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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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Title - Sujet LC4ISR SoS E&I Sustainment Services LC4ISR System of Systems Engineering & Integration Sustainment Services	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8486-228516/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 003
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W8486-228516	Date 2023-01-31
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$RA-059-28917	
File No. - N° de dossier 059ra.W8486-228516	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM Eastern Standard Time EST on - le 2023-03-01 Heure Normale de l'Est HNE	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

DUE TO AN EXTREMELY TIGHT TIMELINE, CANADA CANNOT AFFORD TO PROVIDE PROLONGED CLOSING DATE EXTENSIONS. WE REQUIRE BIDDER'S UTMOST COOPERATION TO SUBMIT THEIR BIDS BY THE SOLICITATION CLOSING DATE.

The purpose of this amendment is to:

1. Modify Annex A – Statement of Work – Appendix A4 – Contract Data Requirements List and Data Item Descriptions to correct references to CDRL 100.002 and DID 100.002.
2. Modify Annex B – Basis of Payment – Section 6 – Economic Price Adjustment for Option and Transition Periods to correct a reference in sub-section 6.2.
3. Publish revised Part 7B – ITB Terms and Conditions – Appendix B - TRN Sheet Template - REV1.
4. Modify Annex H – Industrial Technological Benefit (ITB) Value Proposition Evaluation Plan (VP) – Section – Rated Evaluation to correct wording under sub-section - 4.1.1.3.
5. Modify Annex A – Statement of Work – Section 4 – Core Management Work - under sub-section 4.3.5.1 - Indigenous Participation Plan.
6. Modify Annex F – Compliance Matrix and Technical Bid Evaluation - Appendix F1 – Mandatory Evaluation Criteria – REV1 – Under Column, MT8 - Indigenous Participation Plan.
7. Modify RFP – Part 2 – Bidders Instructions – Section 2
8. Publish answers to Bidders' questions.

The following shall form part of this RFP:

1. In Annex A – Statement of Work.

- 1.1 Appendix A4 – Contract Date Requirements List and Data Item Descriptions, Section – 6 Detailed CDRLS – Sub-section – Contract Data Requirement List – Item number: 100.002, Block 2 – Title or Description of Data.

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Quarterly Progress Report (QPR).

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Monthly Progress Report (MPR).

- 1.2 Appendix A4 – Contract Date Requirements List and Data Item descriptions – Section – 6 Detailed CDRLS – in sub-section – Contract Data Requirement List – 100.002, Block 10 – Frequency.

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- 1.3 Appendix A4 - Contract Date Requirements List and Data Item descriptions - Section – 7 - Data Item Descriptions - Block 1 – Title, DID 100.002.

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“Quarterly Progress Report (QPR)”

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“Monthly Progress Report (MPR)”

2. Annex B – Basis of Payment – Section 6 – Economic Price Adjustment for Option and Transition Periods – Sub-section 6.2.

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In its entirety.

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6.2. The Labour Rates for Option Period 1 shall be calculated as follows: the average Labour Rate for the relevant personnel categories in Year 5 and Year 6 will be used as the baseline for escalation of Labour Rates. The Labour Rate will then be escalated or de-escalated by no more than a percentage equal to the increase or decrease, as applicable, in Canada's Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the one-year period ending two months prior to the date that **Option Period 1 commences**. The Contractor will continue to be paid using the current rates until the new rates have been agreed upon between the Contractor and Canada.

3. In the RFP – Part 7B – ITB Terms and Conditions – Appendix B – TRN Sheet Template.

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Template Transaction Sheet in its entirety.

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Ts&Cs Appendix B TRN Sheet Template - Revision 01.

4. Annex H – Industrial Technological Benefit (ITB) Value Proposition Evaluation Plan (VP) – Section – Rated Evaluation – Sub-section - 4.1.1.3.

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Section in its entirety.

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4.1.1.3. Points will only be awarded in Supplier Development if the Bidder identifies Transactions that are detailed, fully described, align with Supplier Development, and equal in total to not less than ten percent (10%) of the Supplier Development **Commitment, measured in CCV**. If the Bidder does not meet this requirement, no points in this criterion will be awarded, and a score of zero (0) will be used for evaluation purposes.

5. Annex A – Statement of Work - Section 4 – Core Management Work - under sub-section 4.3.5 – Indigenous Participation Plan.

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4.3.5.1 in its entirety.

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The Contractor must prepare, submit, and manage an Indigenous Participation Plan (IPP) in accordance with CDRL and DID **100.007**.

6. Annex F – Compliance Matrix and Technical Bid Evaluation Criteria - Appendix F1 – Mandatory Evaluation Criteria – REV1 – Under Block B – Evaluation Requirements of SoS E&I solicitation – Column - MT8 - Indigenous Participation Plan – Cell B - MT 8.1.

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Cell B in its entirety.

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Bidders must submit with their bid, their proposed Indigenous Participation Plan (IPP) in accordance with **CDRL 100.007** and **DID 100.007**. The bidder must detail the extent to which they will support the government's overall target of 5% of the Total Estimated Contract Value for Goods and/or Services to be sourced from Canadian indigenous firms and delivered to Canada.

7. In the RFP – Part 2 Bidders Instructions – Section 2

7.1 Sub-section 2.1

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2.1 Bids must be submitted only to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit by the date, time and place indicated in the bid solicitation. The bids must be submitted via CPC Connect service **or Facsimile** only.

7.2 Sub-section 2.3

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2.4 Due to the nature of the bid solicitation, hardcopies and soft copies on media to PWGSC will not be accepted.

7.3 Sub-section 2.3

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2.3 To submit bids using Facsimile for bids closing at the Bid Receiving Unit in the National Capital Region (NCR) the facsimile number is: 819-997-9776

Note: The wording in green font denotes the changes in the RFP.

The following questions and answers were published under the previous amendment

Q1: In the subject RFP, 7. Basis of Selection, 7.4.1, the formula for the Financial Bid's Weighted Price is as follows:

Financial Bid's Weighted Price = (50% x Total Core Work Fee for Firm Periods) + (20% x Total Aggregated Labour Rates) + (30% x Total Calculated Mark-Up)

In Appendix B1, the formula for the Financial Bid's Weighted Price is changed to the following:

Financial Bid's Weighted Price = (50% x Total Core Work Fee for Firm Period) + Total Facility Operations & Maintenance Fee for Firm Period +(20% x Total Aggregated Labour Rates for the Firm Period) + (30% x Total Calculated Mark-Up for the Firm, Option & Transition Periods)

Can Canada please confirm which of these 2 formulas is correct?

A1: The formula found in Appendix B1 is the version that will be used for evaluation purposes.

In the RFP, 7. Basis of Selection, 7.4.1 the Financial Bid's Weighted Price formula is simply to show the specific weighted percentage that is being applied to the 3 items. You can refer to the Note at the bottom of 7.4.1 which states "Note: The FOM Fee will not be weighted."

Q2: The requirement that the SoS E&I facility be located within a 25km radius of the National Printing Bureau does not acknowledge that there are mature facilities in Canada existing outside of the perimeter that have most of the required infrastructure and services required for the SoS E&I Sustainment Services program. We recommend that in order to gain the best overall value for the Crown, Canada allow the SoS E&I facility to be located anywhere in Canada.

A2: The SoS E&I Facility's location within a 25km radius of the National Printing Bureau requirement is based on Canada's needs. Its military and public service workforce is located in the National Capital Region and requires access to the facility on a daily basis. Furthermore, DLCSPM is located at the National Printing Bureau.

Q3: **RFP Reference Annex F – Compliance Matrix and Technical Bid Evaluation Criteria – Appendix F2 – Mandatory Evaluation Criteria.**

MT 2.1 states "The SEMP must be based on DLCSPM standard, DLCSPM-SEP-2021 listed in Appendix A2 – Standards and References and must be in accordance with CDRL 200.001 and DID 200.001. Bidders must address all requirements of the DID in their proposed SEMP."

