



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #3

Question 1

Can the Crown specify what the technical/financial criteria ratio is for the basis of selection?

Answer 1

The basis of selection is a minimum point rating as indicated in section 4.6.1 under 4.6 Basis of Selection. There is no technical/financial ratio.

Question 2

R2 of the RFSO states that we are to demonstrate our experience in delivering in-person or virtual trainings sessions or workshop that are a minimum of 2 days in duration per session in the last three years. The Bidders Guide states that we must demonstrate at least four workshops or training sessions that have run a minimum of three consecutive days. Please could you clarify whether the requirement is for two or three days?

Answer 2

It's two consecutive days. The Bidders Guide (202204867-B) states that we must demonstrate at least four workshops or training sessions that have run a minimum of two consecutive days

Question 3

Please could you clarify the following regarding Sub-Contracting:

We understand that this standing offer is a set-aside for Indigenous businesses and that at least 33% of the value of any contract arising from the Standing Offer must be completed either by the prime contractor or subcontracted to an Indigenous sub-contractor. Please could you confirm or clarify that a contract under this Standing Offer:

May be offered to a non-Indigenous contractor for up to 66% of the value of a contract, with the remaining 33% being given to an Indigenous subcontractor or completed by the prime contractor that is an Indigenous business;

A non-Indigenous sub-contractor may take on the whole contract, but must ensure that at least 33% of the contract value is completed by Indigenous people

Answer 3

Standing Offers can only be given to indigenous business that are registered with Industry Canada's Aboriginal business database. In turn, the indigenous business must be able to demonstrate that 33% of the value of the work to be performed over the course of the Standing Offer will be completed by the Indigenous business. The 33% requirement does not apply to employees or sub-contractors of an Indigenous firm registered on the Indigenous Business Directory.



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Question 4

For the Point Rated Technical Criteria section 4.4, Criteria R2 would Public Safety Canada please allow for sessions to be referenced from the last five (5) years, instead of the last three (3) years? With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, it delayed and cancelled some sessions that would have normally been scheduled.

Answer 4

No, the years were already changed from 2 to 3. We still need facilitators to have been active which is why we put a 3 year span.