

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION/OFFER
DEMANDE DE PRIX/D'OFFRE**

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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

Comments – Commentaires

Title - Titre	
Solicitation No – N° de l'invitation	Amendment No. – No modif.
Client Reference No. – N° réf. du client	Date of Solicitation – Date de l'invitation
Address Enquiries to – Adresser toutes questions à	
Telephone No. – N° de téléphone	FAX No – N° de fax
Destination	
F.O.B. - F.A.B.	
Plant - Usine: (___) Destination: (___) Other - Autre: (___)	

Instructions:

Municipal taxes are not applicable. Unless otherwise specified herein all prices quoted must include all applicable Canadian customs duties, GST/PST/HST, excise taxes and are to be delivered Delivery Duty Paid including all delivery charges to destination(s) as indicated. The amount of the Goods and Services Tax/Provincial Sales Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax is to be shown as a separate item.

Instructions: Les taxes municipales ne s'appliquent pas. Sauf indication contraire, les prix indiqués doivent comprendre les droits de douane canadiens, la TPS/TVP/TVH et la taxe d'accise. Les biens doivent être livrés « rendu droits acquittés », tous frais de livraison compris, à la ou aux destinations indiquées. Le montant de la taxe sur les produits et services/taxe de vente provinciale/taxe de vente harmonisée doit être indiqué séparément.

Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin	Delivery required - Livraison exigée	Delivery offered - Livraison proposée
At - à : Time Zone / Fuseau horaire	Vendor Name and Address - Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur	
On - le :		
Former public servant in receipt of a pension Is the bidder a former public servant in receipt of a pension? Ancien fonctionnaire touchant une pension Est-ce que le soumissionnaire est un ancien fonctionnaire touchant une pension ?	Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of vendor (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur (caractère d'imprimerie)	
Yes - Oui (___) No - Non (___)	Name - Nom _____ Title - Titre _____	
	Signature _____ Date _____	

This amendment 001 is being issued to modify the Request for Proposal W0106-23W604/A as follow:

a. Publish Canada's responses to questions asked during the solicitation period

1. QUESTION:

Can this contract be done remotely from within Canada?

ANSWER:

Technically, Yes, but we give a better score if near of the 3 garrisons.

2. QUESTION:

Is there a budget / hourly max rate?

ANSWER:

Maximum 2 M per contract with all the optional periods.

3. QUESTION:

Do the candidates need to have a security clearance prior to applying?

ANSWER:

NO, but candidates must have it before the contract is signed.

4. QUESTION:

The sub-header of ANNEX A - STATEMENT OF WORK - WORKSTREAM 2 states "Six intermediate-level Oracle APEX developers needed". However, everywhere else in that SOW as well as in the RFP (e.g., ANNEX B – BASIS OF PAYMENT - WORKSTREAM 2 on pp. 73-82 and the table on p. 7) only two (2) Programmers/Software Developers are required.

Can the Crown please clarify if that sub-header has a typo, and it should read "Two intermediate-level Oracle APEX developers needed"?

ANSWER:

It is a typographical error.

The sub-header of ANNEX A - STATEMENT OF WORK - Workstream 2 is amended as follows:

DELETE the sub-header of ANNEX A - STATEMENT OF WORK - Workstream 2 and replace it with the following sub-header:

Need for 2 intermediate-level Oracle APEX developers

5. QUESTION:

Can you please confirm the places of work for this contract? There is a discrepancy in the address for Valcartier.

On page 46 #7 it lists the address as Support Base Valcartier in Courcellette, QC, and lower down in the table that lists project 2022-00042 FARO 3 it lists the address as the Montreal Garrison.

ANSWER:

In the context of this project, on-site work can be performed at any of the three garrisons indicated in Annex A, Section 7. For Workstream 1, the project managers for 2022-00042 FARO 3 are located at Valcartier Garrison, and for Workstream 2, the project managers for 2022-00029 Clothing Distribution Management System are located at Montreal Garrison.

6. QUESTION:

In Part 1, Section 1.2 of the tender document, under the "Summary" section, point b states:

"It is intended to award up to 2 contracts in each of the 2 workstreams, with each contract purchasing work in a single workstream. Each contract will have a duration of 8 months plus 4 irrevocable options of 6 months, allowing Canada to extend the contract duration. Bidders are not required to submit an offer for each workstream. If a bidder wishes to submit an offer for multiple workstreams, a separate technical submission must be provided for each workstream when the bidder chooses to submit its bid on paper."

