

Amendment 13 to the IaaS & Native PaaS Prequalification CBS

Solicitation No.	CS-IAAS-2024	Amd: 013
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The purpose of this amendment is to:

- 1- Extend the CBS Prequalification closing date to August 15, 2024.
- 2- Modify the Prequalification CBS as detailed below. For your convenience, Canada is providing the latest version of the Prequalification CBS document, which incorporates all the modifications made up to this point. To facilitate easier reading, the recent amendments have been highlighted in green.

Modifications to the Solicitation

1- At Section – Executive Summary

Delete: Once the prequalified Bidders are identified, Canada will work with them to develop the selection process that will result in the award of 2 or 3 Task Authorization Contracts.

Replace with: Once the prequalified Bidders are identified, Canada will work with them to develop the selection process that will result in the award of 2 or more Task Authorization Contracts.

2-At Section – 1. General Information

In 1.3, Solicitation Process

Insert this paragraph: “This CBS procurement process does not preclude Canada from pursuing further competitive procurements to acquire IaaS and Native PaaS services if required.”

In 1.4, Stage 4 Posting of CBS Prequalification

Insert the following after the first paragraph: “In accordance with Section 4.1, Evaluation Procedures – Prequalification, Bidders who meet the mandatory criteria and receive at least the minimum required score on the rated criteria will be included on a permanent multi-use list. From this multi-use list, Canada will invite the five Bidders with the highest scores on the rated criteria to move on to the next stage of the

Solicitation process (i.e. prequalified Bidders). Canada will notify Bidders not selected of their exclusion from further participation in the Solicitation process for the current requirement.”

Delete: From that point of the process, all communication related to the solicitation will occur between Canada and the prequalified Bidders. There will be no further postings on CanadaBuys until contract award.

Replace with: From that point of the process, all communication related to the solicitation for the current requirement will occur between Canada and the prequalified Bidders. There will be no further postings on CanadaBuys until contract award

In Stage 11: Incremental Contract Award

Delete: Canada anticipates awarding multiple Task Authorization Contracts.

Replace with: Canada anticipates awarding two or more Task Authorization Contracts.

In Stage 12: Task Authorization

Delete: This solicitation will result in the following:

- 1) **Contracts:** Up to two Contractors that will be invited to sign a Task Authorization Contract (TAC). Signatories of Task Authorization Contracts will be eligible to sign task authorizations in accordance with Section 6 – Resulting Contract Clauses.
- 2) **A list of prequalified Contractors** that meet all the requirements of the Final CBS but were not the top 2 ranked bids selected, that could be onboarded in the procurement ecosystem in the upcoming years. Biannually, Shared Service Canada (SSC) will assess vendors’ performance, department needs, technology evolution or any other elements and may decide to onboard one or more Contractors on the prequalified list.

Replace with: As a result of this solicitation, two or more Contractors that will be invited to sign a Task Authorization Contract (TAC). Signatories of Task Authorization Contracts will be eligible to sign task authorizations in accordance with Section 6 – Resulting Contract Clauses.

In 1.6, Procurement Ecosystem (PE)

Delete: The EAM may be revised annually in consultation with qualified contractors under the PE.

Replace with: The EAM may be revised annually.

3- At Section 3- Bid preparation instructions - prequalification

In 3.2. Pre-Bid Compliance Check Process (OPTIONAL)

Delete: A Pre-Bid will only be reviewed if submitted by the Pre-Bid Deadline: Canada will review only Pre-Bids submitted by no later than 11:59 p.m. May 15, 2024 (the “Pre-Bid Deadline”). Canada will review only one Pre-Bid from each bidder (i.e., after receiving feedback, the bidder cannot submit a new version of its Pre-Bid for review).

Replace with: A Pre-Bid will only be reviewed if submitted by the Pre-Bid Deadline: Canada will review only Pre-Bids submitted by a date to be determined (the “Pre-Bid Deadline”). Canada will review only one Pre-Bid from each bidder (i.e., after receiving feedback, the bidder cannot submit a new version of its Pre-Bid for review).

Please note that the specific date under consideration will be determined and shared through the release of an official amendment.

