

## **AMENDMENT N°. 001**

This amendment is raised to answer questions as follows:

### **Question 1:**

Corporate mandatory requirement M1 states that Bidders must cite contracts with a minimum contract value of \$3.5M. Would the Crown please consider reducing the contract value to \$500k? The current contract value requirement is prohibitive and IT cybersecurity resources are not typically contracted on long-term contracts that are high in value.

### **Answer 1:**

Canada will not change this requirement.

### **Question 2:**

Due to the complexity of preparing a response to this solicitation and the large number of bids currently out to tender, we would like to request a two-week extension to the solicitation closing date to ensure that vendors are able to submit high quality responses that provide the best value to the Crown.

### **Answer 2:**

Canada agrees to extend the solicitation closing date by one week.  
the new closing date is changed from 08 September 2023 to 15 September 2023.

### **Question 3:**

Page 5 & 6 of the RFP indicates that the estimated number of resources required for this RFP is ten resources between all four categories. Can DND please confirm if Bidders must submit all ten resources at time of submission or just one resource for each category (i.e., one Strategic IT Security Planning and Protection Consultant, one IT Security Threat and Risk Assessment and Certification and Accreditation Analyst, one IT Security Engineer and one Incident Management Specialist resource)?

### **Answer 3:**

Canada will only evaluate one resume per Resource Category as part of this bid, additional Resources will only be assessed after contract award once specific tasks are requested of the Contractor.

### **Question 4:**

Within the rated criteria for the proposed resource matrixes, can you please confirm what is considered a postgraduate degree and what is considered a graduate degree? Determining the differences will help proponents maximize their scoring.

**Answer 4:**

On Form 2, BID EVALUATION CRITERIA, at 2.1.2 Rated Criteria, R3 (Page 63)

Delete: Postgraduate degree 2 points  
Graduate 1 point

Insert: Graduate degree 2 points  
Undergraduate 1 point

On Form 2, BID EVALUATION CRITERIA, at 2.2.2 Rated Criteria, R4 (Page 65)

Delete: Postgraduate degree 2 points  
Graduate 1 point

Insert: Graduate degree 2 points  
Undergraduate 1 point

On Form 2, BID EVALUATION CRITERIA, at 2.3.2 Rated Criteria, R3 (Page 68)

Delete: Postgraduate degree 2 points  
Graduate 1 point

Insert: Graduate degree 2 points  
Undergraduate 1 point

On Form 2, BID EVALUATION CRITERIA, at 2.4.2 Rated Criteria, R3 (Page 70)

Delete: Postgraduate degree 2 points  
Graduate 1 point

Insert: Graduate degree 2 points  
Undergraduate 1 point

**Question 5:**

Regarding the above-mentioned solicitation, we would like to inquire if there is currently or has been within the past 12 months, resources performing tasks similar or identical as those specified in the RFP. If so, please provide the company name under which such services are being/have been provided, as well as the term and value of the contract.

**Answer 5:**

Services similar to those described in this requirement are being provided through Contract W6369-20-P5ND with MDOS Consulting Inc.  
The Contract started on 29 January 2021 and is expiring on 29 September 2023, and is valued at \$3,750,000.00.

**Question 6:**

Corporate criterion M1 stipulates that each of the two contracts identified must have "been awarded within the past seven (7) years (as of bid closing date)". This condition may be overly restrictive to Bidders when combined with the fact that all corporate reference projects must

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have also been completed by the bid closing date (in accordance with instructions 3.2(iv) on page 15). To avoid limiting Bidders to shorter-term contracts, would DND please amend the requirement as follows:

The Bidder must have completed at least two (2) Informatics Professional Services\* contracts, through the issuance of task authorizations, for Government client\*\* where services were performed in the NCR.

For each contract identified:

- a) Been active within the past Seven (7) years (as of bid closing date);
- b) A duration of at least twelve (12) months within the past Seven (7) years (as of bid closing date); (Note: duration does not include option periods that have not been exercised).
- c) A minimum billed value of \$3,500,000.00 (taxes included) within the past Seven (7) years (as of bid closing date).
- d) Have a minimum total invoiced amount of 75% of the original value of the Contract (before taxes).

**Answer 6:**

Canada will not change this requirement.

All other terms and conditions remain the same.