

Addendum No. 1**Computer Hardware, Peripherals and Related Supplies**

Following are questions(s) (Q.); answer(s) (A.); modification(s) (M.) and notice(s) (N.) regarding RFSA 2023-4048.

Unless otherwise specified, capitalized words and terms have the meaning set out in the RFSA. All questions were received in English. In the event of any discrepancy, inconsistency, or conflicts between the wording of the English or French version of this Addendum #1 or any related documents, the wording of the English version shall prevail.

Q1. As noted in the RFSA, CDIC currently uses Dell as a provider for laptops. Would CDIC be willing to accept a substitute?

A1. Yes, CDIC will accept proposals for other brands of devices that are equivalent or exceed the minimum requirements. Where a Supplier proposes a Good that is not CDIC's current make and model, and the if the Supplier is successful during the Call-Up process, the Supplier will be required to provide demonstration Goods and undergo CDIC's Goods suitability and acceptance testing prior to award, as stipulated in Section 4. Goods Suitability and Acceptance Testing of Appendix "A-1" (Stream #1: Laptops and Computing Devices Specifications and Minimum Requirements).

Q2. Referencing Appendix "A-1" (Stream #1 Laptops and Computing Devices Specifications and Minimum Requirements). Would CDIC accept an AMD processor and would CDIC accept a device that weighs 1.5 KG?

A2. CDIC will not accept AMD processors and CDIC will not accept devices that exceed the maximum weight stipulated in Appendix "A-1" (Stream #1: Laptops and Computing Devices Specifications and Minimum Requirements).

Q3. Regarding RR2.1 (Description of Available Goods), is CDIC expecting proponents to respond with a detailed configuration and list of all components, or are product lines/models that would meet the minimum requirements be sufficient? Or would CDIC prefer to receive a single recommended configuration that meets the requirements?

A3. Bidders should provide a single recommended detailed configuration that meets the requirements.

Q4. Regarding Appendix "C-1" (Technical Offer) and Appendix "C-2" (Stream Specific Capabilities Form), in order to provide you with a compelling response, can the proponent include links and/or supporting documents to their response?

A4. No. See Modification M1. Below. Bidder's references to a URL that requires CDIC to download or access information from an internet site to validate or provide further detail for any of the requirements will not be accepted. The information will not be considered to determine if the requirement(s) has been met or to award points, as applicable.

Q5. Regarding Appendix "A-1" (Stream #1: Laptops and Computing Devices Specifications and Minimum Requirements) sections 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 states "compatibility windows 10 and 11". Will CDIC accept either operating system, or is each configuration required to support both Windows 10 and Windows 11?

A5. Configurations must be able to support both Windows 10 and Windows 11.

Q6. Regarding Appendix "A-1" (Stream #1: Laptops and Computing Devices Specifications and Minimum Requirements) sections 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 states "warranty and support: 3 years warranty and support" Can CDIC please confirm that the requirement is for 3-year onsite warranty services?

A6. CDIC confirms that the requirement is for 3-year onsite warranty services.

Q7. Regarding Appendix "A-2" (Stream #2: Peripherals Specifications and Minimum Requirements) Section 1.1 Add-ons: Monitor Arm. Can CDIC please define and provide additional detail on "Monitor Arm" – i.e. ergonomic, desk stand, wall mount?

A7. CDIC currently uses the desktop and clamp style monitor arms, however, any specifications will be specified during the Call-Up process, at the time of requirement.

Q8. Regarding Stream #2 Section 1.2 Peripherals Specifications and Minimum Requirements states "USB-C Universal Docking Station with: 2 Display (HDMI)." Can CDIC please clarify if the requirement is to support two independent displays via display port or HDMI, or if the dock requires 2 x HDMI ports?

A8. The Docking Station requires two (2) HDMI ports.

M1. The paragraph below is hereby ADDED under Bidder Instructions in Appendix "C-1" (Technical Offer) AND in Appendix "C-2" (Stream Specific Capabilities Form):

Bidder's references to a URL that requires CDIC to download or access information from an internet site to validate or provide further detail for any of the requirements will not be accepted. The information will not be considered to determine if the requirement(s) has been met or to award points, as applicable.

M2. Section 6 (ALLOCATION OF REQUIREMENTS AND CALL UP PROCESS) is hereby DELETED and REPLACED as follows:

6. ALLOCATION OF REQUIREMENTS AND CALL UP PROCESS

6.1 Without limitation to Section 1 of the Purchase of Goods Agreement (attached as Schedule “F” (Form of Purchase of Goods Agreement), requirements for Goods will be procured by CDIC through a Call Up process, as may be amended from time to time, in CDIC’s sole and absolute discretion:

6.1.1 Requirements for Goods of an estimated dollar value equal or less than CDIC’s single source limit at the time may be directed by CDIC in its sole and absolute discretion, to any Supplier or to a party other than a Supplier under an alternate Supply Arrangement or other arrangement to provide similar goods.

6.1.2 For any requirements for Goods of an estimated dollar value greater than CDIC’s single source limit at the time, CDIC may issue a Call Up to multiple Suppliers in accordance with their respective Supply Arrangement and will specify the timeframe to respond. Interested Suppliers shall respond to the Call Up by the prescribed deadline. CDIC shall have no obligation to consider any Quote that is received after the specified Call Up Response deadline.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RFSA REMAIN UNCHANGED.

[END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1]