

**Notice of Proposed Procurement (NPP)**

<b>SOLICITATION NUMBER</b>	CS-IAAS-2024
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Shared Services Canada
<b>PUBLICATION DATE</b>	04/19/2024
<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	08/15/2024

**Attention \*\*\*Information webinar on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Details below**

**PREQUALIFICATION STAGE AND PERMANENT LIST**

The Prequalification stage of this Challenge-Based Solicitation process will result in the establishment of a permanent multi-use list of prequalified suppliers that may be used to procure IaaS-Native PaaS services. To be qualified for inclusion on the multi-use list, bidders 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, as set out in the solicitation.

For clarity, this multi-use list may be used for procurement covered by the trade agreements listed in this NPP and the multi-use list will remain valid until terminated by Canada. Notice of such termination will be provided by Canada publishing a notice on CanadaBuys. Only bidders on the multi-use list will receive further notices of procurement covered by the list.

Only the five highest-ranked Bidders on this multi-use list will be eligible to participate in subsequent phases of this procurement process, including the receipt of final solicitation documentation. While notices of contracts awarded as a result of this procurement will be published on CanadaBuys, only prequalified suppliers will receive further procurement notices related to this solicitation.

Resulting contracts are intended to enable long term stability, and could potentially be used for 20 years or more.

**DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT**

The Government of Canada (GC) has a requirement for Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) and Native Platform as a Service (PaaS) Commercially Available Public Cloud Services to meet its business needs across a broad spectrum of government organizations.

In order to assist organizations in meeting Canadians' expectations and delivering government services and benefits simply, securely and efficiently, Canada is seeking the access and delivery of Commercially Available Public Cloud Services at various data classification levels.

The GC must create a secure and resilient enterprise digital security ecosystem to continue to deliver the services that Canadians rely on today while accelerating Canada's move to modern services that are secure, reliable, user-centric and barrier-free, and meet the need for both privacy and transparency. This is essential to maintaining trust in Canada's institutions.

**PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

SSC will leverage Agile Procurement Process 3.0 (APP3.0) that is an innovative procurement framework to improve the ability of Shared Services Canada (SSC) to move quicker and produce better results.

***Evolving solicitation document***

The solicitation document will evolve during the solicitation period. Below shows the various forms it will take:

1. Challenge-Based Solicitation (CBS) – Initial (posted 02/10/2024)
2. CBS for Prequalification (current opportunity)
3. Final Draft CBS
4. Final CBS

***This procurement process involves the following stages:***

- Stage 1: CBS – Initial (complete)
- Stage 2: Information Webinar (complete)
- Stage 3: Invitation to Refine (ItR) – Wave 1 – Consultation on prequalification criteria (complete)
- Stage 4: Posting of CBS Prequalification (current stage)
- Stage 5: Invitation to Refine – Waves 2 and subsequent waves – Consultation of prequalified bidders on various components of solicitation
- Stage 6: Release of DRAFT Final CBS – Last chance for prequalified bidders to provide feedback
- Stage 7: Release of Final CBS – prequalified bidders may submit bids
- Stage 8: Demonstration and Feedback – Virtual bid
- Stage 9: Evaluation and selection
- Stage 10: Pre-award
- Stage 11: Incremental Contract Award
- Stage 12: Task Authorization

**INFORMATION WEBINAR**

Bidders are invited to attend an Information Webinar to discuss the Prequalification Challenge-Based Solicitation. The Bidders must register by sending an email at [PVRCloudServicesRCRs.DCCServicesinfonuagiquesARF@ssc-spc.gc.ca](mailto:PVRCloudServicesRCRs.DCCServicesinfonuagiquesARF@ssc-spc.gc.ca) at the latest on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 P.M. EDT.

The Information Webinar will be held on the following dates and times:

- THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE WEBINAR WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 24, 2024, AT 1:00 P.M. EDT
- THE FRENCH-LANGUAGE WEBINAR WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 24, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M. EDT

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREQUALIFICATION BIDDING FORM**

Bidders are requested to download and save the Prequalification Bidding Form. It is important to use Adobe Reader to open the form, as opening the form directly through an internet browser or with another PDF reader may result in compatibility issues or errors.

**FUTURE COMMUNICATION**

After the prequalification stage, communications will be limited exclusively to those who have successfully prequalified, and further details will no longer be shared publicly on CanadaBuys, until contracts award.

**SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

At the contracting stage, the Contractor will need to fully satisfy requirements up to and including Protected B / High Value Asset (HVA) as defined in Canadian Center for Cyber Security (CCCS) guidance, unless otherwise specified. The language and full list of requirements will be further refined during one of the Invitation to Refine (stage 5).

## **TRADE AGREEMENTS**

This requirement is subject to the following trade agreements:

- Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)
- Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)
- Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)
- Canada-Honduras Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Panama Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-United Kingdom Trade Continuity Agreement
- World Trade Organization- Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-GPA)

## **COMPREHENSIVE LAND CLAIM AGREEMENTS (CLCA)**

The requirement is not subject to the Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements (CLCAs), as none of the locations proposed services will be provided are located within any of the Land Claim Settlement Areas.

## **LANGUAGE**

Documents may be submitted in either official language of Canada.

## **ENQUIRIES**

Enquiries regarding this solicitation **or the above-noted multi-use list** are to be submitted to the email below:  
[PVRCloudServicesRCRs.DCCServicesinfonuagiquesARF@ssc-spc.gc.ca](mailto:PVRCloudServicesRCRs.DCCServicesinfonuagiquesARF@ssc-spc.gc.ca).