI benefits and used Job Bank within the last 3 years to find a job; or
- 2) Were unemployed within the past 3 years and used Job Bank to find a job; or
- 3) Were employed within the past 3 years and used Job Bank to find another job.

The findings from this research will inform the development and implementation of SEB policies and programs in order to make skills and employment programs more accessible, inclusive and responsive to the different labour market needs of individuals. This can include developing new programs or adjusting current programs, as well as pointing to areas requiring further research.

### **Level of Security Requirement:**

Security requirement for Canadian supplier: Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) file # Common professional services security requirement check list #9

1. The contractor/offeror must, at all times during the performance of the contract/standing offer, hold a valid designated organization screening (DOS) with approved document safeguarding at the level of protected B, issued by the Contract Security Program (CSP), Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC)
2. The contractor/offeror personnel requiring access to **protected** information, assets or work site(s) must **each** hold a valid **reliability status**, granted or approved by the CSP, PWGSC
3. The contractor **must not** utilize its Information Technology systems to electronically process, produce or store **protected** information until the CSP, PWGSC has issued written approval. After approval has been granted or approved, these tasks may be performed up to the level of **protected B**
4. Subcontracts which contain security requirements are **not** to be awarded without the prior written permission of the CSP, PWGSC
5. The contractor/offeror must comply with the provisions of the:
  - a. Security Requirements Check List and security guide (if applicable), attached at Annex B;
  - b. Contract Security Manual (latest edition).

**Applicable Trade Agreements:**

Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)  
Canada–Chile Free Trade Agreement  
Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)  
Canada–Colombia Free Trade Agreement  
Canada–European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)  
Canada–Honduras Free Trade Agreement  
Canada–Korea Free Trade Agreement  
Canada–Panama Free Trade Agreement  
Canada–Peru Free Trade Agreement  
Canada–Ukraine Free Trade Agreement  
Canada–United Kingdom Trade Continuity Agreement  
World Trade Organization–Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-GPA)

**Proposed Period of Contract:**

The proposed period of Contract shall be for contract start date, to February 29, 2024.

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***NOTE: The Task and Solutions Professional Services (TSPS) Method of Supply is subject to quarterly refresh cycles. If you wish to find out how you can be a “Qualified SA Holder”, please contact: [SPTS.TSPS@TPSGC-PWGSC.GC.CA](mailto:SPTS.TSPS@TPSGC-PWGSC.GC.CA)***