In 3.4. Eligibility – Prequalified Bidders

Delete: Only Bidders that are qualified and selected for pool formation for the current requirement at Stage 4 – Prequalification and who remain qualified at the Final CBS Bid Closing Date and Time will be eligible to submit a Bid at the Final CBS stage. Canada reserves the right to re-evaluate any aspect of the qualification of any Bidder at any time during the Solicitation process.

Replace with: Only Bidders that are qualified and selected for pool formation for the current requirement at Stage 4 – Prequalification and who remain qualified at the Final CBS Bid Closing Date and Time will be eligible to submit a Bid at the Final CBS stage. Canada reserves the right to re-evaluate any aspect of the qualification of any Bidder at any time during the Solicitation process.

4- At Section 4- Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection

In 4.1.1 Basis of Selection for Prequalification

Delete 4.1.1 in its entirety

Replace with:

- a) To be declared responsive for the Prequalification, a Bid must meet all mandatory criteria in Part A of the Prequalification Evaluation Grid and must receive a minimum total score of [38.5/77] on the rated criteria in Part B of the Prequalification Evaluation Grid.
- b) Bidders whose bids fail to both meet all mandatory criteria and receive a minimum total score of [38.5/77] on the rated criteria will be found non-responsive.
- c) For evaluation purposes only, Canada will accept and consider the experience of the Bidder’s parent company, the references or anything required to demonstrate the Bidder’s compliance to the criteria.

In 4.1.2 Selection of Prequalified Bidders for the current requirement

Delete: a) In accordance with 4.1.1 Basis of Selection for Prequalification, Canada will select the 5 highest ranked Bidders for pool formation.

Replace with: a) In accordance with 4.1.1 Basis of Selection for Prequalification, Canada will select the 5 highest ranked responsive Bidders for pool formation for the current requirement.

Insert the following paragraph: “d) Unsuccessful Bidders will not be given another opportunity to participate or be re-evaluated for the subsequent phases of the procurement process for the current requirement.”

Insert: “ 4.1.3 Permanent Multi-Use List

- a) Bidders who submit responsive Bids for Prequalification as contemplated in s. 4.1.1(a) will be included on a permanent multi-use list of prequalified suppliers. This list may be used for future requirements, under this Solicitation or otherwise, for further IaaS-Native PaaS services or niche or complementary services under IaaS-Native PaaS.
- a) For greater certainty, as described in s. 4.1.2, only the five highest ranked Bidders on this multi-use list will be invited to move on to the next stage of the Solicitation process (i.e. prequalified Bidders) for the current requirement.
- b) The multi-use list described in s. 4.1.3(a) will remain valid until terminated by Canada. Notice of such termination will be provided by Canada posting a notice on CanadaBuys.
- c) Only Bidders on the multi-use list will receive further notices of procurement covered by the list.”

Delete 4.3 in its entirety

Replace with:

4.3 Number of contracts

4.3.1 Contracts: Two or more highest-ranking responsive Bid(s) (Total Score) will be recommended for Contract award, on the condition that, the second highest-ranking responsive Bid is not within (+/- 1%) of the highest-ranking responsive Bid. In the event that the second highest-ranking responsive Bid is within (+/- 1%) of the highest-ranking responsive Bid, these Bids will be ranked in descending order as follows:

The points obtained for the technical bid evaluation will be used to rank the subsequent tied Bid from the highest score to the lowest score.

5- At Section 6 – Resulting contract clauses

In Series of Contracts

Delete: The Contractor acknowledges that this Contract is one of a series of 2 or 3 *[Note to Bidders: this number may be adjusted downward if necessary at the time of award]* contracts awarded as a result of the Challenge-Based Solicitation issued by Shared Services Canada on [insert date] under No. [insert number]. These contracts are included in the IaaS-Native PaaS Procurement Vehicle.

Replace with: The Contractor acknowledges that this Contract is one of a series of 2 or 3 *[Note to Bidders: this number may be adjusted if necessary at the time of award]* contracts awarded as a result of the Challenge-Based Solicitation issued by Shared Services Canada on [insert date] under No. [insert number]. These contracts are included in the IaaS-Native PaaS Procurement Vehicle.

