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Revision to a Request for Supply Arrangement - Révision à une demande pour un arrangement en matière d'approvisionnement

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.

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Title - Sujet TSPS 2013 Renewal	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation E60ZN-13TSPS/B	**Date** 2013-05-17
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client E60ZN-13TSPS	**Amendment No. - N° modif.** 011
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Date of Original Request for Supply Arrangement **Date de demande pour un arrangement en matière d'app. originale**	2013-04-16
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin **at - à 02:00 PM** **on - le 2013-05-28**	**Time Zone** **Fuseau horaire** Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
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Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: **Destination - des biens, services et construction:**	
Security - Sécurité This revision does change the security requirements of the solicitation. Cette révision change les besoins en matière de sécurité de l'invitation.	

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Acknowledgement copy required **Accusé de réception requis**	**Yes - Oui** ☐	**No - Non** ☐

The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer.
Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre.

Signature **Date**

Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of offeror. (type or print)
Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du proposant.
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For the Minister - Pour le Ministre

Canada

See attached document.

THIS AMENDMENT #011 IS RAISED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RECEIVED

REASON FOR AMENDMENT:
Canada is publishing herein responses to enquiries received pertaining to this solicitation in accordance with Period 2 - Supplementary Question Period as set out in accordance with article 3 - Enquiries - Request for Bids. Please note that questions received in Period 2 will be numbered with the series commencing at 201. A question and its answer will be provided via MERX as the response becomes available. Potential bidders are therefore advised that questions and answers will issued via MERX and may be published out of sequence.

Questions and answers 215, 224 to 226, which were made available in Amendment 010 are re-posted below.

Questions and Responses

Question 215
As mentioned at the Page 67 Annex A under the topic Experience:

" The month(s) of experience listed for a project whose time frame overlaps that of another referenced project, will only be counted once."

Considering that we have more than 1 project being performed at the same time with different time frame how do you we report a project start and finish date. Should we report as per scenario A, B or C :

Scenario A: We report the real Start and Finish Date to ensure that the real project duration is correctly reported but consequently an overlap will be visible. Also in this scenario, it may be difficult for Canada to interpret which portion of a period is applicable to a specific Experience Category
or
Scenario B: We report an adjusted Start and Finish Date to ensure that NO overlap would be visible BUT consequently the project duration would not be accurately reflected. Also in this scenario, the determination of a start and finish date would be entirely left to the bidder interpretation and would not be possible to be verified against the actual contractual agreement
or
Scenarion C: We could report the overall Real Start and Finish Date without being penalized as long as for each category we are providing Canada a sub-set Start and Finish Date which would be specific cannot be overlapping with other category from another project.

Canada's response to Question 215:
Canada has published its answer on this similar question/topic area, and directs industry to review Canada's responses provided in Question 5, published in Amendment 001, which remains unchanged and which states the following:

> “The flexible grid will only apply at the resulting Request for Proposal (RFP) stage or at the Availability Confirmation Form (ACF) stage.”

As such, when a resource is submitted in response to a RFP or ACF, the resource will be evaluated against the flexible grid for this category. For the purposes of following the flexible grid, at that stage, Scenario A described above would apply when evaluating the experience of the proposed resources.

Question 224:
In Stream 5, Technical Engineering and Maintenance Services (TEMS), I'd like to know which industry sectors will be most in demand for the services described at point 38 and 39, listed under 5.3 Engineering Graduate and 41 under 5.4?

Would it be building (structure and mechanical, electricity), works of art, piers related to the maritime sector…?

Canada's response to question 224:
As mentioned in Annex A under 5.3 Engineering Graduate:

"The required services encompass all electronic, electrical, optical, mechanical, structural and materiel systems which may include but are not necessarily limited to the following, while under the supervision of a licensed Professional Engineer:"

Specific requirements will be defined in any resulting RFP under the SA and in any ACF in the SO.

