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

## Questions & Answers # 2

- **Q20.** "Within the technical evaluation 2.1 Mandatory Requirements. Under Supervisor, please explain why the supervisor must be able to speak Spanish. Canadian official languages are English and French. All contract discussions should be directly between awarded contractor and Foreign Affairs Contract Authority. Please explain why Supervisors must speak a language not recognized as an official language with the Government of Canada. Will an English-speaking Supervisor be deemed acceptable?"
- **A20.** The services are to be performed in Argentina, where Spanish is both the official and predominant language. The Spanish language requirement for the supervisor is essential for effective daily operations and communication with local staff. This is a necessity rather than a preference or arbitrary requirement. All contractual negotiations and official communications with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Development (DFATD) departmental representative will be conducted in English or French, as appropriate.