Can you clarify the point that mentions "It is intended to award up to 2 contracts in each of the 2 workstreams"? Does this mean that you could award 1 contract per resource per Workstream, so you could select up to 4 distinct suppliers for all 4 required resources?

ANSWER:

A supplier cannot have more than one contract per workstream. The supplier can propose 1 resource or 2 resources per contract per workstream, and these same resources cannot be proposed for both workstreams. This allows suppliers with limited resources to apply for each workstream by proposing only one resource per project, even if each workstream requires 2 resources. Another supplier can be chosen to fill the missing resource, which is why it is intended to award up to 2 contracts in each of the 2 workstreams, with each contract purchasing work in a single workstream. Therefore, we could select up to 4 distinct suppliers for all 4 required resources.

7. QUESTION:

Does the sentence "In the event that a Bidder wants to bid on more than one Workstream, a separate technical bid should be submitted for each Workstream if the Bidder chooses to submit its bid in hard copies." only apply to paper submissions? If we submit our proposal by email, is it correct that we can submit a single proposal that includes both workstreams?

ANSWER:

No, it means that a bidder must submit a proposal with 1 separate technical submission per workstream. Each proposal can have 1 or 2 resources proposed.

PART 1, section 1.2 (b) is amended as follows:

DELETE PART 1, section 1.2 (b) and replace it with the following paragraph:

(b) It is intended to result in the award of up to 2 contracts in each of 2 Workstreams, with each contract purchasing Work from only one Workstream. Each contract will be for 8 months plus 4 irrevocable options of 6 months allowing Canada to extend the term of the contract. Bidders do not have to submit a bid for each Workstream. In the event that a Bidder wants to bid on more than one Workstream, a separate technical bid should be submitted for each Workstream.

8. QUESTION:

In Annex A - Statement of Work, at point #7 - Place of work (for both workstreams), it is mentioned that "The work will be carried out at one of the three garrisons where 2 Div GS C operates and teleworking (Valcartier for workstream 1 and Montreal for workstream 2)." Additionally, it is desirable for the resources to be present on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Our consultants mainly work remotely. Can the DND consider a fully remote work arrangement? We work with many companies that also have concerns about efficiency and security, and our remote work approach has never been an issue.

ANSWER:

The DND considers remote work, but will give a higher score in the EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR RESOURCES indicated in APPENDIX A OF ANNEX A WORKSTREAM 1 AND WORKSTREAM 2 for those who can work at one of the three garrisons: Montreal Garrison, St-Jean Garrison, and Valcartier Garrison.

9. QUESTION:

TBIPS Job Categories are classified by the number of years experience as per the definition below taken from <https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/sptb-tbtps/technologie-technology-eng.html#a6>

Experience levels

- Level 1: < 5 years of experience
- Level 2: 5- < 10 years of experience
- Level 3: 10+ years of experience

The RFP does not specify the Level that is required for the resources. It merely states a minimum # of years required. Would the Crown please confirm if there is a specific reason the TBIPS Level is not used.

ANSWER:

The level of experience that the DND is looking for is that the resource must have a minimum of 2 years of experience in Oracle APEX and a minimum of 3 years in PL/SQL. So, if the supplier has one resource that meets these conditions but has more than 5 years or even 10 years of experience, they can propose this resource with the level corresponding to their experience and with the rate reflecting their experience. This allows access to a broader range of resources for both the suppliers and the DND. It should also be added that we use the Method of Selection - Highest Combined Rating of Technical Merit and Price as indicated in Part 4, section 4.4.

10. QUESTION:

On Page 58 of 92 in APPENDIX A TO ANNEX A WORKSTREAM 1 AND WORKSTREAM 2 - RESOURCES ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND RESPONSE TABLE it states.....

“A maximum of 6 CVs will be evaluated per offeror’s proposal. DND reserves the right to validate CV references by contacting resources directly.”

Would the Crown please confirm if bidders are permitted to submit up to 6 resources for each of the 2 Workstreams for a total of 12 resources or is it a total of 6 resources for both Workstreams combined? Also, if bidders are permitted to submit on only one of the Workstreams are they permitted to submit 6 resources on that Workstream only?

ANSWER:

That's correct, however, only 2 resources maximum will be selected per workstream.

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