

## AMENDMENT N°. 004

This amendment is raised to answer questions as follows:

### Question 21:

- a. 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 master's degree in mechanical engineering, focused on Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Computational Methods from a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution would meet the criteria?
- b. 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, as the following certifications are recognized within the community, all of which include network security components.

- Certified McAfee Engineers (ePO, Data Loss Prevention, Network DLP, Application, Intrusion Protection Software)

The above is a recognized security certification within the community.

- c. 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:

- EC-Council Computer Hacking Forensic Investigator (CHFI)
- EC-Council Certified Security Analyst (ECSA)

EC-Council is a respected, US-based cybersecurity certification, education, training, and services company.

- d. 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.org - Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT)

The above is a recognized security certification within the community.

- e. Will the Crown accept a master's degree from a well-known, established University within the United States of America without a CICIC credential assessment? Proof of degree will be provided.
- 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 certification, as it is a recognized certification within the security community:

- Cisco Networking Administration Certification
- g. The Crown has accepted a CISA (Certified information Systems Auditor) certification for resource 2.3 and 2.4. Will the Crown also accept this certification for resource 2.2?

**Answer 21:**

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

**Question 22:**

Regarding Corporate R1, will Canada please confirm the following is accurate:

- In order for bidders to score full points they must provide:
  - a) A maximum of two (2) large task-based Cyber Security Informatics Professional Services Contracts to a Canadian Federal, Provincial or Municipal Department/Agency or a Crown Corporation.
  - b) Both with an award value of CAD \$3,500,000.00 (taxes included) or more.
  - c) Each having a minimum total invoiced amount of 75% of the original value of the Contract (before taxes).

**Answer 22:**

Canada confirms the accuracy of the wording above.

**Question 23:**

BID EVALUATION CRITERIA, 1 Corporate Criteria, 1.1 Mandatory Evaluation Criteria – Corporate, Corporate Mandatory, M1: would the Crown please allow contracts awarded within the past ten (10) years, with a duration within the past seven years?

**Answer 23:**

Canada will not change this requirement.

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**Question 24:**

Considering that bidders are still awaiting responses to questions submitted to the Crown on Aug 29, and with the deadline for the RFP quickly approaching, we kindly ask for a 2-week extension so we can properly respond to any potential changes based on upcoming amendments.

**Answer 24:**

Canada has already granted a week extension and will not extend the Solicitation further. Please refer to answer 02 of amendment 001.

All other terms and conditions remain the same.