

Energy System Operational Data - Invitation to Qualify - 22-58133

Amendment (AMD002) has been raised to address all questions that have been raised during the ITQ solicitation phase to date and to modify the terms of the solicitation.

Section A: represents questions raised during the solicitation period.

Q = Questions

R = Responses

M= Modification

Questions raised during the solicitation period.

(Q1) In Annex D, Section 3.2 (c) identifies that the hourly rates and the number of hours will be required as inputs. However the form Annex D doesn't not provide an input section for the total number of hours. Could Canada advise on where the respondent is to include this information?

(R1) Response: Respondents are solely responsible to complete Annex D. If selected as a result of the ITQ solicitation phase, respondents will be asked to provide a detailed costing proposal. Annex D will be used to establish a Standing Offer for those companies that are successful during the ITQ phase of the Procurement.

(Q2) Can Canada please explain the difference between sections a) Initial Requirement, b) Potential additional "call-up" years, and c) Option Years (4-7) Maintenance under Annex D? What is definition of "call-up years"?

(R2): In general terms, when a standing offer is issued to your company, you are offering to provide services at specified prices over a specified period of time. If and when the government issues a call-up against your standing offer, only then do you have a contract for the amount indicated in the call-up.

For this project **(a)** The initial requirement is estimated to be three to six years of gathering data and four to seven to years of maintaining the data. These are estimate and will vary each respondent.

(b) Additional call ups maybe considered by the NRC should the supplier have data that NRC wishes to procure.

(c) Data maintenance refers ongoing process of running regular checks to identify and correct data if improvements or additional data is available from suppliers. Suppliers will be requested to provide a detailed proposal at the time of the request.

(Q3) If we are looking to provide data from a photovoltaic generation station, would we provide hourly rates under line item 3 - "Photovoltaic module" or line item 2 - "generator"? Additionally, what would be definition of requirements under line item 1 - "Point of Common Coupling"? We are trying to understand the scope of data inputs that would be applicable for the different line items.

(R3) Respondents should focus their efforts on qualifying technically through the ITQ process and not on the finances. If selected for a Standing Offer, respondents will have an opportunity to provide a detailed costing proposal when NRC requires data services.

(Q4) If we are looking to submit data from multiple sites that are under one corporate entity, would one application for the single corporate entity be sufficient for the multiple sites to be considered?

(R4) One application could be used for the Annex "D" however if a respondent responding to multiple data points, they must address each site independent of each other.

(Q5) For evaluation criteria E1, the maximum amount of points is 10 (1 point per year) while the range of data is between 1 to 7 years. How will the respondent aim to achieve the full 10 points associated with this evaluation criteria?

(R5) The E1 Criteria States: The temporal range of the performance data, from 1 to 7 years. This can be a combination up to 5 past years and up to 3 years into the future from the Contract start date. A full 10 points could be achieved if respondents provide a temporal range of atleast 10 years.

(Q6) Could Canada confirm whether projects that are not already in-service are eligible for this ITQ stage/procurement?

(R6) Projects are not required to be in service for this first phase of the procurement process.

(Q7) In Section 3.2(d) (i), it is not clear whether the two certifications listed on page 9 are required at this stage as the language in the table mentions they are required. If yes, where is the respondent to provide this information under Annex A?

(R7) No procurement certifications are required with this ITQ solicitation.

Section 3.2 (d) states that:

Certifications (Requested at ITQ Closing): **No certifications are required at the ITQ stage for this Project.**

- i. If the table below indicates that a certification is required, the Respondent is required to provide the following certifications. Although all these certifications are requested at ITQ closing, if Canada determines that any certification is missing, incomplete or requires correction, Canada will provide the Respondent with an opportunity to provide the required information. Providing the certification when requested during the evaluation period is mandatory.

Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity Certification	Required – please provide the information in the Response Submission Form
Former Public Servants Certification	Required – please provide the information in the Response Submission Form

- ii. Respondents should note that certain certifications that are not required at the ITQ stage may be required at a later stage of the procurement process.

(Q8) For the response to Annex B's Mandatory Requirement 6, is the Respondent expected to provide a list of all the different parameters of data that will be provided per the "Requested Data" spreadsheet? If yes, then can Canada please expand the provided input box to incorporate such a response?

(R8) Respondents shall fill up the worksheet "Data to be provided" of the Excel document "Requested Data". Respondents shall add or remove the "x" for the corresponding data provided (row) for each component (column) of their systems. They shall choose the **sampling period** at which the data will be recorded, the **access delay** at which the data will be sent to NRC, and the expected **completeness** of the data.

(Q9) My firm was not able to attend the Webinar, can the NRC provide a copy of the presentation?

(R9) Yes, on March 20, 2023 the following Information was provided to respective respondents:

1. Grid-Connected Energy System Operational Data Procurement Information Webinar - March 7, 2023:

https://canadabuys.canada.ca/documents/pub/att/2023/03/20/feacebc477ee41110ac54ce59b0d2e25/fps-3415_sres_webinar_approved_20230216_en_002.pdf

2. FAQ for the 'Invitation to Qualify for the Procurement Process for Energy System Operational Data':

Section B: Represents modifications to the solicitation.

The ITQ is hereby amended as follows:

M1. Article 3.2 Content of Response sub-article (c) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Insert:

(c) Standard Costing at Annex D (Mandatory at ITQ closing): Respondents must submit their standard hourly rates in accordance with the requirements identified in the scope of work, including both the initial time frame as well as potential future "call up" years. Respondents must complete the pricing table in Annex D.