

## Questions and Answers

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**Q1: Please confirm if there is currently, or has been within the past 6 months, any contracted resource performing the services described within the RFP? If so, please identify the incumbent and contract value?**

A1: A similar contract was originally awarded to Veritaaq Technology House Inc. (now Experis Canada Inc.) by Statistics Canada in August 2022 with a total amended value of \$424,125.00 (applicable taxes extra). The contract was expired on March 31, 2024.

**Q2: MC1 and RC2 requires bidders to demonstrate they have billed resources in the A.1 Application/Software Architect category. As different organizations use different resource categories for similar roles, please confirm that bidders can utilize billed days executed under a different resource category as long as the bidder demonstrates mapping to at least 70% of the tasks associated with the A.1 Application/Software Architect category.**

A2: Yes, the bidder can use billed days executed under a different TBIPS category but must make sure mapping at least 70% of the tasks associated with the A.1 Application/Software Architect category.

**Q3: RC1 is asking bidders to demonstrate it has been awarded contract(s) for Public Sector clients of 10,000 employees or more. Given that Statistics Canada only has approximately 6,200 employees, this requirement is unnecessarily restrictive and doesn't align with the Statement of Work. Would the Crown reduce this requirement to organizations of 5,000 or more employees?**

A3: The initial size requirements of 10,000 employees apply to Corporations only, not for public sector clients. However, we decided to accept the suggestion and reduce the number to 5,000. The following criteria are modified accordingly:

- Rated Corporate Criteria: RC1
- Mandatory Resource Criteria: MR4, MR8, MR9, MR10

**Q4: Please confirm if bidders are to submit two (2) Level 3 A.1 Application/Software Architects at the time of bid submission.**

A4: No. To align with the most recent changes to professional services contracting that regulated by PSPC, the evaluation of resources' resumes will no longer be an acceptable practice to evaluate a vendor's capacity to deliver the requirements. Instead, departments will be required to evaluate a vendor's corporate capacities and past performance on similar work. Resumes will only be used for evaluating TA proposals.

**Q5: MC1 and RC2 state that "the tasks and activities completed by the Informatics Professional must closely align (70%) with the tasks and activities listed in the Statement of Work (see Annex A)". Please confirm if bidders can demonstrate A.1 Application/Software Architect Drupal experience, within applicable Drupal projects, however without having to show Drupal on every listed line item.**

A5: No. This particular project requires extensive Drupal experience. If the experience that is demonstrated was not acquired on a system that is, for the majority, developed in Drupal, StatCan will not be able to consider that experience.