

Questions and Answers for 1000252726 and 1000252725, Updated February 22nd , 2024

1. Would it be possible to receive an extension of ten (10) business days from the submission deadline of March 07, 2024?

Answer:

English: We will extend the deadline for submission by ten (10) business from the submission deadline of March 07, 2024 to March 21, 2024

French: Nous allons prolonger la date limite pour le dépôt des soumissions de dix (10) jours ouvrables à partir de la date du 7 mars, 2024 jusqu'au 21 mars, 2024.

2. Could you please confirm that it is the intention of Indigenous Services Canada to award five (5) standing offer contracts under both this SOA and the same-titled Solicitation No. 10000252725 resulting in the potential for 10 standing offer contracts to provide these services?

Answer:

English: As stated in Part 4, section 4.4.6, the Offerors within each Work Stream with the highest five (5) Total Scores will be recommended for Award of SOAs. It is intended to award five (5) SOAs in Work Stream 1 and five (5) SOAs in Work Stream 2 for each solicitation; for a total of up to ten (10) SOAs per solicitation, or up to 20 SOAs overall.

French: Tel que stipulé dans la Partie 4, section 4.4.6, Les offrants de chaque volet de travail ayant obtenu les cinq (5) cotes totales les plus élevées seront recommandés pour l'attribution de la COC. Il est l'intention d'attribuer cinq (5) COCs pour le premier volet et cinq (5) COCs pour le deuxième volet pour chaque demande d'offre à commandes représentant un total jusqu'à dix (10) par offre à commandes ou jusqu'à 20 COCs au total.

3. We would like to request an extension to the submission deadline of two (2) weeks. (Asked by 2 separate vendors)

Answer:

English: We will extend the deadline for submission by ten (10) business from the submission deadline of March 07, 2024 to March 21, 2024

French: Nous allons prolonger la date limite pour le dépôt des soumissions de dix (10) jours ouvrables à partir de la date du 7 mars, 2024 jusqu'au 21 mars, 2024.

4. We understand that if a Proponent submits more than six (6) Resources that only the first two (2) in each category will be scored. However, if a Proponent does submit more than six (6) Resources will these Resources' resumes be reviewed and considered pre-qualified for work under this RFSO even if they are not scored?

Answer:

English: If more than the identified number of Resources are proposed in any Category, only the first specified number of Resources in that Category in the order in which they are first presented in the Offeror's Offer will be considered for Offer evaluation purposes. Any Resources in excess of the number specified will not be assessed until following any Awards.

French: Si plus de ressources sont proposées que le nombre spécifié pour n'importe quelle catégorie, seulement le premier nombre indiqué de ressources proposées dans cette catégorie dans l'ordre qu'elles sont présentées dans l'offre de l'offrant seront considérées aux fins du processus d'évaluation de l'offre. Toute autre ressource en excès du nombre indiqué ne sera évaluée jusqu'à la fin du processus d'évaluation.

5. Page 37, Stream 2 - Rated Criteria, R.3 Proposed Resource Team, 3.3 – The RFP indicates that the maximum points that will be awarded per resource is three (3) points and the maximum points available as indicated in the RFP is twenty-four (24) points. If only six (6) resources are scored, the maximum points available would be eighteen (18) points. Can you please clarify the scoring?

Answer:

English: The RFSO is amended as follows:

For solicitation 1000252726,

At Stream 1, Rated Criteria, R3 Proposed Resource Team, 3.2 – delete:

“Up to a maximum of three (3) points will be awarded per Resource, up to **twenty-four (24) points in total.**”

and replace with:

“Up to a maximum of **four (4)** points will be awarded per Resource, up to **twenty-four (24) points in total.**”

At Stream 2 Rated Criteria, R3 Proposed Resource Team, 3.3 – delete:

“Up to a maximum of three (3) points will be awarded per Resource, up to **twenty-four (24) points in total.**”

and replace with:

“Up to a maximum of **four (4)** points will be awarded per Resource, up to **twenty-four (24) points in total.**”

French: La demande d'offres à commandes est amendée comme suit :

Pour l'invitation 1000252726,

Pour le premier volet, Critères cotés, C3 Équipe de ressources proposées, 3.2 – est effacé:

“Un maximum de trois (3) points sera attribué par ressource, jusqu'à un **total de vingt-quatre (24) points.**”

et remplacé par :

“Un maximum de quatre (4) points sera attribué par ressource, jusqu’à un **total de vingt-quatre (24) points.**”

Pour le deuxième volet Critères cotés, C3 Équipe de ressources proposées, 3.3 – est effacé :

“Un maximum de trois (3) points sera attribué par ressource, jusqu’à un **total de vingt-quatre (24) points.**”

et remplacé par :

“Un maximum de quatre (4) points sera attribué par ressource, jusqu’à un **total de vingt-quatre (24) points.**”

6. Page 37, Stream 2 - Rated Criteria, R.3 Proposed Resource Team, 3.4 through 3.8 – The RFP indicates that a maximum of two (2) points per resource will be awarded. If six (6) Resources are awarded the maximum of two (2) points, the maximum number of points awarded would be twelve (12) points. However, the RFP indicates a maximum of eight (8) points will be awarded. Is it intended that a maximum of eight (8) points will be awarded across the six (6) Resources? Please clarify.

Answer:

English: For solicitation 1000252726, correct. A maximum of eight (8) points will be awarded for each of R3.4-R3.8 across the Resources proposed. As noted in the criteria, there is a maximum number of points available per Resource.

French: Pour l’invitation 1000252726, c’est exact. Un maximum de huit (8) points sera accordé pour chaque C3.4-C3.8 à travers les ressources proposées. Tel que mentionné dans le critère, il y a un maximum de points accordés par ressource.

7. The certifications listed on page 51 (Certifications Required with Offer - 5.1.2 Additional Certification Required with the Offer) do not match the Annexes at the back of the RFP. For example, 5.1.2.b. Certificate of Independent Bid Determination is described as “attached hereto as Annex D” however Annex D on page 86 is actually the Security Requirements Agreement. Please confirm the requirements and Annexes.

Answer:-Annexes have been corrected within updated document

English: Offerors are to provide Annex D, E, F and G.

French: Les offrants doivent fournir les annexes D, E, F et G.

8. We are completing the standing offer forms and have a question related to the Project Reference Form referred to on page 13 and 31. It mentions that the required form can be found in Appendix A, but we are unable to find Appendix A.

Neither Annex A or Annex 1 seem to include the form.

Can you please advise where to find the form or how to proceed?

Answer:

English: Please see attached.

French: Veuillez trouver ci-joint

9. I am asking can a vendor be involved in multiple bids as follows via joint venture:

- Vendor Bid
- Vendor + JV Partner 1 Bid?
- Vendor + JV Partner 2 Bid?

Answer:

English: A specific entity is permitted to submit bids as follow: a) on its own; and b) in a Joint Venture to a maximum of one joint venture

French: Une entité spécifique pour soumettre une proposition comme suit : a) de manière individuelle; et b) à titre de coentreprise pour un maximum de une coentreprise.