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**REVISION TO A REQUEST FOR SUPPLY
ARRANGEMENT/
RÉVISION À UNE DEMANDE POUR UN
ARRANGEMENT EN MATIÈRE
D'APPROVISIONNEMENT**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présent révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

Title/Titre: Audit and Related Services (ARS) / Services d'audit et services associés (ASA)	
Solicitation No / N° de l'invitation : 369	Date 2022-11-21
	Amendment No. – No modif. 004
Date of the Original Request for Supply Arrangement 22-10-28 Date de Demande pour un arrangement en matière d'app. originale	
Address Enquiries to / Adresser toutes questions à Cooper, Beth – suppliers@oag-bvg.gc.ca	
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Destination of Goods, Services and Construction / Destination des biens, services et construction Specified Herein Précisé dans les présentes	
Security / Sécurité This request for a Supply Arrangement does not contain a security requirement. / Cette Demande pour un arrangement ne contient pas d'exigence de sécurité.	
Instructions: See Herein Instructions: Voir aux présentes	
Vendor Name and Address / Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur Telephone No. / N° de telephone:	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of vendor (type or print) / Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur (caractère d'imprimerie) Name/Nom _____ Title/Titre _____ Signature _____ Date _____	

<p>Solicitation Closes / L'invitation prend fin</p> <p>At – à :</p> <p>14:00 Eastern Standard Time / 14h00 Heure Normale de l'Est</p> <p>On - le :</p> <p>9 December 2022 / 9 décembre 2022</p>
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This solicitation amendment is raised to provide answers to additional Supplier questions, and to correct the answer previously provided to Question 3, in relation to this solicitation.

Questions and Answers

Question 3: “re: Submission documents - Can the Crown please clarify if it requires sub-streams to each be submitted as separate proposals? For example, if Bidders are pursuing Sub-Streams 3A, 3B, and 3C, can these be submitted in a single proposal?”

Answer 3: Suppliers are requested to submit sub-stream proposals as separate emails in accordance with the instructions provided at section 3.1 of the RFSA.

Question 8: “We were wondering if there any portion of work that will be set aside for first nation-related firms? Since we have also received a notification that bid could be presented in joint venture with IBD (Indigenous Business Directory).”

Answer 8: Please refer to Section 2.4 (Designation as Set Aside – Notification), and Section 5.1.1 (Set-Aside for Indigenous Business – Self-Identification Requested).

Question 9: “Under the current Supply Arrangement (expiring December 31, 2022), how many projects were issued by the Office of the Auditor General of Canada? Who was awarded each project and what was the estimated value of each project?”

Answer 9: The OAG has not recently issued Supply Arrangements (SA) for the provision of Audit and Related Services. The current tool for the provision of these services are Standing Offer Agreements (SOA), resulting from Request for Standing Offer 256 (Audit and Related Services) and 264 (Special Examination and Related Services), whose terms will be expiring on 31 December 2022.

The number of contracts awarded under these SOAs was approximately 200 with a total approximate expenditure of \$12 million. For further information Suppliers are invited to review Government contracts proactively disclosed at:

https://search.open.canada.ca/contracts/?_ga=2.147926452.2043152337.1668539582-1611565260.1658250799&owner_org=oag-bvg&page=1&sort=contract_date+desc.

For reference, the SOAs that these contracts were issued against include: P1700586, P1700587, P1700588, P1700589, P1700590, P1700591, P1700592, P1700593, P1700603, P1700604, P1700605, P1700648, P1700649, P1700650, P1700651, P1700618, P1700619, P1700620, P1700621, P1700622, P1700508, P1700512, P1700513, P1700514 and P1700515.

Question 10: “Please list all differences between RFSA No. 369 and the previous RFSA issued for Audit and Related Services (ARS).”

Answer 10: The Supply Arrangements that are expected to result from RFSA 369 – Audit and Related Services are a completely different tool than the Standing Offer Agreements awarded by the OAG in the previous solicitation for the provision of audit, special examination and related services. The solicitation documents have been completely re-written and include significant changes.

Suppliers are reminded of the importance of reading the RFSA document in its entirety and are solely responsible for making their own investigations, projections and conclusions, and consulting their own advisors about strategies for responding to the information contained in this RFSA.

Question 11: “Upon review of Part 3, 3.1.1 Section I: Technical Arrangement, it is understood that mandatory technical criteria in Attachment A is to be included in our arrangement. Are minimum mandatory qualifications and experience for resource categories in Annex A also required at this time (i.e. should Suppliers complete Annex A in our arrangement for each stream and sub-stream for which we are requesting qualification at this time)?”

Answer 11: No, Suppliers are not required to complete Annex A as part of their arrangement.

Question 12: “Based on the RFPS, are we correct in understanding that Suppliers do not need to provide resource CVs for each category within Streams 2, 3, and 5 based on the requirements provided in Annex A? Are we correct in assuming that the OAG does not wish to evaluate CVs in each category for these streams?”

Answer 12: The OAG will not be evaluating resources at this stage.

Question 13: “I am an FCPA, FCA, and am registered in the IBD.

I do not have my Public Accounting (Ontario) licence, but do have 30 years of experience working in audit, financial reporting and financial oversight positions for 2 Federal Crown Corporations, 2 municipalities, and 1 Provincial agency.

I also currently sit on PSAB's Financial Instruments - Group of Experts panel

Would there be an opportunity to bid on non-attest work?”

Answer 13: The streams and sub-streams of required audit and related services are described in Annex A (Statement of Requirements). Arrangements will be evaluated on a stream or sub-stream basis. It is not necessary to submit an arrangement for all streams or sub-streams to be issued a SA. Therefore, if a supplier wishes to submit an arrangement for services in only one specific stream or sub-stream, it may do so.

Question 14: “We have the following question regarding the RFSA no. 369 for OAG:

Regarding the Stream 2 – Data Analytics, would the OAG consider broadening the education requirements of the senior data scientist and data scientist to include:

.OR. Accounting designation (CPA; CPA, CA; CPA, CGA; CPA, CMA)

In the context of the required services determined in the RFP for this stream, we feel that an experienced CPA with Audit Data Analytics’ skills would be as relevant as a resource with a graduate degree in a quantitative field.”

Answer 14: The OAG is satisfied with this requirement.