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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.

Comments - Commentaires

Vendor/Firm Name and Address

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Title - Sujet RFSA FOR THE PROVISION OF SOFTWARE	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EN578-100808/D	Date 2011-02-10
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client EN578-100808	Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
File No. - N° de dossier 015ee.EN578-100808	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$EE-015-22221	
Date of Original Request for Supply Arrangement 2011-01-31 Date de demande pour un arrangement en matière d'app. originale	
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2014-12-31	
Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Franco (ee div), Emilio	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 015ee
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Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	
Security - Sécurité This revision does not change the security requirements of the solicitation. Cette révision ne change pas les besoins en matière de sécurité de l'invitation.	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Acknowledgement copy required	Yes - Oui	No - Non
Accusé de réception requis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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. (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)		
For the Minister - Pour le Ministre		

The purpose of this amendment is:

- **To answer bidder questions**

THE FOLLOWING SHALL FORM PART OF THE SOLICITATION:**1. Question 1**

Question: As the RFSA is being rolled out on a category by category basis and solicitation EN578-100808/D currently addresses virtualization requirements; can Suppliers offering other types of products submit an arrangement prior to the roll out of their respective category(ies)?

Answer: The Crown will only consider arrangements offering software which meets the specified categories under Annex G. Suppliers must wait until their specific category is rolled out prior to submitting their arrangement in response to the Request For Supply Arrangement (Solicitation EN578-100808/D).

Once a Supply Arrangement is in place, Suppliers may request to amend their product list to add products as additional categories are included in Annex G..

2. Question 2

Question: The RFSA requires ceiling prices be set, how is a Supplier to determine this price (SRP pricing, current DISO pricing etc.)?

Answer: Ceiling prices are the maximum prices that can be charged for a product.

Price proposals are at the discretion of the bidder. However, Suppliers should note that the Crown will make use of available resources such as available DISO pricing, GSA pricing or any other published price list to ensure the price proposal is fair and reasonable.

3. Question 3

Question: What are the respective arrangement submission deadlines for Solicitation EN578-100808/D?

Answer: There is no deadline to submit an Arrangement to the Crown as the RFSA is continuously posted on MERX.

The Crown anticipates to begin awarding SAs as of March 7th 2011. To be considered for award at this date arrangements should be submitted by February 21st 2011.

Arrangements submitted after February 21st 2011 will be evaluated in an order at Canada's sole discretion. The Crown's intent is to evaluate Arrangements on a first in first out basis. However, this may change as required to meet Canada's operational requirements.

4. Question 4

Question: Can the Supply Arrangement Authority provide an electronic copy of Annex D or provide the file format expected?

Answer: The Crown will make electronic copies (.doc / .xls) of all of the tables and forms in the RFSA available on MERX.

5. Question 5

Question: Many Publisher part numbers include features that may be applicable to multiple categories. Can the Crown clarify if bidders may list multiple categories per part number, provided each included feature is substantiated to comply with multiple categories in Section 1 (a) Technical Arrangement?

Answer: The Crown intends to allow Suppliers to list products under multiple categories. The Crown requests that the Supplier name the primary category and its multiple secondary categories (if applicable). If requested by PWGSC, a Supplier will have to substantiate the categorization of its products.

Please note the categorization in the SLSA is solely for the purpose administrating the SLSA and organizing the SLSA Catalogue. Solicitations will not be based on the given categories.

6. Question 6

Question: Many virtualization software components are provided as virtual appliances. Virtual appliances are one or more virtual machines pre-configured and optimized to provide management and security functions. Virtual appliances are software only solutions. Can the Crown confirm that the exclusion references to appliances in the RFSA are intended for appliances that include hardware elements and not virtual appliances?

Answer: This is correct, the Crown's intention is to exclude appliances that have hardware elements and not virtual appliances that are software only solutions.

7. Question 7

Question: Can an Aboriginal Business be listed as a Class 1 Reseller for a Bidder or is the Aboriginal Business required to be a Bidder?

Answer: Aboriginal Businesses may be listed as Class 1 or Class 2 Resellers. However to qualify for PSAB requirements the Aboriginal firm must be the Supplier (Supply Arrangement Holder).

8. Question 8

Question: There appears to be different Priority of Documents between the RFSA (6A.9) and resulting contract clauses (6C.12). Can the Crown clarify and the difference in priority between the two sections stated above?

Answer: The Priority of Documents found at 6A.9 is the priority of documents for the vendor's supply arrangement. 6C.12 is the priority of documents for the resulting contracts.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SOLICITATION SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED.