



# “Open by Default” Portal Pilot Procurement Call for Proposals (CFP) - Amendment

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**Proposal Submission details are included in this Call for Proposals document.**

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This amendment is raised to amend the Call for Proposals and respond to questions received as follows;

1. On page 6 of 44 of the English version of the Call for Proposals, at article 2.5:

DELETE: "\$75,000.000"

INSERT: "\$75,000.00"

2. On page 10 of 44 of the Call for Proposals, at article 3.4

INSERT: "(d) The Total Proposal Price will be calculated in accordance with the Financial Proposal Cost Breakdown provided in Section 6 of Attachment 2 as follows:

Total Proposal Price = (Total Firm All-Inclusive Price for Milestone No. 1 + Total Firm All-Inclusive Price for Milestone No. 2 + Total Firm All-Inclusive Price for Milestone No. 3)"

3. On page 12 of 44 of the Call for Proposals, at article 4.2.4:

DELETE: "In the event of a tie, the point rated scores under criteria R1.1 will be used to rank the tied proposals. If there are further ties, criteria R1.2 and then R1.5, in that order, will be used to rank the subsequent tied proposals in the same manner as determining the initial tie with criteria R1.1. In no event will more than 10 proposals be placed in the prioritized pool of pre-qualified proposals and invited to participate in Stage 2."

INSERT: "In the event of a tie, the point rated scores under criteria R1.1 will be used to rank the tied proposals from highest to lowest score. If there are further ties, criteria R1.2 and then R1.5, in that order, will be used to rank the subsequent tied proposals in the same manner as determining the initial tie with criteria R1.1. In the event of further ties the Total Proposal Price will be used to rank any subsequent tied proposals from lowest to highest price.

If there are further ties, the Bidder's blended hourly rate for labour will be used to rank any subsequent tied proposals from lowest to highest blended hourly rate.

The blended hourly rate for labour will be calculated using the information provided in Section 6 of Attachment 2 as follows:

Blended hourly rate = Total Proposal Price / (Sum of Hours for all Labour Categories identified for Milestone 2 + Sum of Hours for all Labour Categories identified for Milestone 3, Sum of Hours for all Labour Categories identified for Milestone 1)

Example:

Scenario

Total Proposal Price = \$59,000.00

Sum of Hours for all Labour Categories identified for Milestone 1 = 150 Hours

Sum of Hours for all Labour Categories identified for Milestone 2 = 250 Hours

Sum of Hours for all Labour Categories identified for Milestone 3 = 100 Hours

Total Sum of Hours for all Labour Categories identified for Milestone 1, 2 and 3 = 500 Hours

Blended hourly rate = \$59,000.00 / 500 Hours

Blended hourly rate = \$118.00/Hour

In no event will more than 10 proposals be placed in the prioritized pool of pre-qualified proposals and invited to participate in Stage 2.”

4. On page 13 of 44 of the Call for Proposals, at article 4.3.4:

DELETE: “In the event of a tie, the Stage 1 score will be used to rank the tied proposals from highest to lowest score. If there are further ties, the overall Stage 2 score will be used, following which, the overall financial proposal will be used to rank any subsequent tied proposals from highest to lowest score.

INSERT: “In the event of a tie, the Stage 1 score will be used to rank the tied proposals from highest to lowest score. If there are further ties, the overall Stage 2 score will be used, following which, the Total Proposal Price will be used to rank any subsequent tied proposals from lowest to highest price.

If there are further ties, the Bidder’s blended hourly rate for labour will be used to rank any subsequent tied proposals from lowest to highest blended hourly rate.

The blended hourly rate for labour will be calculated in accordance with article 4.2.4 above.

5. On page 26 of 44 of the Call for Proposals, at Attachment 1 Questions and Answers:

INSERT:

Q6. Can you please define what the term “pre-commercial” means for the Government of Canada?

A6. For this Call for Proposals, pre-commercial means “the procurement of research and development of new innovative solutions before they are commercially available”. The expectation for this procurement process is that bidders will be conducting research and development to provide solutions rather than simply adapting a pre-existing solution that has already been commercialized. Since the solution will be procured using the MIT license, any software that is developed for this program could be further enhanced and commercialized by the submitter or anyone else.

Q7. Is it the Crown’s expectation to have a solution developed in open source, or would the Crown accept a COTS solution that is already developed meeting these requirements.

A7. Canada requires the solution to be open source. A Commercial off-the-Shelf (COTS) solution does not generally meet this requirement since it normally requires purchasing a commercial license for the software.

Q8. Regarding article 4.6 of the Call for Proposals, can the Crown Confirm what their definition of open source is as referenced in this section?

A8. TBS considers open source software to be software distributed under the terms of an open source software (OSS) license with the source code publicly available so that anybody can see it, use it, improve it and freely redistribute it. The source code must be available for

these types of access and use without restrictions on participation by any individual or group.

For more detailed definition please refer to The Open Source Initiative definition at: <https://opensource.org/osd>

- Q9. Regarding article 4.6 of the Call for Proposals, can the Crown remove the requirement to upload source code. If this can't be removed can the Crown confirm why this is a requirement as some solutions do not allow for source code to be shared.
- A9. Consistent with best practices in open source development, we require that the solution for this CFP be uploaded to Github in order to support the principles of Open Government and to facilitate further innovation and collaboration. The code running the Open.Canada.ca portal has long been available on Github and draws an established community that effectively supports the development and use of the tools currently being used.
- Github is one of the largest Software source code repositories in the world used by many private and public organizations. Canada wants to ensure the solutions can be viewed and reviewed by the community. Canada also want to encourage collaboration, revisions, version tracking the production of integration options. Github offers this functionality.
- Q10. Can you please clarify the Canadian Content Requirement? For example if the Bidder has Canadian HQ and operations but a Global HQ outside of Canada, is the Bidder able to bid due to the Canadian HQ?
- A10. The Canadian Content requirements are further detailed in article 5.1.2.1 of Part 5 of the Call for Proposals. The Bidder must be a Canadian supplier, a Canadian Supplier is defined as a supplier having a place of business in Canada. The procurement is also limited to Canadian services, a Canadian service is defined in paragraph 2 of SACC Manual clause A3050T as "a service provided by an individual based in Canada is considered a Canadian service. Where a requirement consists of only one service, which is being provided by more than one individual, the service will be considered Canadian if a minimum of 80 percent of the total bid price for the service is provided by individuals based in Canada."
- Q11. Will the Crown be issuing a separate CFP for COTS solutions that can provide security for open source solutions, ie: vulnerability, source code integrity, as well as performance / monitoring for such Open Source Portals since this will be a hub for Canadians to access Data?
- A11. Canada takes digital security very seriously and has allocated significant internal resources to supporting the integrity and security of government websites, including Open.Canada.ca. There are no immediate plans for the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat to issue a CFP for a Commercial off-the-Shelf (COTS) solution to supplement existing security measures relating to Open.Canada.ca.

**All other terms and conditions remain the same.**