

The purpose of this amendment is to

- distribute questions (Q) and answers (A) respecting the CFP; and
- modify (if applicable) the CFP as detailed in Section B.

Section A – Qs & As

Questions (Q) and Answers (A)

Certain questions were generated at the Bidders’ Conference of April 25, 2018. Efforts were taken by Canada to accurately record the questions. If erred, suppliers are asked to submit a written version of the accurate question to the Contracting Authority listed in the CFP, following the procedures of the CFP at Part 2, article 2.4 “Enquiries about the CFP”. The corresponding answers are largely those given at the Conference. Some answers were further clarified/considered after the Conference and are modified below.

No.	Content
100	<p>Question.</p> <p>I have a quick query regarding the proposal submission. The following statement in <i>Project Description, Part C, in “Annex A – Statement of Work (SOW) & Cost”</i> mentions 1600 words limit. From this, my understanding is that this 1600 word requirement is combined/total for the 7 requirements i.e. PRC-1, PRC-2, PRC-3, PRC-4, SCC-1, SCC-2, SCC-3 (total 1600 words for all of these requirements). I would like to confirm since if this 1600 words limit is for individual requirement, then the combined word limit should be 11200 (7x1600). Please advise.</p> <p>“Project’s S/T Merit, Novelty & Innovation, Impact, Feasibility and Approach, and the Strategic Considerations: (In a maximum of 1600 words, the Bidder should address the criteria and supporting information PRC-1, PRC-2, and PRC-3, PRC-4 of Part 4, Attachment1 and also SCC-1 to SCC-3 of Part 4, Attachment 1.)”</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>1600 words covers all of the requirements. The bidder is encouraged to review the online application form at https://ideas-cp.fluidreview.com/</p>
101	<p>Question.</p> <p>According to the milestone’s table, we need to give a starting and ending date. When do the projects supposed to begin? When will be the contract attribution?</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>The Bidder is requested to propose a project start date. Dates are used for informational and time-line purposes. The start date may be adjusted, if necessary and appropriate, due to a delay in the proposal evaluation and contract award processes. Canada aims to award contracts in couple of months after receipt of proposals.</p>
102	<p>Reading the description for the Human performance in extreme climatic environments challenge, it is unclear whether it should include both cold and heat. The physiological repercussions of both cold and heat are very different. Is an more in-depth approve to study human performance in cold or in heat acceptable for an application OR is it expected that both be combined into a single call.</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>Submissions should be separate if the proposed science or protection system for either cold, heat or high altitude would only apply to that climactic setting. The exception would be if submission is related to potential countermeasure(s) (e.g., clothing, textiles, other new advanced technology etc.)</p>

	that could have dual use or could be adapted to protect soldiers in several extreme climactic conditions.
103	<p>Question.</p> <p>Is it possible to partner with US Army Research Institute for Environmental Medicine on this call. If this is possible, are there any specific way of including a US/NATO partner?</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>Bidders may associate with whom they want, however, the resulting contract will only be issued to the Bidder submitting the proposal. See also CFP, Part 2, “Standard Instructions 2003” (incorporated by reference), and specifically Sections 04 “Definition of Bidder”, 05 “Submission of bids”, 10 “Legal capacity”, and, 17 “Joint Venture”. As well, see also CFP, Part 7, article “General Conditions” Section 04 “Status of the Contractor”.</p>
104	<p>Question.</p> <p>In review of the Call for Proposal, specifically under Section 3.3.1, it states, (refer below). Does this mean that an electronic Proposal Submission Form will be provided and/or sent once an individual registers and obtains a username and password? Kindly confirm.</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>No document will be provided to suppliers. Once registered, Bidders will have access to the online bid submission tool.</p>
105	<p>Question.</p> <p>I am in the process of submitting a proposal to the above CFP.</p> <p>My question has to do with Part 5: Certifications and Additional Information.</p> <p>Given that there are NO additional pages that can be attached to the main application, can you please let me know how I can include all the certifications that are required from Part 5 to the main application.</p> <p>Specifically, please note on page 18 of the CFP it is stated that: "Bidders must submit the following duly completed certifications as part of their proposal"</p> <p>and moreover we have:</p> <p>“5.1 Certifications Required with the Proposal”</p> <p>Therefore, my question is where I can attach these completed certifications? The https://ideas-cp.fluidreview.com/ site does NOT allow one to attach any additional information to the proposal.</p> <p>I appreciate your time and cooperation regarding this matter.</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>Signing of the above referenced certifications will take place once contract negotiations are started. An amendment will be posted to clarify the RFP document.</p>
106	<p>A research team at our University is preparing an application for IDEaS. We would like to know the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do you need the budget, and if so, where can that be put on the online form? Do you need or expect support from industry, or just an academic team will do?

	<p>c. Do you need or expect cash and/or in-kind match? Or do you just need the ideas, and will work with our team if it is selected to go forward?</p> <p>d. Is it a two-stage approach i.e. Filling in the online form, and your office work with the team on a full proposal? What is the timeline if this is a two-stage approach?</p>
	<p>Answer.</p> <p>a. We need the pricing information in relation to the work that a bidder is proposing in its proposal. The required pricing information is outlined in the CFP; the online bid submission tool is the forum to submit the information.</p> <p>b. See Q&A number 103.</p> <p>c. There is no requirement for cash or in-kind match from the bidders. The Bidder’s proposed resulting contract (proposed workplan and other contractual provisions) and deliverables are to be reflective of the contract limits set out in the CFP.</p> <p>d. 1a is not a 2 stage approach. Please revisit the CFP, Part 1, article 1.3 “Procurement – This CFP. The timeline is not known at this time.</p>
107	<p>Question.</p> <p>Could you please direct me to the area on the website that outlines the application development and submission process? Will there be online forms to submit an application or it will be a free-form, what are the timelines (application intake) and other details that our researchers should know about submitting an application to address these challenges.</p>
	<p>Answer.</p> <p>The proposal preparation instructions are contained within Part 3 of the CFP document. Bidders must submit their proposal using the electronic Proposal Submission Form at https://ideas-cp.fluidreview.com/?l=en.</p>
108	<p>Question.</p> <p>Bidder forms</p> <p>a. Our University has a number of researchers who are preparing to submit a bid to the IDEaS Component 1a. My question pertains the online profile / form that is to be used for bid submission. Individual researchers do not have signing authority on research contracts as all contracts flow through the legal entity. Therefore, are we, as a university and as the signing authority on any resulting contracts, to create one profile from which we can submit multiple bids to Component 1a on our researchers’ behalf or does each researcher create their own profile and link us as a signing authority, giving us the ability to review the submission?</p> <p>b. Will there be a summary released of the questions / responses from the bidders conference on April 25, 2018? I was not aware of the conference until after the fact but would like to know what information was given.</p>
	<p>Answer.</p> <p>a. See Q&A number 103 about the Bidder. Each bidder is to submit its proposal for which a profile will be completed; one profile per bidder.</p> <p>b. The questions and answers will be posted on buyandsell.gc.ca.</p>
109	<p>Question.</p> <p>Concerning the bidders' conference for the IDEaS Program (W7714-186568), will there be a recording uploaded to the website? I had been previously advised that was the case but cannot seem to find it.</p>
	<p>Answer.</p> <p>No.</p>
110	<p>Question.</p> <p>We have a product in development that addresses four separate criteria under the S&T Challenges section. Should we try to combine them in one proposal, or make four separate proposals?</p>

	<p>Answer.</p> <p>The bidder is to determine which challenge(s) best fits with the Bidder’s proposed solution(s). Each solution is to be submitted as a separate proposal and be distinctive. The CFP does not limit the number of Challenges for which a bidder may submit a proposal.</p>
111	<p>Question.</p> <p>I would be interested in applying as an entrepreneur for the IDEaS program, and I would have a few questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. As a small entrepreneur I would need to use a subcontractor. Can this subcontractor be a University? And do I have to provide a quotation for the work to be done by the subcontractor? b. I am currently also employed as a research associate in a Canadian University. If I plan to use the service (as a subcontractor) of the University where I am employed (i.e. for the use of large equipment laser), would it represent a conflict of interest? c. Concerning the IP rights. It is mentioned in the call for proposal that "The Bidder must certify that it owns all relevant background Intellectual Property (IP)" <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. I actually signed a licence option with the IP owner of the technology. This option allow me to sell a certain number of devices in order to test the market. Does it make me eligible for the IDEaS program or do I have to acquire a licence? <p>Answer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. See Q&A number 103. The Cost Proposal Breakdown detailed in the CFP must also be completed and submitted for all pricing, including prices from subcontracts. See also the CFP, Part 7, “Resulting Contract Clauses”, “General conditions 2040”, Section 06 “Subcontracts”. b. See answer a. and please review all provisions of the CFP. From a general procurement perspective, use of the university facility would not constitute a conflict of interest, however, the Bidder is required to submit a proposal that can be performed without restriction should a contract result. c. The Bidder must certify that it owns all relevant background Intellectual Property (IP).
112	<p>Question.</p> <p>Is there an on demand recording of the IDEaS Bidders Conference that was held April 25th? I was not able to attend that meeting but am hoping to listen to the presentation and the Q/A.</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>The documents presented at the Bidders’ Conference, as well as the Q/As raised, are available on buyandsell.gc.ca.</p>
113	<p>Question.</p> <p>I am interested in submitting a proposal on detection of noxious gases. I am looking for guidance on your priority list for noxious/hazardous gases of interest and relevant concentration levels. My research group has demonstrated our technology for non-lethal gases and would rather some guidance on this point to prepare a responsive proposal.</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>No such list will be made available to bidders.</p>
114	<p>Question.</p> <p>The question is related to the Challenge: What is in full motion video?</p> <p>The background states that the challenge relates to the replacement of the CP-140 Aurora maritime patrol aircraft. However, during the description of the challenge and the expected outcomes, only the ground surveillance seems to be mentioned.</p>

	<p>Can you confirm that ideas to be proposed within this Challenge could address both ground and/or maritime surveillance?</p> <p>Answer. The solutions could address both ground and maritime surveillance.</p>
115	<p>Question. Our ongoing technology development is for detection of volatile chemicals, which we have already demonstrated for various alcohols, natural gas, and select sewer gases such as Hydrogen sulfide. As such, we have particular interest in the chemical aspect of the “CBR” hazards.</p> <p>We were hoping that you could provide us some further clarity with regards to the interests of the Department of National Defence on challenge #9. Typically chemicals listed under a CBR threat are immediately dangerous to human health. Would you be able to provide any specific chemical targets that are of particular interest? Would researchers be expected in early phases of this project to operate existing facilities and handle highly controlled chemicals, or rather, can proof-of-concept technology on more benign chemicals be proposed first?</p> <p>Any additional details regarding the specific scope the DND is looking for would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Answer. Canada will not provide any specific chemical target information to bidders. The entry level of solutions for this CFP are SRL 1-6 (inclusive). Researcher must carry out the project in their own facilities.</p>
116	<p>Question. My supervisor and I are interest to submit a project to the IDEaS competitive project Human performance in extreme climatic environments. However we work on altitude acclimatization, is it something acceptable even if the description is about thermal?</p> <p>Answer. Yes. While the challenge description didn’t emphasize altitude acclimatization, it is within scope of the challenge.</p>
117	<p>Question. One of our researchers is planning to apply for the proposal in theme 1 of the grant application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This project will be a joint-collaboration application between “entity x” and a Canadian company. Can the researcher submit the application using their email and login information and provide supporting documents from the company and how they will be helping in performing validation studies? b. I also looked through the 3 sections for application: 1. Proposal submission2. Cost Proposal Breakdown3. Supplementary information <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Are these online sections also available in PDF forms? (so that the researcher can share information with the collaborating company). <p>Answer. a. See Q&A number 111. Each proposal is to contain the information required and requested by the CFP. Instructions for submitting the proposal are found, in part, in the CFP, Part 3, articles 3.3 “Electronic Proposal Submission Form” and 3.4 “Proposal Preparation”. Please ensure to review the complete CFP. b. Canada is not supplying a PDF form. The only PDF documents supplied by Canada are listed on Buy and Sell.</p>
118	<p>Question.</p>

