



**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

**RETURN BIDS TO:
RETOURNER LES SOUMISSIONS À :**

By e-mail to: - Par courriel au :

tony.youness@tc.gc.ca

Attention: - Attention :
Tony Youness

Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin

At - à :
2:00 PM - 14:00

On - le :
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Time Zone - Fuseau Horaire :
Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)
Heure avancé de l'Est (HAE)

Title - Sujet Application/Software Architect (Power Platform)		Amendment No. - N° modif. 2
Solicitation No. N° de l'invitation T8080-230182	Date of Amendment Date de modification February 5, 2024	
Address enquiries to : - Adresser toute demande de renseignements à : Tony Youness E-Mail Address - Courriel : Tony.youness@tc.gc.ca		
Destination See herein - Voir aux présentes		

Instructions: Municipal taxes are not applicable. Unless otherwise specified herein all prices quoted must include all applicable Canadian customs duties, GST/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/Harmonized Sales Tax is to be shown as a separate item.

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Delivery required Livraison exigée See herein - Voir aux présentes	Delivery offered Livraison proposée Not applicable - Sans objet
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print): La personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie) :	
Name - Nom	Title - Titre
Signature	Date



THIS SOLICITATION AMENDMENT IS RAISED TO:

1. Provide clarification and answers to questions from potential supplier

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Question 2	The Bidder is concerned that Transport Canada seems to be protecting the incumbent supplier by creating these specific requirements. Even when allowing alternative responses to the corporate requirement MC1, TC has required such specific demonstration of (for example) "5 or more Power Apps resources deployed concurrently for 6 months". The specificity in MC1 is further exacerbated in MC2 where TC is asking suppliers to demonstrate that previously deployed contract resources from the referenced contracts in MC1 must have completed a Microsoft certification exam. Bidders are unable to control the pool of consultant resources available within the NCR and we cannot ensure that previously deployed contract resources from a project 7 years ago have completed an exam since that time. Furthermore, demonstrating that a Bidder had previously deployed a consultant resource who has completed an exam is not a determination that the Bidder could presently provide those same consultant resources to the Crown. The independent consultant community is permitted to contract with any Supplier in Ottawa to satisfy TC's requirements. Please remove the MC2/RC2 requirements to ensure a fair and open bidding process.
Answer 2	There is no incumbent supplier; this RFP is to address increasing demand for highly skilled Power Apps contractors, a need that is currently – and incompletely – met by numerous contracts and suppliers. TC has reviewed your request. MC2 and RC2 remain unchanged.
Question 3	In response to Amendment 1; Transport Canada incorrectly named S.i Systems as an incumbent for this solicitation. The contract number provided was T8086-172450/014/ZM, which is not held by S.i Systems. The requirements outlined in the SOW and corporate requirements are aligned to the work TekSystems is currently doing at Transport Canada and they also hold the contract T8086-172450/014/ZM. Can the Crown please confirm that TekSystems is the incumbent of this solicitation?
Answer 3	There is no incumbent supplier. The provided list in Question #1 was intended to meet the portion of the initial question requesting contracts where <i>these or similar duties</i> are performed – not as explicit or implicit indication as being incumbents. The list of contracts where one or more consultants are performing <i>these or similar duties</i> has been updated, and listed below: Contracts# T8080-190735 (Equasion Business Technologies Consulting Inc), T8080-210406-1 (Equasion Business Technologies Consulting Inc. and Watershed ITS in CJV), T8080-220152 (TEKSystems), T8080-220407A (Veritaaq Technology House Inc), T8086-172450/010/Z.M (S.I. Systems), T8080-220407B (Cofomo Inc.)
Question 4	Corporate mandatory requirement MC1 states that for each contract being cited, 75% of the contract value must have been delivered and invoiced at the time of bid submission. Would the Crown please consider removing this requirement? While TBIPS contracts specify the contract value after award, Bidders are typically not informed of the contract value when providing resources for municipal, provincial, and Crown corporations. Since Bidders can cite contracts with municipal, provincial, and Crown corporations, it would be difficult to substantiate this requirement.
Answer 4	TC has reviewed your request. MC1 remains unchanged.



Question 5	Corporate mandatory requirement MC2 states that the Bidder must propose three distinct Power Platform Solution Architect resources who have passed the PL-600 exam (Microsoft Power Platform Solution Architect). Would the Crown please confirm our understanding that resource grids and resumes do not have to be proposed at the time of bid submission?
Answer 4	True. No specific resource grids are required during bid submission.
Question 6	Corporate mandatory requirement MC2 states that the Bidder must propose three distinct Power Platform Solution Architect resources who have passed the PL-600 exam (Microsoft Power Platform Solution Architect). We kindly request that the Crown evaluate resources regardless of whether or not they were involved in the contracts being cited for MC1. This requirement, as currently phrased, is restrictive and limits the Bidder's ability to recruit resources after contract award. Additionally, since Bidders can cite ongoing contracts under MC1, resources may already be committed to those projects and will be unavailable to support TC.
Answer 6	TC reviewed your request and agreed to change MC2 See amendment A below. Bidder must propose three distinct Power Platform Solution Architect resources who have passed the PL-600 exam (Microsoft Power Platform Solution Architect) and who worked for a minimum of twelve (12) months on contract(s) held by the Bidder where the project tasks comply with the criteria stated in MC1. Bidders must include Microsoft Certification Identification Number (MCID#), exam transcript for each individual, and contract details per Table 1 (included below). If multiple contracts comprise the twelve-month minimum, <i>all</i> must comply with described project tasks to be considered valid. Experience is to be demonstrated for each resource, and may be on different or the same contacts as other resources, so long as they can provide for the minimum 12 months. Any contract that demonstrates all <i>project task criteria</i> in MC1 is acceptable, it need not otherwise meet MC1 criteria (value, size, etcetera).

THIS SOLICITATION IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Amendments:

- A) DELETE MC2 under “Attachment 4.1-Bid Evaluation Criteria” , Part A: Corporate Mandatory Criteria - THE BIDDER, section MC2 in its entirety and REPLACE with:

CMC #	Corporate Mandatory Criteria	Met / Not Met	Bidder's Response (Reference to additional substantiating materials included in the Bid)
MC2	Bidder must propose three distinct Power Platform Solution Architect resources who have passed the PL-600 exam (Microsoft Power Platform Solution Architect) and who worked for a minimum of twelve (12) months on contract(s) held by		



	<p>the Bidder where the project tasks comply with the criteria stated in MC1. Bidders must include Microsoft Certification Identification Number (MCID#), exam transcript for each individual, and contract details as per Table 1 of the RFP. If multiple contracts comprise the twelve-month minimum, <i>all</i> must comply with described project tasks to be considered valid. Experience is to be demonstrated for each resource and may be on different or the same contacts as other resources, so long as they can provide for the minimum 12 months. Any contract that demonstrates all <i>project task criteria</i> in MC1 is acceptable (value, size, etcetera).</p>		
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ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME