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

## Questions & Answers # 2

- Q37. "We are reviewing the requirements for submission in response to this ITQ and note that only sections M1 to M3 are requested, whereas previous ITQ (by the landlord) requested additional information on the project architect and proposed consultant team. Can you clarify if you are looking for this additional supporting information or only M1-M3 as listed in the ITQ Part III? Is that additional information of interest or use in evaluating our submission?"
- **A37.** The mandatory criteria are as identified in the ITQ. It's up to the bidders if they would like to provide further information as long as they don't exceed the page limit.
- **Q38.** M3 Mandatory requirement:

"Past Project Experience requires identifying and noting project experience from the past 10 years with projects similar in size and scope; and further meet criteria listed (required to meet 3 out of 5). Please note that while we have notable experience with near similar projects from the past 10 years, we have been and are currently involved in A&E projects with GAC where the projects are either in progress now or are about to complete within the next month. We would highly appreciate if it was allowed for firms to show their experience with GAC in previously executed or ongoing projects with GAC as it not only shows the firm's familiarity with the process but also their capabilities which were scrutinized and approved earlier for respective projects."

- **A38.** No, please refer to A11.
- **Q39.** M3 Compliance: Confirmation that the Respondent was Prime Consultant on the project: "Please note that we are a group of companies with presence in North America, Asia and Africa. Each of these companies are under a different business name but part of the group. All of our project contracts are with the respective business unit that corresponds to the region of project. Our question: Is it enough to attach the letter of award/ contract copies to comply? Or you would require additional confirmation in such case? If yes, what additional information?"
- **A39.** Past project examples must be from project team that was the prime consultant for the past project and must be part of current project team if they are awarded contract.
- **Q40.** Addendum 1 has an added note on M1 that "The prime consultant must be an Architecture Firm". This has caused a bit of a confusion since the Answers to Questions 4, 5 and 6 in QR-1 still refer A&E firm. In our case we are registered company in our jurisdiction where we provide both Architectural and Engineering Services as a Prime Consultant and this is what we believe would be required for this project. Our company registration/business license doesn't say specifically that we are Architecture Firm; however, all our Architects and Engineers are Licensed in their Jurisdiction with the appropriate local bodies similar to OAA and PEO in Ontario; therefore, form a wider perspective, the international companies who are submitting this ITQ as a Prime Consultant may not necessary be just the "Architecture Firm". We kindly request that the note on M1 to be reconsidered to say "A&E firm"."



- **A40.** A&E firms will be considered as long as Architectural services are provided through the prime consultant and meet all the other evaluation criteria in the ITQ.
- Q41. On past project experience under Mandatory Requirements, do all 3 projects have to be delivered outside of Canada? Can it be 3 projects over \$5M done within the last 10 years in Canada and 3 other projects done outside of Canada but more than 10 years ago and less than \$5M?
- A41. Past project experience must meet the criteria as identified in the ITQ.