	<p>There is no indication as to who might be on the Evaluation Committees of the submitted proposals. It is understood that this is a DND Innovation funding program and not a DRDC S&T program. Although we understand the two might overlap, it can create lots of confusion on how on to best prepare the Proposals (in less than 1,600 words, I might add) in order to best suit the Evaluation Committee's perspective.</p> <p>The priorities and understanding of a DRDC S&T specialist are not necessarily in line with the priorities of a Special Operation Forces soldier, which also differs from an conventional Army, Navy, Air Force Officer or NCO, which also differ from a PSPC Contract Officer.</p> <p>a. Can you please provide further indication on who the members might be?</p>
119	<p>Question. What is the allowed overhead for the IDEaS projects?</p>
	<p>Answer. Part 4 of the CFP explains the evaluation procedures and the evaluation criteria are articulated in Part 4, Attachment 1. All proposals will be evaluated by subject matter experts from both scientific and operational communities.</p>
119	<p>Question. What is the allowed overhead for the IDEaS projects?</p>
120	<p>Answer. Several provisions of the CFP speak to pricing, however, please review, in particular, articles 3.4.3., 3.4.4 and 3.5. Also, overhead should align with the Bidder's overhead normally charged to similar Government of Canada contracts, and, should represent the Bidder's most favoured customer pricing. If your proposal is selected for funding, Canada will assess prices against all provisions of the CFP.</p>
120	<p>Question. as per section 3.5. of the call for proposals – component 1a; more specifically, we request clarification and details on equipment rental and purchase.</p>
121	<p>Answer. Generally, equipment purchased with Government contract funds to perform the contract work is considered an asset of Canada and is to be handed to Canada upon completion of the contract. In exceptional cases, Canada may accept to pay the residual cost of equipment should a bidder wish to keep this equipment. The residential value of the equipment at the end of the contract period would have been considered to determine the residual value, and, the cost would form part of the proposal price. (For example, an iPad is purchased for \$500 to specifically perform the contract work and is expected to have a residual value of \$400 upon completion of that work. The residual cost is \$100 and forms part of the proposal price.) If the Bidder intends to rent equipment to perform the contract work, the rental price may be part of the proposal price. See the CFP, Part 3, article 3.4.3.</p>
121	<p>Question. Are Government Departments eligible to participate in this program?</p>
122	<p>Answer. See the CFP, Part 3, article 3.1 “Who May Apply”. While a Government of Canada department cannot be a lead bidder, but it can participate in a project as a partner.</p>
122	<p>Question. What costs are acceptable?</p>
	<p>Answer. See the CFP, Part 7 “Resulting Contract Clauses”, General Conditions 2040, “Interpretation” Section for “Cost” that refers to “Contract Cost Principles 1031-2”. 1031-2 can be found in the SACC Manual, Section 2 “General Conditions”. The exception is for work performed by universities and colleges, as</p>

	stated in the CFP, for which Bidders are to refer to the Supply Manual, Chapter 10. See also the CFP, Part 3, articles 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.4 and 3.5.
123	<p>Question. Does a university administration apply a fee, e.g. 65%?</p> <p>Answer. Work performed on university campus can attract overhead at a maximum of 65%, or 35% if off-campus. Further information can be found in the PWGSC Supply Manual, Chapter 10, article 10.40.</p>
124	<p>Question. Which stacking rules apply should a bidder wish to partner with a government?</p> <p>Answer. This CFP does not require an association between a bidder and a government entity. Each government is responsible for knowing and adhering to its applicable stacking directives. The Bidder also needs to ensure that its proposal, including its supply base and funding, satisfy all provisions of the CFP - such as Conflict of Interest.</p>
125	<p>Question. Does the CFP require only “goods” as the deliverable? Can there be instead, or also, new approaches or ways of doing things?</p> <p>Answer. The “solution” can be either goods or methods/approaches or both as long as the solution satisfies the requirements set out in the CFP and is fully described.</p>
126	<p>Question. Are taxes included or not with the \$200,000.00?</p> <p>Answer. Included. The discrepancies in the document will be fixed.</p>
127	<p>Question. Does the application of “Applicable Taxes” keep the pricing fair for suppliers across Canada, considering the different provincial taxes?</p> <p>Answer. Canada is required to follow applicable tax directives set by the Canada Revenue Agency. The definition of “Applicable Taxes” and the application of those taxes by a bidder and eventual contractor are set out in the General Conditions 2040 (Sections 01 “Interpretation” and 14 “Taxes”) referenced in the CFP, Part 7 “Resulting Contract Clauses”. Canada Revenue Agency can best answer the question.</p>
128	<p>Question. We are putting together an application for the Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) Program. Could you please indicate if Cvs are needed - I have gone through the application process and could not find a request to upload this information.</p> <p>Answer. CVs are not requested.</p>
129	<p>Question. We at a government department are considering submitting a proposal to your current IDEAS competition. Before we proceed with the preparations, we would have two questions regarding how the funding can be used.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can the funding be used to cover staff already with us or is it limited to staff to be hired specifically for the project? Is the charge-out the salary + overhead or can we use our external charge out rates that cover the range of organizational expenditures?

