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- Q12.** Would the Crown please accept providing 2-weeks extension for this RFP response, since there are many big RFPs due on the same date, which can limit the number of responses
- A12.** Due to multiple requests, DND will extend the solicitation closing date to Monday May 13th at 14h00.
- Q13.** We would like to ask if we need to respond to all roles in this bid solicitation.
- A13.** See answer to Q2.
- Q14.** Is the Crown willing to award multiple contracts in response to this solicitation? Our company is qualified to bid on 3 out of 4 categories, but not P.2, and we would like to be invited.
- A14.** Only one contract will be awarded under this solicitation, with one vendor who can offer resources in all categories as described in ANNEX A: Statement Of Work.
- Q15.** Reference the subject solicitation, in the Evaluation Criteria beginning on page 61 of 91 for Mandatory Grid 2: A.1 APPLICATION / SOFTWARE ARCHITECT "Senior Digital Solution Architect" (Level 3):
M4 references "IM/IT projects within the last fifteen (10) years"
Could the Crown please clarify if this is to read ten (10) or fifteen (15) years.
- A15.** An updated version of the RFP has been sent out to qualified vendors. The correct requirement for M4 is "within the last **ten (10) years**".
- Q16.** With the exception of P.2 Enterprise Architect, all categories include a mandatory requirement (M1) for academic credentials. Limiting acceptable universities or colleges to only those within Canada represents a significant challenge to bidders who must propose four resources and precludes otherwise qualified candidates with relevant experience from being considered.
To support the federal government's inclusivity and equal opportunity procurement mandates, would the Crown also accept as substantiation for M1 either a degree or diploma from an institution outside of Canada, **AND/OR** a combination of demonstrated work experience relevant to the category and a relevant IM/IT certification, **AND/OR** 15 years of experience in the last 20 years for Level 3 resources and 5 years of experience in the last 10 years **AND** a relevant professional IM/IT certification for Level 2 resources?
- A16.** M1 of each category (except for P.2 Enterprise Architect) has the following: "from a recognized university" and "from a recognized college". It does not make the distinction between a Canadian institution and a non-Canadian institution. As per section 3.2 (vi) (B) of the RFP: "If the degree, designation or certification was issued by an educational institution outside of Canada, the Bidder is requested to provide a copy of the results of the academic credential assessment and qualification recognition service issued by an agency or organization recognized by the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC)."
- Q17.** Due to the complexity of preparing a response to this solicitation and the large number of bids currently out to tender we would like to request a one-week extension to the solicitation closing date to ensure that vendors are able to submit high quality responses that provide the best value to the crown.
- A17.** See answer to Q12.
- Q18.** Can the Crown please confirm if there has been an incumbent for this Project? If so, for how long and what is the value of the contract?
- A18.** See answer to Q1.