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The following Questions & Answers is in link with the solicitation document mentioned above.

Questions & Answers # 5

- Q52.** “While the time periods for the design and construction stages have been specified, the tender stage's duration has not been addressed. We believe it should be treated as a separate stage from the others. Could you kindly advise on the approximate time period we should allocate for the tender stage? Alternatively, should we integrate it into one of the existing stages?”
- A52.** We will only need support from the A&E firm if technical questions arise from contractors during the solicitation process.
- Q53.** “Structural engineering scope of work detailed on pages 70 & 71 of the RFP **Part 5 – Structural Engineering, Section 5.2.1 Structural Loads**
It is our understanding from reading the document that the successful tenderer will be required to undertake a detailed structural and seismic assessment of the existing building in order to verify the various loading parameters to be considered and determine the scope of any remedial/strengthening works. Please confirm this interpretation is correct.”
- A53.** There's no need for a structural or seismic assessment of the building as the scope evolves around electrical, mechanical, fire detection and ICT.

Please refer to Addendum #4.
- Q54.** “Structural engineering scope of work detailed on pages 70 & 71 of the RFP **Part 5 – Structural Engineering, Section 5.2.1 Structural Loads**
Will a suitably detailed and accurate set of ‘as-constructed’ architectural, structural, civil and services record drawings for the existing building be provided to the successful tenderer to allow the assessment referred to in 1. above to be undertaken?”
- A54.** Please refer to A53 and Addendum #4.
- Q55.** “Structural engineering scope of work detailed on pages 70 & 71 of the RFP **Part 5 – Structural Engineering, Section 5.2.1 Structural Loads**
Will a geotechnical design report or similar be provided to the successful tenderer to allow an assessment of the existing building foundation loading capacity to be undertaken if the required level of information is not shown on the record drawings?”
- A55.** Please refer to A53 and Addendum #4.
- Q56.** “Structural engineering scope of work detailed on pages 70 & 71 of the RFP **Part 5 – Structural Engineering, Section 5.2.1 Structural Loads**



If the information referred to in the above is not available, will the tenderer be expected to carry out a measurement survey of the existing building and undertake intrusive structural investigation and geotechnical works in order to obtain the necessary level of information not provided on any record drawings to allow a detailed structural assessment of the existing building to be undertaken?”

A56. Please refer to A53 and Addendum #4.

Q57. “Structural engineering scope of work detailed on pages 70 & 71 of the RFP **Part 5 – Structural Engineering, Section 5.2.1 Structural Loads**
Please can you advise the seismic loading parameter to be considered in the assessment of the existing building.”

A57. Please refer to A53 and Addendum #4.

Q58. “**Part 2 – Evaluation and Basis of Selection Item 6.3 states that** *“The selection will be based on the highest responsive combined rating of technical merit and price. The ratio will be 40% (insert the percentage for technical merit) for the technical merit and 60% (insert the percentage for price) for the price.”* However, the table on item 6.7 shows **Technical Merit 60%** and **Price 40%**
Please advise which one is correct.”

A58. The basis of selection is 60% technical and 40% price, this has been corrected in addendum #4.

Q59. “The response of Q-45 states that *“The Crown-owned CH was built in 1994”*. Our understanding is that the buildings built before early 2000 normally contain Asbestos Containing Material (ACM). Would you please advise if the ACM report is available and can be provided for review?”

A59. There is no ACM report available.

Q60. “Can you clarify if CVs are included or excluded from the 60-page limit?”

A60. CV’s are not included in the 60-page limit.

Q61. “There is no “limit of liability” clause in the draft contract. Can this be added?”

A61. Please review the liability clause in the draft contract in clause 3.1 General Conditions, 2035 General conditions: Higher Complexity – Services, 2035 24 (2008-05-12) Liability. No additional clauses relating to the limitation of liability will be included.

Q61. “Given that the scope of work may expand since most of the information related to existing building will be provided by GAC or obtained by the consultant after the award. This would determine if there were any additional scope which may have impact on the timelines. Can this “Time is of the essence” clause 10.2 be removed from the draft contract for now and can be discussed after the award?”



A61. The 'Time of the Essence' clause is included in 10.2 as well as the general conditions 2035: 2035 09 (2008-05-12) Time of the essence. This clause is used to set out specific periods and/or dates for the performance of contractual obligations. Anything over what is being requested would go through an amendment or change order process.