	<p>Answer. See Q&A number 121.</p>
130	<p>Question. At section 3.1 of the Proposal Preparation Instructions, (https://buyandsell.gc.ca/cds/public/2018/04/09/33eba95cd411aad3985222b4693a4362/ideas_cfp_final_en.pdf), it reads: This CFP is open to individuals, academia and industry.</p> <p>a. We are a technology transfer centre associated with Cégep. Are we eligible to apply? We are a private non-profit organization recognized as a research centre.</p>
	<p>Answer. Yes. See also Q&A number 103.</p>
131	<p>I'm a researcher working for Canada and am considering submitting a proposal, with other colleagues, to your IDEAS competition. Before going forward, I have a few questions regarding the deliverables of Component 1a:</p> <p>a. Annex A: SOW and costs. Are the only expected deliverables for all S&T challenges an interim progress and final report or is it possible to include other deliverables (like proof-of-concepts or demonstrations) in the SOW?</p> <p>b. S&T challenge 3, 'Cognitive Performance Enhancement', stipulates that 'Engineering development of such environments is not the purpose of this effort'. Is the purpose of this specific challenge a pilot study aimed to validate the bidder's solution? In that case, is the access to CAF personnel facilitated?</p>
	<p>Answer.</p> <p>a. Proposals may contain other deliverables, as laid out in the CFP, Part 7, Annex A. The form of the deliverables are completely at the Bidder's discretion in relation to its proposed project and what will be provided to Canada. See also Q&A number 125. The interim progress and final reports detailed in the CFP, Part 7 "Resulting Contract Clauses" and Annexes A and B, are a reporting tool, intended to inform Technical Authorities and Program managers on how work has progressed against the provisions of the contract.</p> <p>b.</p>
132	<p>Question. I was wondering if you could answer two quick questions for us, regarding the IDEaS Component1a Call for Proposals:</p> <p>a. On what date will the results about which proposals were successfully funded be released?</p> <p>b. What is the project start date (i.e. beginning of work activities) for Component1a proposals that are successfully funded?</p>
	<p>Answer.</p> <p>a. We cannot provide details at this time.</p> <p>b. The Bidder is requested to propose a project start date. Dates are used for informational and time-line purposes. The start date may be adjusted, if necessary and appropriate, due to a delay in the proposal evaluation and contract award processes. Canada aims to award contracts approximately two months after receipt of proposals however this is only a best guess and Canada cannot provide details at this time regarding the anticipated project start date.</p>
133	<p>Question. Are equipment purchases allowed? For example, a specific device to test a prototype solution.</p>

	Answer. Yes. All proposed material purchases must be detailed in the Cost Proposal as described in Part 4 - Attachment 3 - Cost Proposal Breakdown. See also Q&A numbers 120 and 122
134	<p>Question. For S&T 4 – Predicting and Optimizing Personnel Performance. It is written to develop concepts or technologies that would be used to optimize the individual’s skills and abilities to reach their peak potential without the use of external augmentation/aids (e.g., exoskeletons). What is the definition of external aid, beyond exoskeleton? Is any novel physical training equipment excluded because it is considered an external aid or they mean equipment (exoskeleton) that will aid the user in performing the physical activities is excluded, not the training equipment itself?</p> <p>Answer. An external augmentation aid is any exogenous technology that provides a performance amplification without affecting the biology or cognitive/perceptive abilities of the soldier. This challenge focuses on endogenous “from the skin-in” concepts and technologies designed to optimize performance (e.g. nutrition, biomedical manipulation, training, genetic engineering, etc.) by modifying the soldiers physiology or neural processes.</p> <p>Novel training equipment may be an acceptable solution if it results in biological or cognitive enhancements that are sustained when the equipment is not being used.</p>
135	<p>Question. I had trouble connecting and missed the start of the webinar, will the webinar available to view at a later time?</p> <p>Answer. The PowerPoint deck/presentation used during the webinar and all questions and answers recorded during the webinar are available with the CFP on buyandsell.gc.ca.</p>
136	<p>Question. Is the SRL level for the proposed solution means that the proposed solution should not be developed more than SRL 6 for component 1(a) or does it mean the proposed solution can have entry SRL anywhere from 1 to 6 and then the deliverable could be more than 6?</p> <p>Answer. The entry SRL for a proposed solution must be SRL 1 -6 and the expectation is that the solution will progress father down the SRL continuum through the delivery of Component 1a.</p>
137	<p>Question. Are not for profit groups and NGOs eligible to apply?</p> <p>Answer. Yes. (answered verbally by PSPC at end of bidder’s conference)</p>
138	<p>Question. For clarification with the component 1a proposal, if you complete the work for Milestone 1, but the decision is NoGo, is the Fixed Price for that Milestone still paid? In such a case, the work was completed and expenses incurred, just the outcome was not what was desired. (answered verbally by PSPC at end of bidder’s conference)</p> <p>Answer. Yes, Milestone 1 will be paid provided all other contract provisions are satisfied.</p>

139	<p>Question. Will a proposal with cross Canada collaborations in business and/or academia be more highly rated than a local provincial proposal?</p> <p>Answer. All proposals will be evaluated based on the evaluation criteria stated in Part 4, Attachment 1 of the CFP as well as other requirements stated in the CFP.</p>
140	<p>Question. Just to elaborate, can I propose a 1a work-plan that starts at SRL2 and takes it to SRL4.</p> <p>Answer. Yes.</p>
141	<p>Question. How frequently will new CFPs occur, each of which brings new S&T challenges for Component 1a entry? E.g every 6 months?</p> <p>Answer. The frequency of CFPs will be determined by the IDEaS program. IDEaS plans to advertise all upcoming opportunities on www.canada.ca/defence-ideas. In addition, the actual CFP procurement opportunities will be on buyandsell.gc.ca.</p>
142	<p>Question. Challenge number 4: is it specifically for recruitment purposes or are you looking for solutions to field monitoring of soldiers?</p> <p>Answer. Awaiting answer from SME</p>
143	<p>Question.</p> <p>I have following queries for the S&T challenge number 16 (Cyber Attribution for the Defence of Canada):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is the solution expected for Internet based networks only? 2) Is it expected to provide a solution for general Internet/cyber-space for Canadian citizens, or is it limited to mission critical infrastructure like military networks, nuclear facilities or proprietary company's networks? 3) Does the solution require attribution of “Insider Threats” along with other threats or is it expected for general Internet networks only? Particularly, is it expected to provide attribution of host based threats or network based threats or both? 4) Is it expected that the solution be provided for specific Internet applications e.g. emails, or should it be applicable to all Internet based applications? <p>Answer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See Q&A number 58. 2. See Q&A number 59. 3. See Q&A number 61. 4. See Q&A number 60

144	<p>Question. Does GBA+ factor include how the solution improves gender inclusion or does it require to include gender balance in the solution development team?</p>
	<p>Answer. Bidders are encouraged to refer to the Status of Women Canada website: http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/gba-acis/index-en.html. Examples of acceptable responses include: the impact of the GBA+ variables on the result of the project or an explanation of how the GBA+ factors are incorporated in the project.</p>
145	<p>Question. No data for 1a, or for all stages as well?</p>
	<p>Answer. This CFP pertains to Component 1a only. Subsequent components may be subject to different terms. Joseph, I honestly don't understand the question and therefore cannot comment as to whether the answer is accurate/meaningful.</p>
146	<p>Ref CFP Para 3.2, para 12 - Canadian Contents: It is 50% (goods) and 50% (services) or 50% (Goods + Services)</p>
146	<p>Answer. See definition of Canadian Content in the CFP, Part 5, articles 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 (each addressing Canadian Content) and more specifically see the last paragraph of 5.1.1 starting with “For more information on how to determine the Canadian content for ...”.</p> <p>The calculation of the content depends on whether the Bidder's proposed solution contains goods, services or both. Should the Bidder wish to meet the Canadian Content provision, the Bidder is to choose goods or services or both, accordingly.</p>
147	<p>Question. Just to confirm, if you have a solution that is applicable to two of the challenges you can apply a separate application for each of these challenges using the same solution?</p>
	<p>Answer. Yes, a separate proposal is required for each S&T Challenge selected by the Bidder. (Joseph, I tried finding the article in the CFP that stipulates this. I can't find it. Ask Kate where it is or why it was deleted – not supposed to be deleted.)</p>
148	<p>Question. Challenge 4 says no external augmentation (e.g. exoskeletons). Does that preclude solutions used external devices used for training purposes but not during performance of tasks in the field?</p>
	<p>Answer. This is acceptable provided that performance improvements imparted by the external device is persistent after use of the device has ceased. This would imply that the device has achieved performance augmentation through modification of the human's endogenous physiological or neurological processes.</p>
149	<p>Question. If the contractor goes over the 6 month project plan in 1a), are there penalties?</p>
	<p>Answer. Canada has established a maximum contract performance period of six months to support the objectives of the IDEaS Program. A proposal denoting a period beyond six months would be non-</p>

	responsive. Actual contract performance beyond six months, without cause, would likely be considered a breach of contract.
150	Question. Would it be reasonable to assume that Contracts will be awarded & signed by August?
	Answer. See Q&A number 132.
151	Question. Is the maximum budget for 1a. \$200K; and maximum timeline for 1a. is one year?
	Answer. \$200K, with Applicable Taxes; and, six months (maximums).
152	Question. Quick clarification: The total duration for Milestone 1 and Milestone 2 is 6 months, and is for a maximum of \$200,000 over this 6 months (implying Milestone 1 budget is at most \$100,000)? Also, if industry is the contractor then can they leverage funding via NSERC, Mitacs, etc?
	Answer. The price of Milestone 1 must be no greater than 50% of the total bid price. See the CFP, Part 4, Attachment 1, MC-4, and, Attachment 3, and Part 7, Annex A. Sources of funding is the Bidder's discretion and must meet the provisions of the CFP.
153	Question. Si on a besoin de sujets pour évaluer la solution que nous proposons, dans le cas du PTSD, vous nous donnerez accès à des personnes souffrant de post-trauma?
	Answer. No. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to access human subjects as necessary.
154	Question. Is it possible to describe "security" personnel that your Challenges refer to?
	Answer. Examples of security personnel include, but are not limited to: operational and intelligence support personnel, and strategic communications personnel, analysts, physical security officers, law enforcement, etc.
155	Question. Should teams already have partnerships with CAF to test or for participation in their products or programs? Or can the engagement of CAF take place during the IDEaS funding - at Component 1 a) or b)?
	Answer. No existing partnerships with CAF are required. As per section 3.5 of Annex A (Statement of Work and Cost) of the CFP, Canada will not provide any Government Furnished Property (Materiel or Equipment or Information) under Component 1 (a)
156	Question. What is the approximate month when the contracts will be awarded? What is the timeline for review? This affects dates for milestones.
	Answer. See Q&A number 132. Also, there is no specific timeline for review other than as soon as possible.

