

**W8474-24IC11**

- Q29.** What would be the acceptable duration or length of the project to fulfill the requirements of this solicitation?
- A29.** As indicated in 7.6 Contract Period, the "Initial Contract Period", begins on the date the Contract is awarded and ends 1 year later with irrevocable option to extend the term of the Contract by up to two (2) additional 1-year period(s).
- Q30.** Further clarification in regards to Q26 in amendment 4. Based on the answer it seems that as long as there are 2 consents (one with the signature of the consultant and another one with the signature of the bidder confirming the experience and education), that would be acceptable. Please confirm.
- A30.** Correct, an acceptable bid must include (among all other requirements as described in the RFP) a resume signed by the consultant confirming that the information submitted is true and accurate, and the completed Resources Assessment Criteria And Response Table found in Appendix B to Annex A.
- Q31.** Many RFPs being released these days have a -10% and +30% median band. In the subject RFP, there is no median and the lowest price gets full financial points which encourages bidders to drop rates in order to achieve a perfect financial score. This may create a scenario where rates proposed do not support the specialized skillsets required by this RFP. To help protect the rates for the specialized skillsets being requested in the RFP, we would like to respectfully request that the Crown consider adding a lower and upper median band limit of -10% and +30% to determine financial scores. This will ensure that the Crown is receiving viable rates for resources while still requiring vendors to be financially competitive.
- A31.** Section 4.3 Financial Evaluation has been updated to include a Median Band and is now included in the latest RFP amendment. We've extended the closing date to Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 14h00 to accommodate for this change.
- Q32.** Would the crown please grant 2 weeks extension, as there are many other RFP team-submissions, and this proposal would be quite more extensive than normal with additional tables and forms to be provided.
- A32.** See A.31.
- Q33.** Can the Crown please confirm it would be acceptable to submit a consultant who has equivalency of the degree in progress, and only DRAFT result being available for inclusion in the proposal (sometimes actual mailing of the original proof of equivalency takes time). As soon as the original copy is available, it can be supplied.
- A33.** Only candidates with completed degrees or diplomas will be accepted, copy of the degree or diploma must be included in the bid submission as indicated in the RFP.
- Q34.** Due to the complexity of preparing a response to this solicitation and the large number of bids currently out to tender we would like to request a one-week extension to the solicitation closing date to ensure that vendors are able to submit high quality responses that provide the best value to the crown.
- A34.** See A31.
- Q35.** Regarding the rated criteria for IM/IT Architects and Application Software Architects could the evaluation criteria be rewritten to award 1 point for each solution that involved deploying or architecting around cloud architecture within the last five (5) years, instead of awarding points per project considering that long projects may encompass multiple interconnected solutions?
- A35.** DND will not be changing the rated criteria.