

Amendment 2 to the IaaS & Native PaaS Prequalification CBS

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The purpose of this amendment is to:

- 1- Provide answers to questions received at the webinar as detailed in section A.
- 2- Modify the Prequalification CBS as detailed in section B.

Section A - Questions and Answers (Set 1 of 1)

Questions answered during the April 24 webinar

Q1. Will CCCS be involved in refining the security obligations?

A1. Yes , CCCS will be involved.

Q2. Can rated criteria 4 not be used to rank due to the ambiguity of the question and answer?

A2. Under R4, SSC has characterized the capacities required for the contractor to perform the contract. Rated Criterion 4 is a very important criterion and as such, any ambiguities will be clarified, and the criterion will remain.

Q3. Can you confirm whether bidders have 5 Government working days to submit their questions before the closing date?

A3. Canada has reviewed the period to submit enquiries (currently 5 calendar days) and will amend the solicitation to provide bidders with 7 calendar days prior to closing date to submit their questions. This modification provides more time to respond to questions before the Prequalification Closing Date. Section 2.4 Enquiries – Solicitation, will be amended accordingly.

Q4. In the What We Heard document, it is indicated that SSC would engage further on the topic of some software can be hosted only on certain clouds. At what stage will this question be addressed?

A4. This topic will be addressed during stage 5 at one of the subsequent ITR waves with the prequalified bidders.

The following question and answer were provided in a previous forum:

Software and Technology Compatibility

Q: How is the GC addressing software compatibility and certification on chosen cloud platforms?

A: GC is developing risk mitigation strategies to ensure software compatibility, focusing on maintaining operational continuity and adapting to potential challenges. Canada understands that some software are certified/supportable with only certain cloud platforms and acknowledge the limitations and challenges that this may pose. SSC will consult with the industry on how to best mitigate these challenges.

Section B – Modifications to the Solicitation

In 2.4 Enquiries – Solicitation, under Question Period – Prequalification:

Delete: “All enquiries are requested to be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than **5 calendar days before the Prequalification Closing Date.**”

Replace by: “All enquiries are requested to be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than 7 calendar days before the Prequalification Closing Date.”

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.