In Ecosystem of Procurement Vehicles

Delete: The EAM may be revised annually in consultation with qualified contractors under the PE.

Replace with: The EAM may be revised annually.

In Evolving Ecosystem

Delete: In cases where the improvement would be provided by a third party (other than the Contractor), Canada may do one of the following:

(1) Invite the highest ranked vendor on the qualified vendors permanent list to sign a task authorization contract and be included in the IaaS-Native PaaS procurement vehicle.

(2) Launch a new solicitation to qualify new Contractors with the ability to help Canada to resolve problems and better address Canada's challenges.

Replace with: In cases where the improvement would be provided by a third party (other than the Contractor), Canada may decide at its own discretion, to run another, procurement process for IaaS-Native PaaS services to help Canada to resolve problems and better address Canada's challenges.

6- In Attachment 1—Prequalification Evaluation Grid

In Part A – Mandatory Criteria

Delete M1 in its entirety

Replace with :

<p>M1</p>	<p>Capacity of the Bidder to sell Commercially Available Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) AND Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) The Bidder must be a Cloud Service Provider (CSP) with Commercially Available Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) services AND Native Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) services.</p> <p>Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Annex E – Defined terms, for the purposes of this criterion M1 the following definitions apply:</p> <p>An instance type, in the context of cloud computing, refers to a virtual machine, serverless instance, or an add-on to a virtual machine offered by a cloud service provider.</p> <p>Commercially Available refers to cloud services that are accessible to customers on a subscription or pay-as-you-go basis for purchase and are offered by providers in a ready-to-use, market-ready form, with predefined pricing and service terms upheld by service level agreements.</p> <p>Publicly Viewable means information on the service is available on the internet for access by anyone without the need for login</p>	<p>The Bidder should provide Publicly Viewable URLs listing the Commercially Available IaaS and Native PaaS services of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. services (instance types) that address each category of the following Commercially Available IaaS services: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Category 1—General or Standard Purpose instances that are configurable to balance the amount of compute, memory, and networking resources based on the requirements of applications and workloads. b. Category 2—Compute Optimized instances for applications and workloads that require high computing power using high-performance processors. c. Category 3—Memory Optimized instances for applications and workloads that require fast processing of large data sets in memory. d. Category 4—Specialized instances for applications and workloads that require specific requirements, including any of the following sub-categories: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. High-Performance Computing (HPC) ii. Enhanced storage capabilities iii. GPU-supported processes iv. Machine learning-based systems 	<p>To be compliant, the Bidder must demonstrate the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 5 Commercially Available IaaS services for each of the categories 1 to 4 evidenced by their publicly viewable product/service list (1a to 1d) • A minimum of 3 Commercially Available IaaS services for category 5 evidenced by their publicly viewable product/service list (1e) • A minimum of 1 Commercially Available IaaS service for each of the categories 6 and 7 evidenced by their publicly viewable product/service list (1f and 1g) • A minimum of 4 Commercially Available PaaS services for each of the categories 8 to 13 evidenced by their publicly viewable product/service list (2a to 2f) <p>Bidders must provide Publicly Viewable URLs which must present direct evidence of the requirement.</p> <p>Bidders are allowed to provide multiple URLs to demonstrate their</p>
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	<p>credentials and available for direct public access.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Category 5—Block, Object and File storage capabilities that are scalable. f. Category 6—Cold storage for long-term storage of archived data. g. Category 7—High-Performance storage based on Solid-State Drives (SSD) technology. <p>2. services that address each category of the following Native PaaS services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Category 8—Container services b. Category 9—Developer tools c. Category 10—Database services d. Category 11—Network and security services e. Category 12—Artificial Intelligence (AI) or Machine Learning (ML) f. Category 13—Analytics and Big Data services 	<p>capacity. Please note that Canada will not move past the provided URLs.</p> <p>Bidders may use the same URL to demonstrate different services (instance type).</p> <p>Bidders can propose up to ten (10) additional services per category</p>
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In Part B – Rated Criteria

Insert: “Minimum passing mark = 38.5 points”

7- In the Prequalification Documents

Delete: Bid Document 1—Prequalification Bidding Form V1.4.1, in its entirety

Replace by: Prequalification Bidding Form V1.5

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.