157	<p>Question. I asked if we can use project with CSSP to apply for 1b.</p> <p>Answer. The proposed solution must meet the provisions of the CPF for Component 1a, including the novelty of the solution for the S&T Challenge of Component 1a. As a reminder, a CSSP proposal document cannot be submitted, as is, for the Component 1a CFP. Rather, a proposal must be prepared in accordance with, and be responding to, the CFP for Component 1a.</p>
158	<p>Question. Bonjour, est ce que le niveau de développement de la solution proposée risque d'impacter l'évaluation. Je veux dire, une proposition qui part du niveau 1 a autant de chance qu'un projet de niveau 4.</p> <p>Answer. All proposals will be evaluated using the evaluation criteria described in detail in Part 4, Attachment 1 of the CFP as well as with other provisions of the CFP</p>
159	<p>Question. How long do you target the contract awarding cycle time to be?</p> <p>Answer. See Q&A number 132.</p>
160	<p>Question. From proposal submission to contract awarding (project start)?</p> <p>Answer. See Q&A number 132.</p>
161	<p>Question. What is estimated start date of contract being awarded?</p> <p>Answer. See Q&A number 132.</p>
162	<p>Question. Can you highlight the evaluation process? Component 1b Slide: states that it involves funding "Up to \$1M, up to one year performance." Does that really mean the expectation is that \$1M would be expended within 12 months?!!</p> <p>Answer. The CFP is seeking proposals only for Component 1a for which the funding is up to \$200K and contract performance is up to six months. Given the firm price type of Basis of Payment, applicable costs would include those incurred to support the contract performance, some of which may occur prior to the contract, at the Bidder's own risk, for the purpose of carrying out the work.</p>
163	<p>Question. Does our proposal need to cover how to get to SRL8? I.e., not sure to what level the work plan must achieve.</p> <p>Answer. The entry level for a solution in the CFP is SRL1-6 (inclusive). The solution is expected to progress along the SRL maturity continuum through the project work, but there is no specific final SRL requirement.</p>
164	<p>Question. Would you please include my email address in the list that you will be sending the slides to?</p> <p>Answer. Slides from the Bidders' Conference are available with the CFP on buyandsell.gc.ca .</p>

165	Question. Is it possible to submit two independent proposals for different challenges in component 1a?
	Answer. Yes. Bidders may submit more than one proposal for each S&T Challenge selected, however, each proposal must be completely separate and stand on its own. See also Q&A number 110.
166	Question. Can Defence Canada help my project by providing access to rare infrastructure?
	Answer. No. See also the CFP, Part 7, Annex A, article 3.5 “Government Furnished Property ...”.
167	<p>Question. Est-ce que la composante 2 du programme se fera via une mise en compétition ou sera réservée exclusivement aux compagnies qui auront complété la phase 1b?</p> <p>2. Est-ce qu’il y aura possibilité de corriger ou optimiser les offres faites lors de la composante 1a, une fois les propositions soumises?</p> <p>3. Est-il possible de faire une proposition sur seulement qu’une partie d’un défi?</p> <p>4. Dans les critères d’évaluation qui sont cotés, est-ce que les points sont octroyés en partie si un critère est rencontré que partiellement, ou c’est la note 0 ou 5 points qui est octroyée?</p> <p>Answer. 1. For the S&T Challenges in the CFP for Component 1a, solutions may advance along the SRL maturity through Component 1b into Component 2. A competitive process will not be undertaken for these solutions, rather, if the completed 1b solution is successful and of interest to DND, PWGSC may approach the supplier and request a proposal for Component 2. It is to be noted that should the solution participate in Component 2, the ability to participate in Component 4 will be subject to a competitive process.</p> <p>2. No.</p> <p>3. The Bidder is to determine whether the proposal meets the criteria outlined in Part 4, Attachment 1 of the CFP, including Alignment with the S&T Challenge.</p> <p>4. The scoring grid is strictly followed. Points may be awarded in increments of 5 only.</p>
168	<p>Question. There has been project with CSSP that has completed. Can we continue the development using 2b directly?</p> <p>Answer. No. CSSP is a separate program and not a part of this CFP.</p>
169	<p>Question. Do we have to have a governmental co-applicant? or is industrial application acceptable? (answered verbally by PSPC at end of bidder’s conference)</p> <p>Answer. A government co-applicant is not required</p>
170	Question. Does Challenge 6 – Detection and Classification of Objects of Interest – include the underwater domain?
	Answer. No

Section B – Modification(s) to the CFP

Nil.