

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Bid Solicitation # 500067070
Questions and Answers – Set 2
December 9, 2022

Question 4

What is the expected start date for the project?

Answer 4

The anticipated start date for the project is March 1, 2023.

Question 5

In reference to the statement of work, Section 4: Scope of Work, it states that *“This methodology would help us elucidate the professional judgment applied in a ranking of the ~1500 findings which are used ...”*, could CNSC comment on the nature of these findings and the format in which they are recorded?

Answer 5

Findings are documented in inspection reports. A finding is a conclusion that results from the evaluation of the fact(s) collected during the inspection against inspection criteria. A finding can indicate either conformity or non-conformity with inspection criteria. Non-compliance may result from a direct contravention of a regulatory requirement or from nonconformity with the compliance criteria of the policies, procedures, standards, instructions, etc. established in support of the regulatory requirement. Compliant and non-compliant findings receive a rating of compliant, negligible, low, medium, or high as per the table below:

Compliant	A compliant finding indicates that performance meets applicable CNSC requirements and compliance expectations. The finding indicates there was no risk of failure.
Negligible	A negligible finding indicates that performance insignificantly deviated from expectation or objectives of CNSC requirements and compliance expectations. The extent of the deficiency does not represent an unreasonable risk. For clarity: There is some slippage with respect to the requirements and meeting compliance expectations; however, it is not considered to pose an unreasonable risk to the achievement of compliance.
Low	A low finding indicates that performance deviated from expectation or from the intent or objectives of CNSC requirements and compliance expectation. The extent of the deficiency represents a low risk that the program could ultimately fail to achieve expectations. Although the risk of failing to meet regulatory requirements in the short term remains low, the finding leads to the conclusion that improvements in performance are required to address identified weaknesses.
Medium	A medium finding indicates that performance significantly deviated from expectations, or from the intent, or objectives of CNSC requirements and compliance expectations. The extent of the deficiency demonstrates there is evidence of continued poor performance. There is medium risk that the deficiencies could lead to significant impact on the public, plant or environmental safety or on Canada’s international obligations.

High	A high finding indicates that licensee measures are absent, completely inadequate or ineffective in meeting expectations or intent of CNSC requirements and compliance expectations. The deficiencies lead to the conclusion that failure is likely to have a major impact on public, plant or environmental safety or on Canada's international obligations.
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Question 6

In reference to the statement of work, Section 6: Deliverables and associated schedule, could CNSC define further Task #1 and Task #2 referred to in this section, and do they require separate reports, or a further version of the same report (i.e., on the same scope)?

Answer 6

The report for task #2 would be a revised version of the report from task #1. The revised report would take into consideration comments provided from the first report and include updated information.

Question 7

In reference to the statement of work, Section 8: Client Support, how many CNSC resources will be involved as part of the project team to provide the client support listed in this section?

Answer 7

From the CNSC, there will be one (1) Technical Authority assigned and up to four (4) employees supporting the project.

Question 8

In reference to the statement of work, Section 9: Constraints, if deemed to be beneficial for practical implementation, would the implementation be considered a component of a larger, existing data strategy for the department?

Answer 8

No, not at this point.

Question 9

Due to the confidentiality involved in the work and the requirement for client confidentiality, we have maintained the confidentiality of client names and/or client contact information in prior proposals submitted to Federal Crown Corporations, Agencies and Departments and agreed to coordinate the client reference information through us. This approach has been acceptable with other Federal Crown Corporations/Agencies/Departments and ask if CNSC will accept this same approach for Rated Criteria's RT2, RT3 AND RT4? The client communication can be coordinated by us upon request by CNSC.

Answer 9

Client references will need to be provided with the proposal. Confidential information regarding the referenced projects can be withheld.

Question 10

Does CNSC have a specific budget or expenditure threshold in mind for the scope of work described in the RFP?

Answer 10

The anticipated budget for this project is between \$70,000 and \$90,000.

Question 11

Due to the complexity of preparing a response to this solicitation and the large number of bids currently out to tender, we would like to request a one-week extension to the solicitation closing date to ensure adequate time for questions and answers and that vendors are able to submit high quality responses that provide the best value to CNSC.

Answer 11

The bid solicitation closing date will be extended to Tuesday, January 3. The information on CanadaBuys will be updated to reflect this change in date.

Question 12

What is the format of the 1500 findings used for the Regulatory Oversight Report rating (ex. csv, report format). If the 1500 findings are in a table format (ex. .csv), what are the fields? Does the format vary with each finding?

Answer 12

The findings exist in word format (reports) and are also included in a database, which can be downloaded in .csv, or excel format. Current key data fields include the following:

- Safety Control Area
- Specific Area
- Finding Title (includes a number)
- Finding Details
- Regulatory Rating

This project may also yield new data fields.

Question 13

As there are 4 Deliverables (Deliverable 1 – Work Plan; Deliverable 2 – Preliminary Draft Report; Deliverable 3 – Draft Report; Deliverable 4 – Final Report), can the Payment Schedule (Annex B) Reflect the 4 Deliverables, in order to balance the cashflow.

Answer 13

The milestone payments detailed in Annex B, Basis of Payment, will remain unchanged.

Question 14

The terms and conditions provided by the CNSC for this scope of work do not provide for a limit of liability or exclusion of liability for consequential damages. Will the CNSC provide supplementary terms for this scope of work that provide a limit of liability (to the purchase order price) and an exclusion of liability for consequential damages?

Answer 14

The Terms and Conditions are stipulated in the RFP. There are no supplementary terms that would provide a limit of liability or an exclusion of liability for consequential damages.
