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**Revision to a Request for Supply
Arrangement - Révision à une demande
pour un arrangement en matière
d'approvisionnement**

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.

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Title - Sujet TBIPS / SPICT		
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EN578-170432/B		Date 2017-03-31
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 20170432		Amendment No. - N° modif. 003
File No. - N° de dossier 004ei.EN578-170432	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME	
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Date of Original Request for Supply Arrangement Date de demande pour un arrangement en matière d'app. originale		2017-02-21
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2017-12-29		Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: IMOS TEAM		Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 004ei
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Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:		
Security - Sécurité This revision does not change the security requirements of the solicitation. Cette révision ne change pas les besoins en matière de sécurité de l'invitation.		

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Acknowledgement copy required Accusé de réception requis	Yes - Oui <input type="checkbox"/>	No - Non <input type="checkbox"/>
The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer. Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre.		
Signature	Date	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of offeror. (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du proposant. (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)		
For the Minister - Pour le Ministre		

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

BIDDERS ARE ASKED TO REVIEW THESE FAQs BEFORE SUBMITTING QUESTIONS TO CANADA

NOTES:

- The specifics for the five Mandatory Criteria are located in Component I, Attachment A, Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria.
- Bidders are urged to read Component I, and Attachments A and B to Component I. The attachments immediately follow Component I in the solicitation document.
- The following acronyms/abbreviations are used in these FAQs:
 - PBN = Procurement Business Number
 - RFSA = Request for Supply Arrangement
 - SA = Supply Arrangement
 - CPSS = Centralized Professional Services System
 - DCC = Data Collection Component
 - M.1 = Mandatory Criterion M.1 Financial Certification
 - M.2 = Mandatory Criterion M.2 Number of Years in Business
 - M.3 = Mandatory Criterion M.3 Insurance Requirements
 - M.4 = Mandatory Criterion M.4 Total Cumulative Value Billed (TCVB)
 - M.5 = Mandatory Criterion M.5 Identification of Categories

Question #30:

We would like to provide information to support our minimum years in business as per M.2, 3a-e (Attachment A to Component I). As there is no place in the DCC to provide this, will Canada ask for the information subsequent to submission of the electronic bid or should we provide the hard copy information at the same time as the electronic bid and prior to the April 7th deadline?

Answer:

All substantiating information will be requested by Canada after bid closing.

Question # 31

Reference: Current TBIPS SA refresh

1.3 Bid Participation

Although this solicitation may result in a Bidder receiving a Supply Arrangement, a Bidder's bid must contain its response to all the requirements of this bid solicitation. The bid may include an arrangement for a Supply Arrangement in some or all Tiers, Regions, Metropolitan areas, Streams and/or Categories; however, a Bidder may not submit a second bid for the same Tier, Region, Metropolitan areas, Streams and/or Categories.

One legal entity may participate in the submission of:

- (i) one bid from the legal entity alone, or*
- (ii) one bid from the legal entity and one bid submitted in a joint venture, or*
- (iii) two bids submitted in joint venture.*

More than two bids generated from the same legal entity is not permitted in response to this solicitation.

If a legal entity participates in more than two bids, Canada will choose in its discretion which two bids to consider.

Each bid will be evaluated independently without regard to other bids submitted and, therefore, every bid submitted must be complete.

Query #A:

For future bidding on TBIPS SA RFPs:

If a company is currently a TBIPS SA holder and that company is also part of two (2) separate contract joint ventures (CJV) with another two companies - with Company 1- CJV A and with Company 2- CJV B and each CJV is qualified under the TBIPS SA in a TBIPS stream/categories.

Given one bidding opportunity (i.e. one (1) TBIPS SA RFP), could the company bid against that one (1) opportunity with three (3) separate bids in the form of:

- 1) As itself
- 2) With the CJV A
- 3) With the CJV B

Answer A:

No. A legal entity may not hold more than two Supply Arrangements.

Query #B:

If a company is a member of several CJVs, is there a limit on how many CJVs (for which the company is a member) can be qualified under the TBIPS SA.

Answer B:

Yes.

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- (ii) one bid from the legal entity **and** one bid submitted in a joint venture, **or***
- (iii) two bids submitted in joint venture.*

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If a legal entity participates in more than two bids, Canada will choose in its discretion which two bids to consider.

Query #C:

If a company is a member of several CJVs, is there a limit on how many CJVs (for which the company is a member) can be qualified under SBIPS, if this information is available from you.

Answer C:

Yes.

One legal entity may participate in the submission of:

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- (ii) one bid from the legal entity **and** one bid submitted in a joint venture, **or**
- (iii) two bids submitted in joint venture.

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Question # 32

Basically, I want to replace one unsubstantiated category with another unsubstantiated category because we are at our maximum of unsubstantiated categories and we cannot have both. Could you please direct?

Answer:

Attachment A, M.5 article 7 (iii) states:

Separate from the Categories awarded to a bidder as a result of the process outlined for M.5 above, a bidder may also propose to offer unsubstantiated Categories for which it provides no reference information in its bid. Those Categories will be accepted for inclusion into the Bidder's arrangement in accordance with the following process:

(iii) the unsubstantiated Categories submitted through this bid process can only be awarded against Categories substantiated through this bid process;

Therefore, you may not replace one unsubstantiated category with another unsubstantiated category.

Question # 33

We are in the process of applying for TBIPS Supply Arrangement. Due to a slight process change, there is now a new requirement to fill a section titled "Subsidiary".

Could you please help us understand what is meant under 'Subsidiary' and what kind of information this section requires, so we can apply properly? Should we indicate the name of the resource?

Answer:

Please refer to Solicitation amendment number 2, question and answer #28.