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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.

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

**Comments - Commentaires**

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<b>Title - Sujet</b> CORE NETWORK SUSTAINMENT SERVICES	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> W8486-228517/A	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 003
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> W8486-228517	<b>Date</b> 2023-01-17
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<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> 059ra.W8486-228517	<b>CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME</b>
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**Instructions: See Herein**

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<b>Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm</b> <b>(type or print)</b> <b>Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/</b> <b>de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**The purpose of this amendment is to:**

1. Modify Statement of Work to correct a reference in the Section 4.3.5
2. Modify RFP Reference Annex F – Compliance Matrix and Technical Bid Evaluation Criteria –Appendix F2 – Rated Evaluation Criteria - RT – 2.1c
3. Publish answers to Bidders' questions.

**The following shall form part of this RFP:**

1. In the Annex A – Statement of Work

**ADD****4.3.5 Indigenous Participation Plan**

4.3.5.1 The Contractor must prepare, submit, and manage an Indigenous Participation Plan (IPP) in accordance with CDRL and DID 100.006.

## 2. RFP Reference Annex F – Compliance Matrix and Technical Bid Evaluation Criteria –Appendix F2 – Rated Evaluation Criteria.

### DELETE:

Reference to RT 2.1 c): in its entirety

### INSERT:

<b>RT - 2.1</b> <b>c.</b>	Integration process into the Baseline and release methodology.	Response contains none of the essential elements sought and/or information provided is inadequate which demonstrates that the bidder has very little understanding of the subject matter and/or does not meet the minimum competencies required with respect to the qualification being assessed.	Bidder demonstrates an integration process.	Bidder demonstrates an integration process; <b>AND</b> Demonstrates how the integration process aligns with the SEP.	Bidder demonstrates an integration process; <b>AND</b> Bidder demonstrates how the integration processes aligns with the SEP; <b>AND</b> Bidder demonstrates how it will manage the minimum product versions.	Bidder demonstrates an integration process; <b>AND</b> Bidder demonstrates how the integration processes aligns with the SEP; <b>AND</b> Bidder demonstrates how it will manage the expected product versions.	100	<b>B</b>	
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*Note: The wording in green font denotes the changes in the reference documents.*

**The following questions and answers were published under Amendment 002.****Q1: RFP Reference Annex F – Compliance Matrix – Appendix F1 – Mandatory Evaluation Criteria – MT 7 - And Appendix A4 – CDRL and DID.**

Can Canada confirm whether or not any internal Indigenous resources that Bidders hire to perform the LC4ISR Applications work will count towards the 5% Target for Total Estimated Contract Value for Goods and/or Services to be sourced from Canadian indigenous firms? The Indigenous Participation Plan outlined in Appendix A4 to Annex A, DID 100.006 states that Bidders are required to provide their Human resources strategy on retaining Indigenous peoples for the performance of the Work, however, it is unclear if Indigenous peoples hired as part of these efforts would count towards the 5% Target.

**A1:** No, any indigenous resources hired will not count towards the 5% target.

**Q2: RFP Reference Annex F – Compliance Matrix – Appendix F1 – Mandatory Evaluation Criteria – MT 7 - And Appendix A4 – CDRL and DID.**

Can Canada confirm whether Skills Development and Training activities with Indigenous peoples counts towards the 5% Target for Total Estimated Contract Value for Goods and/or Services to be sourced from Canadian indigenous .

**A2:** No, any skill development training activities will not count towards the 5% target.

**Q3: RFP Reference Annex C – SRCL – Section 10a – PERSONNEL.**

Can Canada please provide the Security Classification Guide?

**A3:** Bidders that are interested in submitting a bid should send a written email request to the Contracting Authority to obtain the SRCL Supplemental Guide.

**Q4: RFP Reference Appendix A4 – CDRL and DID - PMP 100.001 10.3**

This section states: For each position, the PMP must identify the name...

We assume the requirement is to provide the name of the role and not the name of the individual filling the role. Please confirm

**A4:** Correct. At bid closing, only name of the role is required unless the individual is known and can be named by the Bidder. However, if successful, the bidder will revise the PMP to also reflect the name of resource.

