

AMENDMENT N°. 002

This amendment is raised to answer questions as follows:

Question 7:

Corporate Mandatory M1 requests that Bidders demonstrate experience providing services for Canadian Municipal, Provincial or Federal Government department or Crown corporation entities, but indicates that services must have been provided within the National Capital Region. Given that there are many Canadian municipalities and provincial entities whose work is performed outside of the NCR, would the Crown kindly consider removing the requirement for work to have been provided within the National Capital Region?

Answer 7:

Canada will not change this requirement.

Question 8:

- a- For resource, 2.1 Level 3 - Strategic IT Security Planning and Protection Consultant, resource criteria M2, and R3 require valid degrees from a recognized post-secondary institution. Would DND please confirm that a resource with valid a bachelor's degree in engineering and master's degree within Applied Science (Mechanical Engineering) from a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution would meet the criteria?
- b- For resource, 2.1 Level 3 - Strategic IT Security Planning and Protection Consultant, criteria R2 requires that the resource hold Information Security professional training and certification recognized by 3rd party professional cyber security communities. DND provides a list of certifications with a statement above that says, "such as but not limited to."

Therefore, would DND please confirm it would accept the following security certifications:

- ISACA – Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)

All of the above are recognized security certifications within the community.

- c- For resource, 2.2 Level 3 - IT Security Threat and Risk Assessment and Certification and Accreditation Analyst Consultant, criteria R3 requires that the resource hold Information Security professional training and certification recognized by 3rd party professional cyber security communities. DND provides a list of certifications with a statement above that says, "such as but not limited to."

Therefore, would DND please confirm it would accept the following security certifications:

- GIAC – GIAC Certified Forensic Analyst (GCFA)
- GIAC – GIAC Systems and Network Auditor (GSNA)
- ISO 27001 Certification

All of the above are recognized security certifications within the community.

- d- For resource, 2.2 Level 3 - IT Security Threat and Risk Assessment and Certification and Accreditation Analyst Consultant, M2, and R4 require valid degrees from a recognized post-secondary institution. Would DND please confirm that a resource with valid Bachelor of Science from a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution would meet the criteria?
- e- For resource, 2.3 Level 3 - Information Technology Security Engineer, criteria R2 requires that the resource hold Information Security professional training and certification recognized by 3rd party professional cyber security communities. DND provides a list of certifications with a statement above that says, "such as but not limited to."

Therefore, would DND please confirm it would accept the following security certifications:

- ISACA – Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
- ISACA – Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer (CDPSE)
- CompTIA - Security + Certified
- CompTIA – CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+) Certified

All of the above are recognized security certifications within the community.

- f- For resource, 2.4 Level 3 - Incident Management Specialist, criteria R2 requires that the resource hold Information Security professional training and certification recognized by 3rd party professional cyber security communities. DND provides a list of certifications with a statement above that says, "such as but not limited to."

Therefore, would DND please confirm it would accept the following security certifications:

- ISACA – Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
- GIAC – GIAC Certified Penetration Tester (GPEN)
- OffSec - Offensive Security Certified Professional (OSCP)

All of the above are recognized security certifications within the community.

Answer 8:

All of the certificates and degrees listed in the question will be accepted.

Question 9:

Currently the SRCL states resources should have a personnel security clearance at the level of Enhanced Reliability or Secret. Could DND please confirm for the purpose of this solicitation resources need to have a personnel clearance only at the level of Enhanced Reliability? We understand the level of clearance will be specified in each Task Authorization post contract award.

Answer 9:

Although some tasks may be performed by ERC personnel (These will be identified in Task Authorizations), all personnel are required to hold a valid security screening at "Secret" level.

Question 10:

Corporate requirement R1 currently states: "The Bidder should demonstrate corporate experience in providing *large task-based Cyber Security Informatics Professional Services to a Canadian Federal, Provincial or Municipal Department/Agency or a Crown Corporation."

Can DND please confirm vendors are to provide invoiced value to demonstrate providing corporate experience in providing *large task-based Cyber Security Informatics Professional Services to a Canadian Federal, Provincial or Municipal Department/Agency or a Crown Corporation?

Answer 10:

Canada confirms that vendors are to provide contracts that had a minimum total invoiced amount of 75% of the original value of the Contract (before taxes) as stipulated under M1, article d) on page 59 of the RFP.

Question 11:

For corporate rated requirement R1 to be an effective way of measuring a vendor's capability of delivering for previous clients, we recommend DND should limit the number of contracts utilized in demonstration. In order to provide more structure, and tie in the corporate mandatory and rated requirements, we suggest using this common GOC approach and amending the requirement as follows:

Using only contracts demonstrated in MC1, The Bidder should demonstrate corporate experience in providing *large task-based Cyber Security Informatics Professional Services to a Canadian Federal, Provincial or Municipal Department/Agency or a Crown Corporation. * Large is defined as CAD \$3,500,000.00 (taxes included) or more.

A Sample Form has been provided in Form 6 and is intended to be used as a sample to demonstrate the suggested format and required content to be provided by Bidders.

Answer 11:

Canada will not change this requirement.

Question 12:

As Cyber Security skillset, as described within this solicitation, are highly specialized, certified and in high demand, it is critical for DND to award a contract that reflects rates aligned with these key resources in the market. In order to price protect solicitations from a low-cost contract award, the majority of Federal Departments and Agencies are implementing a median band, with a lower median band limit of (-)10%, and upper median band limit of (+)30%. Many recent TBIPS RFP's have recognized this risk and issued RFPs with median bands of -10% (percent). These include (but are not limited to):

- Employment and Social Development Canada - Solicitation No. G9292-203481/A – Cyber Protection Services (2020)
- Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat - Solicitation - 24062-190077/B - Cyber Security program (2019)
- Statistics Canada - Solicitation - 45045-200073/A – IT Security (2022)

Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation
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- Transport Canada - Solicitation # T8080-220407 (2023)
- Department of National Defence # 16609184(Doc4056662338) / W6369-23P5OZ - RFP solicitation #WS4025444907 - Amendment 3 (2023)
- Public Services and Procurement Canada – Solicitation E60ZR-220285/B (2023)
- Canada Border Services Agency - 47419-211699/A (2021)
- Canada Border Services Agency - Solicitation WS3697381282 (2022)
- Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship Canada - B9220-220010/A (2021)
- Employment and Social Development Canada - G9292-217754/A (2022)
- Infrastructure Canada - QA001-233002/A (2022)
- Public Services and Procurement Canada - E60ZR-212338/A (2022)

Would DND please consider amending and incorporating a median band of (-)10 percent and (+)30%?

Answer 12:

Canada will not change this requirement.

All other terms and conditions remain the same.