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Request for Proposal (RFP) AMENDMENT

Demande de proposition (DDP) MODIFICATION

Proposal To: Natural Resources Canada

We hereby offer to sell to His Majesty the King in right of Canada, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein, referred to herein or attached hereto, the goods, services, and construction listed herein and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefor.

Proposition à: Ressources Naturelles Canada

Nous offrons par la présente de vendre à Sa Majesté le Roi du chef du Canada, aux conditions énoncées ou incluses par référence dans la présente et aux annexes ci-jointes, les biens, services et construction énumérés ici sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

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Title – Sujet Geospatial Web Harvester Development and Operations	
Solicitation No. – No de l'invitation NRCan-5000072834	Date June 28, 2023
Requisition Reference No. - N° de la demande 5000072834	Amendment No. – Modification No. 003
Solicitation Closes – L'invitation prend fin at – à 02:00 PM (EDT) on – le July 13, 2023	
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Security – Sécurité There are no security requirements associated with this requirement.	
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This Amendment **003** of **RFP #5000072834** is issued to:

- Respond to questions.

Question #2: Is it possible to bid on just delivering the Stream 1 COTS product without any of the software development components or project work that also come in Stream 1?

Answer #2: No, Bidders responding to Stream 1 must also address the implementation of harvester solution as this is essential to the requirement.

Question #3: Approximately how many hours does NRCan expect to engage the Stream 1 development project for? (I see an example 630).

Answer #3: NRCan estimates approximately 630 hours as indicated in Appendix "2" – Financial Bid Presentation Sheet. Note, this is only an estimate and does not represent a commitment by Canada.

Question #4: Approximately how many hours does NRCan expect to engage the Stream 2 development project for? (I see an example 1800).

Answer #4: NRCan estimates approximately 1,800 hours as indicated in Appendix "2" – Financial Bid Presentation Sheet. Note, this is only an estimate and does not represent a commitment by Canada.

Question #5: M3 - "The Bidder's Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) subscription services solution* MUST be parameterized to include web services" - what does "parameterized" mean in this context?

Answer #5: Whatever the COTS solution does (it may be hardcoded for particular types of service), there must be a way to define what can be harvested by user-defined API calls (parameterization).

Question #6: Is NRCan willing to waive contractual requirement 6.1.4 ("The Contractor(s) MUST be a member of the OGC for the duration of the contract.") for either Stream?

Answer #6: No. We want the contractor to work with and leverage the expertise of that community.

Question #7: Why is Stream 1 R8 a requirement? The contract requirements (section 4) don't seem to require API development (that's a stream 2 requirement).

Answer #7: The Stream 1 contractor must strengthen their proposed solution by being willing and able to update their COTS solution to support Stream 2 requirements, per the description on page 5 of the RFP.

Question #8:

Related to chapter "4.3 Communications and Outreach"

In the step 4.3.1.2. it is stated that the development of the harvester must be open-sourced:

"The Contractor(s) MUST document methodology developed under this contract(s) and open-source development of the harvester for sharing in a public repository (e.g. GitHub) and/or refereed journals. This shall include future development of QGIS extensions."



Our COTS product is not open-source currently. What part of development must be open-sourced in this part? Does the above mean that the whole COTS should be open-sourced or just the QGIS connector / API part that would be developed?

Answer #8:

NRCan does not expect that existing COTS solutions to be open-sourced. Development of QGIS plugins or new APIs will be required to be open sourced. More information can be found under section 7.2.2 of the Request for Proposals.

Question #9:

Related to chapter: Limitation of Expenditure – Firm Hourly Rate – Stream 1 and 2

In streams 1 and 2 there are 630 hours and 1800 hours entered in the section "Number of Hours for Evaluation". It is stated that the numbers have been added for evaluation purposes only. Does this mean that the numbers have been selected randomly? Are the numbers in any relation to each other, e.g. Stream 2 is expected to be about 3x larger than Stream 1? Is it expected that the bidder will evaluate the amount of hours to the best of their knowledge?

Answer #9:

Bidders must provide a firm hourly rate with the knowledge that the numbers of hours are best estimates from NRCan at this particular time.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.