

The purpose of this amendment is to answer questions posed by suppliers

1. For the following question the bidder is developing a technology innovation based on previous lab work:

For C.2 question 1a, Does the Scientific and/or Technical Merit apply to the technology being proposed for the project or does it apply to the project itself?

For example, Do you want the bidder to elaborate on the feasibility and approach of the technology being developed or do you want the bidder to elaborate on the feasibility and approach of the proposed project?

1a) Scientific and/or Technical Merit, including the Feasibility, and Approach, Merit, Originality, Innovative benefit and the impact - Feasibility and Approach will be evaluated based on the solution to an S&T Challenge. Bidders must provide an explanation of the feasibility of the project which is defined as the applicability and the possibility to accomplish the proposed solution in practice in Canada, a well-reasoned and appropriate approach which includes the technical concept, and clearly defined deliverables that meet the S&T Challenge. The type of solution will vary according to the project type.

The same question can be asked for C.2 question 1b. Do you want the bidder to elaborate on the Scientific and/or Technical Value of the technology being developed or do you want the bidder to elaborate on the Scientific and/or Technical Value of the proposed project?

C.2 question 1b. Scientific and/or Technical Value provide the necessary information and demonstration for evaluators to understand and assess the technical and scientific aspects of both the project plan and the end results.

2. What is the percentage of university overhead costs that is accepted by the DRDC innovation call.
 - a. Allowable overhead costs are:
 - i. maximum of 65 percent applicable to Direct Payroll Costs for on-campus work;
 - ii. maximum of 30 percent applied to Direct Payroll Costs for off-campus work;
3. Can you please advise if DRDC funds can be used for secondment (or assignment) of government employees to a Partner organization?

<http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/psm-fpfm/staffing-dotation/psw-efp/seas-eng.asp>

I.e. a special arrangement will be made to allow a government employee to work on a project directly employed by (and paid by) the Partner's organization. –
Such arrangement would greatly benefit the project, while also allowing both parties to benefit from learning from each others' expertise possible from such arrangement.
The DRDC funding thus will be given to the Partner organisation to provide a salary for this person during the duration of the project.

- a. Eligible costs include salaries of temporary, extra labor required to work on a proposed project, however the salaries of indeterminate federal Government employees (including the EBP amount) are not eligible to DRDC funds and can only be included in a proposal as in-kind contribution.
4. Challenge#15 says “The proposed developmental capabilities/systems must provide integrated detection, identification, and/or mitigation of the threat using any electronic or other means of detection, and using mitigation method(s) which pose no danger to bystanders.” Confirm a proposed system may address the “detection/classification” or the “mitigation” technology areas but need not address both areas within the proposed system?
 - a. Correct, proposals must address at least one of the two areas.
5. Challenge# 15 says “This Challenge will accept proposals which include at least one of the following: demonstrate significant improvement in the performance or reduction in limitations of capabilities listed above” Does this mean the entire list of capabilities must be addressed or may a proposal be submitted for one or several, but not all capabilities?
 - a. No, the entire list of capabilities does not need to be addressed. There must be a demonstration of significant improvement in the performance or reduction in limitations of at least one of the capabilities listed above.
6. The technical content of our proposal would be greatly assisted by visual representations to illustrate the offering capability. Is there any way I can add these anywhere logically on the DRDC portal?
 - a. In addition to required annexes to complete their submission bidders have the option to provide 3 pages of additional information including diagrams or visual representations, letters of support, etc. Instructions are provided in the online tool.
7. I am attempting to complete Annex F Project Manager Experience. I am presented with the particular challenge that due to the nature of my work nearly all of my project experience has been on initiatives that are classified Secret or above. This is work that I can't share in a document such as this one (this submission is Unclassified). What is the proper way to proceed with this Annex in my situation?
 - a. If it is not possible to demonstrate the experience, qualifications in project management expertise commensurate to the proposals without going into classified information regarding specific project, a form for classified information is available. We invite you to fill the specific table related to your experience using the classified form and to mention in the online tool to refer to the classified form. Details on how to access and submit a classified form is available at section 3.3 of the “Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC) Innovation Call For Proposals (CFP)” document.
8. Can funding secured through the DRDC CFP could go towards establishing an Advisory Board?
 - a. For this CFP DRDC is seeking innovative solutions to S&T Challenges. For any given project type, it is mandatory to demonstrate that the scope, objectives of the proposal, and project outputs are relevant and aligned with a primary S&T Challenge. It is also mandatory to identify other source of federal funding confirmed and/or of support solicited. Using CFP money to fund a board is not the intent of the CFP. We want to fund research generating new knowledge, not governing or advisory bodies.

Additionally, score will be given in accordance Evaluation Schema provided in the Solicitation Document, on the following criteria:

- i. Scientific and/or Technical Merit, including the Feasibility, and Approach, Merit, Originality, Innovative benefit and the impact
- ii. Work Plan

- iii. Project Manager and Key Personnel
- iv. Transition Plan

9. If DRDC is only interested in specific aspects or components of a proposal are they able or do they even desire to be that selective, understanding such revised scope would require Industry adjustment during the contract negotiation phase?
 - a. Yes, DRDC reserves the right to negotiate aspects of the work package during the contract negotiation phase.
10. What are DRDC's preferred installation locations for the OTHR project?
 - a. In Canada, on permafrost, accessible by charter aircraft, lodging infrastructure available.
11. Could DRDC provide their preferred OTHR operating Frequency Band requirements?
 - a. 5 to 15 MHz
12. DRDC partnering with Industry:
 - I. Would Industry be able to work with DRDC on an aspect of the science?
 - II. Can DRDC be part of the Industry team?
 - III. Can Industry have access to high level expertise and data?
 - a. Please articulate, in the proposal, what are the requirements from DRDC to succeed, and the mitigation or impact should DRDC be unable to fulfill those requirements.
13. Could DRDC provide information pertaining to their Ionosonde network requirements?
 - a. DRDC uses the Canadian High Arctic Ionosphere Network augmented with some of its own ionosondes.
14. May it be assumed that within the proposal Industry can request support from DRDC in specific areas and that that support does not need to be included in our costs?
 - a. Yes