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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.

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RFI AMENDMENT 022

RFI Amendment No. 022 is being issued to address each of the following:

- (A) Extend the RFI Closing Date**
- (B) Amend RFI Amendment No. 20, Instructions to Suppliers**
- (C) Amend RFI Amendment No. 20, PART 2, Section 2.5 – Communication**
- (D) Questions & Answers**
- (E) ANNEX A - List of Government of Canada key stakeholders names and titles**

A) This amendment is being raised to extend the Request for Information (RFI) closing date

REFER: Solicitation Closing Date on Page 1 of the RFP

DELETE: in its entirety;

INSERT: Solicitation Closes at 2:00PM EDT on 2024-03-31

B) At RFI Amendment No. 20, Instructions to Suppliers

DELETE:

Interested suppliers are requested to provide their feedback, comments, questions, and suggestions, in writing before 2:00 PM (EDT) on **24 March, 2023**. Feedback received after the closing date and time may not be considered.

INSERT:

Interested suppliers are requested to provide their feedback, comments, questions, and suggestions, in writing before 2:00 PM (EDT) on **14 April, 2023**. Feedback received after the closing date and time may not be considered.

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C) At RFI Amendment No. 20, PART 2, Section 2.5 - Communication

DELETE: in its entirety;

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Section 2.5 - Communication

To ensure the integrity of this competitive procurement process, all communication, including enquiries, regarding this ITQ must be submitted in writing (by email) and directed only to the Contracting Authority at the email address below:

Contracting Authority

Public Services and Procurement Canada
Aaron Abela & Emmanuelle Rodriguez
Email address: TPSGC.PADivisionQE-APQEDivision.PWGSC@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca
Please ensure the subject line states: ITI in Sp of C2 Project.

All questions and answers will be posted on the Government Electronic Tendering Service (GETS) CanadaBuys as amendment(s) to the ITQ

D) Questions and Answers

Q1: Will Canada act as Prime System Integrator for this Project

A1: DND recognizes there are benefits to seek contracting out the Prime System Integrator responsibility, especially since it will involve a precise set of technical ability. However, the current intent is for DND to act as the Technical Authority and to have Industry fill the role of Prime System Integrator, but details remain to be clarified and subject to change.

Q2: Is the Project Implementation Plan now to simply tender IaaS and PaaS deliverable components separately through ITQs process?

A2: The plan is to submit a final ITQ and then go through a draft RFP before submitting a final RFP to source a contractor as System Integrator. IaaS and PaaS are certainly possible but other options may also be considered. We have not yet determined if there will be single RFP or if there will be multiple.

Q3: Will Canada seek to contract out individual components of the Project separately?

A3: Canada is still considering all contract options. While separate contracts for individual components is one possibility, we would also consider a one-contract option. No decision has been made yet, and we remain open to suggestions from industry.

Q4: What will be the ISS concept for ITI in Sp of C2 and how will this be coordinated with other major capital initiatives now underway such as Net C2 ISAC, CD DAR and ICAM.

A4: Canada has not yet determined the ISS concept for ITI in Sp of C2 project. Please refer to RFI Amendment No. 005 – Q47 for further information.

Q5: As written, the ITQ would seem to be targeted to only Cloud hyper-scalers – was this the intent?

A5: Although the draft and final ITQ is for the provision of classified cloud services, we are seeking feedback from industry that could provide an ITI solution., The funded engagement is an opportunity for industry to provide written feedback to assist Canada to further refine its requirement, and assist Canada to understand industry capabilities. . Suppliers that have suggestions on how DND should procure a potential cloud solution are encouraged to include that information in their draft ITQ response.

Q6: Why is there a space diversity requirement for data centers of 1500 KM (M 7) What threat was this intended to mitigate? Request that this distance be reduced to 300 KM or dropped altogether.

A6: The space diversity requirement of 1500 km represents our current best understanding of how to meet the high level system requirements of the capability we will be putting in place. At this point in time, Canada has no intent to change this requirement.

Q7: At Attachment 1 to Part 4 of the ITQ (Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection) – 4.1 Technical Evaluation Criteria, Section 2.0 – Table 1, Item M18, both the stated requirement and information required in the bidders response are inappropriate Mandatory Technical Requirements. Has PSPC inserted these requirements in the Terms and Conditions of any other GC contract? It is requested that this mandatory be dropped.

A7: Canada has had a variety of financial Mandatory Criteria in other requirements. We encourage organizations provide feedback on specific sections as part of their response to the draft ITQ.

Q8: Is it possible to share the SECRET Facility Security Clearance (FSC) and Document Safeguarding capability requirements relevant to the ITI in Sp of C2 project beyond the ITQ stage?

A8: Canada will provide the SECRET FSC and Document Safeguarding capability requirements relevant for the RFP and Contract stage as soon as available. For the post ITQ funded engagement please see the SECRET FSC and DSC requirement in Section 7.3 – Security Requirements of the draft ITQ.

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Q9: On page 94 of the Amendment 20 PDF, there is a table for feedback, which seems to request that the feedback for Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria be included. On pages 95 and 96, there is another table, which seems to be dedicated to the Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria.

Would you like us to have two sheets in our Excel response workbook file? One sheet will have our feedback on everything except the Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria and the second sheet will have only our feedback on the Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria (based on the format of the table provided on pages 95 and 96).

A9: Yes, the intension is to have both forms filled out as stated.

Q10: Suppliers are instructed to use "provided spreadsheet to provide their feedback". However, no excel spreadsheet was attached to the ITQ documents. Please advise if suppliers are to create an excel spreadsheet based on the format on Page 96 of Amendment 20 to submit their feedback and comments to the Draft ITQ.

A10: Only a PDF copy was made available in RFI Amendment No. 20. Please reference the attached fillable Excel documents to this amendment.

Q11: Please clarify the closing date for feedback and comments on the Draft ITQ. The Solicitation Cover Sheet states March 31; however, the Instructions to Suppliers lists March 24.

A11: The Solicitation Cover Sheet date of March 31, 2023 is in reference to the larger Request for Information (RFI) closing date, which has subsequently been amended as a result of this solicitation to March 29, 2024.

Within regards to supplier instructions for the Draft ITQ, that is in reference to the Draft ITQ feedback request date, which has been revised to April 14, 2023. Please see above for further information.

Q12: We would like to request a copy of Amendment 20 in Word format.

A12: Unfortunately, we can only provide issued amendment copies in PDF format, which can be found on [CanadaBuys](#).

Q13: We have carefully reviewed the Draft ITQ requirements and respectfully request a three-week extension to prepare a comprehensive response.

A13: Canada will grant a one time three-week extension for interested suppliers to provide feedback, comments, questions and suggestions to the draft ITQ. In an effort to remain within project schedule, any additional requests for an extension may not be considered. Please see above for further information.

Q14: The guidance in the Draft ITQ for ITI in Sp of C2 Project clearly states that a respondent cannot be a subcontractor to for the final ITQ. As this is not the final ITQ, can both respondents and subcontractors submit responses directly to the Crown in regard to the DRAFT ITQ

A14: Acceptable feedback responses to the Draft ITQ can be done through a partner, directly or both.

Q15: We would like to request a list of Government of Canada attendees and their titles to better understand who we presented to during Draft ITQ Industry Engagement 1-on-1 sessions for the period between February 7 to 17, 2023.

A15: Names of only key Government of Canada stakeholders invited to attend the 1-on-1 sessions can be disclosed. Actual attendance may have varied between meetings due to scheduling conflicts, however similar stakeholders would have attended as replacements. Please reference Annex A to this RFI Amendment document.

Q16: As part of the Vendor Q&A process, guidance was given to request assistance for the process to gain SECRET Site Clearance for the ITI in Sp of C2 Project. Is there a contact/group who we could work with to start the SECRET Site process?

A16: As per instructions in the draft ITQ, please contact the Contract Security Program (CSP) of Public Works and Government Services Canada. Please reference the following link as stated in Section 6.2 – Security Requirements – Post-ITQ Funded Engagement Contract of the draft ITQ. Security screening for government contracts: <https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/esc-src/introduction-eng.html> to obtain contact information for CSP, click the Security Screening link at the top of the page and review Most Requested hyperlinks.

Q17: For Section 6.3 - Controlled Goods Requirement of the Draft ITI, the Controlled Goods requirement is outlined below but unfortunately the links in the document are not working. Could the explicit link to the "Controlled Goods Program" be provided?

A17: Yes. <https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/pmc-cgp/index-eng.html>

Q18: As part of the ITI in Sp of C2 Project, would there be someone to guide us through the process, or enable for a more expedient registration process under the Controlled Goods Program.

A18: Instructions on how to register can be found at the following link: <https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/pmc-cgp/enregistrement-register/pmcinscrire-cgpreregister-eng.html#s3>

Contact information to the Controlled Goods Program can be found at the following link: <https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/pmc-cgp/communiquer-contact-eng.html>

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E) ANNEX A - List of Government of Canada key stakeholders names and titles

ANNEX A – RFI Amd #22

List of Government of Canada key stakeholders names and titles

Rita Brown – Manager

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Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC)

Jeremy Dixon – Supply Specialist (Host)

Information Security and Electronic Warfare major Projects Division
Defense and Marine Procurement Branch
Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC)

Aaron Abela - Supply Team Leader

Co-Contracting Authority

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Emmanuelle Rodriguez - Supply Team Leader

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Rosie Haddad - Sub-Section Head, Des Proc 6-4

Department of National Defence (DND)

Brian Maranta - PM ITI in Sp of C2

Department of National Defence (DND)

Eric Macfarlane - Project Manager

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)

Larry Stoddard – Senior Security Architect

Communications Security Establishment (CSE)

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