

W8474-24IC11

Q19. Rated criteria R3 for A.1 Application/Software Architects and 1.5 IM Data Architect and rated criterion R4 for the I.5. IM Integration Architect indicate that 2 points will be awarded for each technology/methodology demonstrated from the bulleted lists provided. Would the Crown please confirm that candidates demonstrating experience with multiple technologies listed in one bullet point (e.g. SAML, OpenID Connect, OAuth, X.509 PKI) will score points for each one?

A19. Confirmed.

Q20. Would the Crown please confirm if there is currently, or has been within the past 12 months, any contracted resource performing the services described within the RFP? If so, please identify the incumbent, the duration and contract value?

A20. See A1.

Q21. I am writing to request verification that the attached credentials meet the Matrix M1 criterion for the IM/IT Architect Level 3 position. These credentials include Dawson College Studies transcript for one of our candidates, showing his post-secondary computer studies. The second attached document shows Algonquin College transcript depicting the individual's studies of Object-oriented Analysis and Design (DAT5108). Would these credentials meet M1 criterion of the IM/IT architect's Matrix?

A21 The resource must have a degree from a recognized university or a diploma from a recognized college that meets the M1 requirement. A copy of the degree or diploma must be provided to be considered compliant.

Q22 We would like to ask the Crown to clarify criteria R3 For Application/Software Architect L2. It's not clear from the wording if 1 certificate would satisfy the criteria in full and provide full 8 points. If one certificate is not enough, what would be the acceptable combination of the certificate and years of experience to obtain full points for this criteria.

A22 DND could be presented with one certificate that could potentially satisfy this criteria and/or 5 years of collective experience. As per R3, DND will award 2 points per technology or methodology for a total of 8 points.

Q23: Considering there are numerous qualified resources outside of the National Capital Region (NCR) who meet all requirements and can perform the tasks outlined in the Statement of Work, would the Crown kindly consider accepting the work to be done remotely or at the local Department of National Defence (DND) offices Canada-wide, if the resources respect the Clients time zone, and work within the hours specified by the Client?

A23: DND will accept work done remotely, Canada-wide, if resources respect the NCR time zone hours of work AND the resource acknowledges that the issuance and support of Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) is provided in the National Capital Region (NCR). However, there may be a need to attend in-person meetings at 60 Moodie Drive Ottawa and DND will not pay for this travel.

Q24: We would like to request clarification on the M4 criterion of the Matrix for the Architect role (IM/IT Architects, as well as Senior Digital Solution Architect), which requires ten years of experience writing various documents for IM/IT projects.

Must a candidate have experience with all listed document types—data architecture, system design, data models, interoperability, integration requirements, security categorization, and privacy impact assessment—or is experience with a subset acceptable? If so, what is the minimum number of document types required?

- A24:** The resource must have ten (10) years of experience within the last fifteen (15) for a minimum of five (5) of the seven (7) documents listed. An amendment to the RFP will be provided.
- Q25:** Would the crown consider changing the evaluation criteria found within this RFP to be focused on the corporate capability of the vendor to deliver the required qualification for the required work, and have resource evaluations take place at time of task authorization?
- A25:** DND did consider this approach however we determined that the best way forward with this requirement is to solicit bids based on evaluation of contracted resources and not corporate criteria. There will be no task authorizations under the awarded contract for this solicitation.
- Q26:** We have a question pertaining section 1 of Appendix A to Annex A (p. 57). This section mentions that the proposed resource needs to sign the resume and educational experience, however on p.71 CERTIFICATION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE there is a statement: "The Contractor certifies that all the information provided in the résumés and supporting material proposed for completing the subject work, particularly the information pertaining to education, achievements, experience and work history, has been verified by the Contractor to be true and accurate."
It feels that one contradicts another and adds a level of complexity of making the contractor to sign the resume, and then asking the Bidding firm to certify as well.
If there is an absolute need for the signature of the consultant, would the Crown accept either:
1. a filled-in matrix signed by the consultant, or
2. a consent where the consultant undersigns that the resume and the education provided in the bid is accurate. This is something we've seen before in other solicitations, and the consents already integrated as part of the recruitment processes.
- A26:** DND confirms that both sections must be filled in. DND requires that the vendor certify as well as the resource. This additional certification by the resource themselves is new to the TBIPS Supply Arrangement (SA) terms and conditions.
- Q27:** In the RFP document, there is Annex B (Basis of payment) which is what the bidders are referred to for the financial bid template. However, there's also a request to fill out "APPENDIX E TO ANNEX A: ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PROPOSED RESOURCES" on p.74, which appears to be a somewhat redundant requirement. Can the Crown please confirm that this Appendix E to Annex A has been included in error, and as such can it be removed? This Annex requires private businesses to divulge their price and profit forming mechanisms and therefore contradicts the spirit of free market.
- A27:** DND requires both to be completed. The additional Appendix E is a new addition to the TBIPS SA terms and conditions. If you have any feedback on this addition, please contact PSPC @ rcnmdai.ncrimos@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca
- Q28:** Can the Crown please confirm that in fact there is no incumbent. There are multiple Q&A on this subject, however, in SOW for each of the professional category there is a statement "project members are currently working in a hybrid format". Is this statement referring to the internal team?
- A28:** Confirmed as per Q/A1. This section is referring to the current project members which include public servants, military members and contracted resources.