The DID 200.001 states "The SEMP must contain as a minimum the following information aligned with the major headings of Canada's SEP".

Can Canada clarify if it means that the SEMP must have the same major sections as the SEP (i.e. Introduction, Land C4ISR Capability Overview, Engineering Process, Governance, ..., Fielding Process, In-Service Support)? If it is the case:

1. Can Canada confirm that the sub-sections can be different? And
2. Can Canada clarify if the SEMP must also include and consider the sections marked as "To Be Developed" in the SEP (i.e. 10. Fielding Process and 11. In-Service Support)?

A3: The SEMP must include the major section outlined in DID 200.001. The content, including sub-sections, is to be based on the DLCSPM-SEP-2021

1. Sub-sections in the SEMP are to be identified by the bidder; and

2. No, however, bidders are encouraged to suggest responses.

The following questions and answers are being published under this amendment

- Q4:** DID 100.006 b. iv) states that for each proposed Indigenous business for subcontracting, a copy of the Procurement Strategy for Indigenous Business (PSIB) certification must be included. We understand that PSIB no longer issues certificates. Can Canada please confirm that a snapshot of the Indigenous Business Directory for the proposed Indigenous business will satisfy this requirement?
- A4:** Yes, a snapshot will be accepted. The Contracting Authority will notify Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) so that certification may be selectively audited for evidence and accuracy.
- Q5:** Under this requirement, Canada asks Bidders to provide their EMP in accordance with the Canada's Environmental Strategy. Can Canada please point Bidders towards where its Environmental strategies are clearly listed?
- A5:** As stated in Annex F – Compliance Matrix and Technical Bid Evaluation Criteria - Appendix F1 – Mandatory Evaluation Criteria – REV1 – Section MT7 – Proposed Environmental Management Plan - MT 7.1.3, please refer to the following site:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/services/innovation/greening-government/strategy.html>
- Q6:** Annex F – Compliance Matrix and Technical Bid Evaluation Criteria – Appendix F1 – Mandatory Evaluation Criteria – REV1 – Section MT7 – Proposed Environmental Management Plan – Cell MT 7.1.2

In MT 7.1.2, Bidders are required to certify that they comply with Canada's Environmental policies, yet no policies are detailed as part of the RFP package. Can Canada publish the relevant policies that they required Bidders to "certify"?
- A6:** Bidder is requested to certify that the Bidder will comply with Canada's Environmental policies.
- Q7:** **RFP Reference Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions – Sub-section - 1.3.2**

Part 3, 1.3.2 notes that prices should only be contained in Bidder's Financial Bid's. Other aspects of a Bidder's submission require the submission of Financial data, such as Section IV - ITB Bid and Section I - Technical Bid, Indigenous Participation Plan (IPP) (Estimated cost projected for participation of Indigenous Businesses). Can Canada confirm that inclusion of financial information in Section IV – ITB Bid and Section I - Technical Bid, Indigenous Participation Plans is acceptable?
- A7:** It is acceptable and required to provide the Bid Price as part of Section IV - ITB Value Proposition. The inclusion of financial information in the IPP is acceptable.
- Q8:** **RFP Reference Part 2 - Bidder Instructions – Section 2 - Submission of Bids**

Article 2.3 of Part 2 states that bids must be delivered via CPC Connect only. However, in light of the fact that difficulties can arise with Connect which may prevent bidders from submitting timely bids, it is our view that PSPC should include an alternate method to submit a bid. This is in line with

PSPC policy on bid submissions, PN-128R1, dated 2018-05-22, which requires an RFP to include two delivery methods.

A8: Canada will accept submission of bids via CPC Connect or Facsimile in accordance with **Section 8** of the 2003 (2022-03-29) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services Competitive Requirements.

All other terms and conditions of the RFP remain unchanged.