



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

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RETURN BIDS TO: RETOURNER LES SOUMISSIONS À:

By e-mail to: - Par courriel au :

Sara.Goud@tc.gc.ca

Attention: - Attention : Sara Gould

Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin

At - à: 2:00 PM / 14h00

On - le: April 19, 2024 / 19 avril 2024

Time Zone - Fuseau Horaire :

Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) / Heure avancée de l'Est (HAE)

Title - Sujet Application Services Resources for the Service & Digital Group		Amendment No. - N° modif. 6
Solicitation No. N° de l'invitation T8080-230303	Date of Amendment Date de modification Avril 12, 2024 / 12 avril 2024	
Address enquiries to : - Adresser toute demande de renseignements à : Sara Gould E-Mail Address - Courriel: Sara.Goud@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.

Instructions : Les taxes municipales ne s'appliquent pas. Sauf indication contraire, les prix indiqués doivent comprendre les droits de douane canadiens, la TPS/TVH et la taxe d'accise. Les biens doivent être livrés « rendu droits acquittés », tous frais de livraison compris, à la ou aux destinations indiquées. Le montant de la taxe sur les produits et services/taxe de vente harmonisée doit être indiqué séparément.

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

RFP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AND AMENDMENTS

File: T8080-230303

Initiative: Application Services Resources for the Service & Digital Group

RFP Issued: March 13, 2023

RFP Closes: April 19, 2024, 02:00 PM EDT

THIS SOLICITATION AMENDMENT IS RAISED TO:

1. Provide answer to question from potential suppliers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Question #	Questions and Answers
Question 43	<p>AMD 005, Q&A #42 resulted in the Crown amending the previous answer given on Q&A #25 in AMD 004. In that amendment, the Crown stated that for contracts to now qualify for CM2, <i>“the number of billable days must be 7,000 per contract in one or more of the identified categories.”</i></p> <p>This is a significant jump in required demonstrated billable days per contract, and bidders have already spent 2 weeks preparing their proposals and obtaining client signatures based on the original RFP requirement of 7,000 cumulative billed days across four (4) contracts, with each contract requiring a minimum of 1600 billable days. This also contradicts the answer given in Q&A #33, where bidders are instructed to refer to items a) through e) in CM2 for the criteria contracts must meet in order to be accepted.</p> <p>Can the Crown confirm this was an error and confirm bidders should follow the original CM2 instructions requesting, <i>“using up to four (4) contracts, the Bidder must demonstrate its experience supplying cumulatively, 7000 billable days”</i> and each individual contract must have a minimum of 1600 billable days.</p>
Answer 43	<p>Canada has reviewed your request and confirms that a compliant bid must demonstrate the number of billed days in one, two, three or any combination of the resource categories identified using up to 4-contract references to fulfil the 7000 billable days.</p> <p>Of the 4-contract referenced, each contract must demonstrate a minimum of 1600 total billable days, within one, two, three or any combination of the resource categories identified. (A.1 Application/Software Architect, A.7 Programmer/ Analyst or A.12 Web Architect).</p>
Question 44	<p>Corporate Mandatory Technical Criterion CM2 on page 67</p> <p>As has already been pointed out by other Bidders, the restriction to direct match core resource categories severely limits otherwise qualified Bidders from responding to this solicitation. We are concerned that the Crown is at risk of receiving few to no responses, and subsequently at risk of receiving a lower quality of service than desired.</p> <p>To mitigate the risk, we request that the Crown accept up to 5,000 billed days in direct match categories, and 2,000 billed days in similar TBIPS resource categories provided demonstration of at least 50% of the tasks identified in the Statement of Work.</p>
Answer 44	<p>Canada has reviewed your request and CM2 remains as is.</p>

Question 45	Please confirm that the intent of CM2 is for bidders to demonstrate, using up to four contracts, that they have collectively billed a minimum of 1,600 days in each subject core resource category, and 7,000 days in any combination of categories, within the last three years.
Answer 45	Canada has reviewed your request, See comprehensive Answer 43.
Question 46	Please confirm that for an individual contract to qualify in CM2, it must have billed a minimum of 1,600 days in any combination of subject core resource categories.
Answer 46	Canada has reviewed your request, See comprehensive Answer 43.

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