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**The following questions and answers are being published under this amendment****Q5: RFP Reference Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions.**

Part 3, 1.3.2 notes that prices should only be contained in Bidder's Financial Bid's. In order to deliver a compliant Section IV: ITB Bid, Bidders must include their Bid price in the Mandatory Requirements Certificate (Mandatory Requirement 4). Canada is requested to confirm that inclusion of financial information in Section IV: ITB Bid is acceptable.

**A5:** It is acceptable and required to provide the Bid Price as part of Section IV - ITB Value Proposition.

**Q6: RFP Reference Annex G – Value Proposition Bidder Instructions – Sub Section 5.6.2.5**

Currently, section 5.6.2.5 of Annex G states that "Any proposed Transaction with a company not meeting the Eligible Donor criteria will be rejected." As written, this could imply that Direct Transactions with an Eligible Donor could be rejected if the supplier did not meet the Eligible Donor criteria.

The following revised language is recommended in place of section 5.6.2.5: "Any proposed Transaction involving ED contributions from a company not meeting the ED criteria will be rejected"

**A6:** The definition of "Eligible Donor" is provided in Part 7B-ITB Terms and Conditions, Section 1.1.13, and its application is explained in Section 8.1.4. Only those Donors that meet the definition of an Eligible Donor will be accepted as Donors for ITB Transaction purposes. Recipients, as defined in Section 1.1.29, are not required to meet the Eligible Donor definition.

**Q7: RFP Reference Annex G – Value Proposition Bidder Instructions - Multiple Sections.**

Referencing Annex G and Annex H (both VP/ITB related), the use of both Bid Price and Contract Price are referenced, in relation to transaction identification.

We suggest that since Contract Price is defined in the ITB/VP terms and conditions, and Bid Price is not, that Contract Price be the sole reference for commitment value in both Annex G and Annex H.

It is recommended that Contract Price be set at a value that more closely aligns with the anticipated value of the future Contract which all bidders can use as a baseline to provide transaction identification against.

**A7:** No change required.

**Q8: RFP Reference Annex F – Compliance Matrix and Technical Bid Evaluation Criteria – Appendix F1 – Mandatory Evaluation Criteria – And Appendix F2 – Rated Evaluation Criteria.**

In reference to Appendix F.1 and F.2, Compliance Matrix and Technical Bid Evaluation Criteria - Mandatory Evaluation Criteria (F.1) & Rated Evaluation Criteria (F.2), Canada requests that the Bidders provide their comments in Column L (Bidder's Comments) demonstrating how the bidder will meet the requirements, without cross referencing to other statements in Annex F.

Canada is requested to clarify what information they are seeking for the Bidder's to provide in column L; for instance, is Canada looking to have Bidders confirm that their response to the

individual mandatory or rated requirement meets one of the Compliance Methodologies provided (A-D).

**A8:** Yes, that's correct, and additionally, in which part of their bid and on what page the bidder has included the Proof of Compliance to meet the requirement.

**Q9:** **RFP Reference Annex F – Compliance Matrix and Technical Bid Evaluation Criteria – Appendix F2 – Rated Evaluation Criteria.**

Can Canada please explain how management and execution of Design Authority applies to RT2.1.c?

**A9:** Canada acknowledges that configuration management is not a component or factor that needs to be considered by the design authority. However, Canada expects the Design Authority to always consider and ensure successful integration processes.

**Q10:** **RFP Reference Appendix A4 – CDRL and DID – PMP 100.001 – Section 10.13**

Section 10.13 (j) refers to an Audit Closeout Plan.

To which audit is Canada referring?

**A10:** The audit would pertain to all matters and activities subject to this project.

**Q11:** **RFP Reference Appendix A2 – Standards and References – Section 1.1 DLCSPM Standards – DLCSPM-SEP-2021 and references to DLCSPM-SEP-2021 throughout the SOW**

The copy of the SEP provided to Bidder is referred to as the System Engineering Plan (reference AMD 1) and is dated December 2022.

Can Canada confirm that all references to "DLCSPM SEP 2021" throughout the full RFP package is in fact the "System Engineering Plan\_RFP Release" file, publication date December 2022.

**A11:** Correct. The term "DLCSPM SEP 2021" used throughout the full RFP package is the PDF file titled "System Engineering Plan \_ RFP Release", publication date December 2022.

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***All other terms and conditions of the RFP remain unchanged.***