Question 225:
Please find below a supplementary clarification question relating to Question No. 103 for TSPS 2013 Renewal:
"Point 1 requires the Foreign Contractor to have, at all times, a valid Facility Security Clearance issued by the national NSA/DSA, at the stated level. We comply with this requirement. However Point 1 then goes on to state that NO CANADA PROTECTED information/assets accessed by the Foreign recipient Contractor shall be safeguarded at the Foreign Contractors site.

This would appear to suggest that, in the UK, we would only be able to work on CANADA UNCLASSFIED material, despite having the required Facility Security Clearance. Furthermore Points 3, 4 and 5 state that the Foreign recipient Contractor may be allowed to pass on CANADA PROTECTED information to a third party Subcontractor subject to all appropriate permissions being received, and assurances being in place. This would suggest that we could, in fact, hold and store CANADA PROTECTED information/assets in the UK for forwarding as necessary, and as approved.

Could you please re-assess the statement in Point 1, taking into account the further statements at Points 3, 4 and 5, and confirm whether a UK Foreign recipient Contractor is permitted to hold and store CANADA PROTECTED information/assets at our UK NSA/DSA approved facility. "

Canada's response to question 225:
This RFSOSA has a security requirement that is identified in COMPONENT II: SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT AND RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES PART 6A. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT, Article 2. Security Requirement on page 28 of the English RFSOSA and page 29 of the French version of the RFSOSA,
AND
At COMPONENT III - STANDING OFFER AND RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES PART 7A STANDING OFFER, article 2. Security Requirement on page 39 of the English version of the RFSOSA and page 42 of the French version of the RFSOSA:

This clause was amended to add the equivalent for the United Kingdom suppliers. It is important to note that the
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does not allows any suppliers (both Canadian and foreign suppliers (e.g. United Kingdom) to safeguard protected information/assets at their site.

Point 2 of the clause inserted in answer 103 relates to the access to CANADA PROTECTED information/assets for personnel based on the Personnel Security Clearance.
Points 3, 4 and 5 relates to subcontracting and does not allowed subcontractor to safeguard protected information/assets at their site.

As mentioned in Annex B (page 119), a list and details of the 31 pre-approved SRCL's for professional services is available for download from the CPSS website: http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/spc-cps/31-eng.html. Those SRCL could be used for resulting Call-up under the Standing Offer or RFP under the Supply Arrangement.

If required at the Call-up or RFP stage, an equivalent international clause would be created based on the security requirement of this specific Call-up or RFP.

Question 226:
Our firm is in the process of getting our TEMS Streams migrated over to TSPS correctly. There was an error, which has been found and is in process of being corrected. We are still waiting to see which TEMS streams/categories will be migrated over to TSPS. We would like to respectfully request an extension in the closing date to accommodate this issue, which is out of our control.

Canada's response to question 226:
Canada clarifies that the TEMS categories that are migrating to TSPS are set out accordingly in Annex A - Requirements for Services and there are no changes. With respect to this individual TEMS supplier, all TEMS suppliers were notified on February 26, 2013 on their profile as confirmed at the time by the TEMS SA Authority. Furthermore, TEMS suppliers were instructed to confirm their profiles to TSPS by March 8, 2013. It remains the supplier's sole responsibility to ensure their profile in TEMS is accurate at all times. Canada has provided ample time to TEMS suppliers to confirm their profiles for the purposes of this solicitation. As this is an administrative matter between the supplier and the TEMS SA Authority, the revision has since been confirmed by the TEMS SA Authority to both TSPS and the TEMS supplier. For the purposes of the grandfathering provisions of this solicitation any changes in the TEMS profile as confirmed by the TEMS SA Authority to the Supplier and TSPS up to the bid closing date will be accepted for the purpose of the Grandfathering Certification.

Canada confirms the bid closing date of this solicitation will remain unchanged as shown on page 1 of this solicitation amendment.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED