

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)	
<p>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.</p>	
171	<p>Question. We used FluidReview for the ADSA proposal and at that time I was able to grant access to the site to members of my team. I don’t seem to be able to find that function any more. Can I still add members of my team so they have access? If so and I have more than one proposal can I have different members access different submission?</p>
	<p>Answer. With the current system, the only way to do this is if the lead shares the login and password details with the team. Collaborative proposal submission functionality is not currently available, but will be considered for future CFPs.</p>
172	<p>Question. Please confirm if the maximum funding listed in Part 1, Section 1.2 of the CFP for Component 1a is \$200,000 inclusive or exclusive of Applicable Taxes. Bidders are to submit Milestone Costs tables with costs provided excluding Applicable Taxes and instructed that Component 1a should not exceed \$200,000. This implies that this maximum funding excludes applicable taxes. However, Mandatory Criteria #4 references Part 1, Section 1.2 of the CFP which states the \$200,000 maximum funding includes Applicable Taxes.</p>
	<p>Answer. Maximum funding for Component 1a is \$200,000.00 applicable taxes included as stated in Part 1.</p>
173	<p>Question. I have registered to for the IDEaS component 1a (see below). I’ve been told by someone at DND that I need to register as supplier at Buyandsell.gc.ca in order for my proposal to be assessed. Is that correct? If so how does one do this if I am an employee for the University of X? Currently, I’ve registered as a Bidder for the IDEaS Call for Proposals component 1a (see below).</p>
	<p>Answer.</p>

	You do not require to register on BuyandSell.gc.ca.
174	<p>Question. What start date should be using for the proposed work – I am bit unclear when that is and we need this information to complete the milestones.</p> <p>Answer. See Answers 92, 101, 132 and other similar ones.</p>
175	<p>Question. I understand that there are two milestones – for proposals involving specific experimental studies, can the milestones be simply defined by a period of months (e.g., milestone 1 – completion of work for first three months)?</p> <p>Answer. See Answers 22, 55, 101, 156 and other similar ones. See also the CFP, Part 7, Annex A, article 3 “Work Plan and Deliverables”; and in Table 1 for Milestones 1 and 2, follow the instructions respecting the dates for the Work Activities.</p>
176	<p>Question. Are the certification pages (Part 5 of the bid documents) to be printed, completed, signed and uploaded in the submission portal as supporting documentation?</p> <p>Answer. See Amendment No. 5 to the CFP.</p>
177	<p>Question. Background IP – is there a separate form where we are to list all background IP or are we to simply certify that we own all BIP as written in 5.2.11?</p> <p>Answer. Certify.</p>
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181	<p>Question. I am wondering if it’s possible to arrange the sharing of an IDEaS bid among three email addresses.</p> <p>Answer. With the current system, the only way to do this is if the lead shares the login and password details with the team. Collaborative proposal submission functionality is not currently available, but will be considered for future CFPs.</p>
182	<p>Question. I interpreted the below statement as meaning The DND may require our IP only for the purposes of evaluation and although we will grant them a license for the IP they can only use it for evaluation purposes and not in practice. Is that a correct interpretation?</p> <p>Answer. As Canada has contributed to the cost of developing the Foreground Information, the Contractor grants to Canada a license to exercise all Intellectual Property Rights in the</p>

	<p>Foreground Information for Canada's activities. Subject to any exception described in the Contract, this license allows Canada to do anything that it would be able to do if it were the owner of the Foreground Information, other than exploit it commercially and transfer or assign ownership of it. The Contractor also grants to Canada a license to use the Background Information to the extent that it is reasonably necessary for Canada to exercise fully all its rights in the deliverables and in the Foreground Information. Please review the clause 2040 30 (2008-05-12) Licenses to Intellectual Property Rights in Foreground and Background Information. Link is provided in the CFP.</p>
183	<p>Question. In Section 1.6 of the CFP is stated that: "There will be no security requirements associated with the resulting contract(s) for Component 1a." However, in Section 6.1 of the same CFP it is stated that : "Contractors may be required to possess valid security clearances, depending on the nature of the project, in order to have access to information and/or sites necessary for its execution". Can you confirm that there will be no security requirements associated with the resulting contract(s) for Component 1a and that Section 6.1 refers only to subsequent contracts from components 1b, 2 or 4 ?</p> <p>Answer. See Answer 91.</p>
184	<p>Question. Section 3.6 : "The Bidder must certify that it owns all relevant background Intellectual Property (IP) requisite to proceed with the work as defined in the SOW. The default position of Canada is to allow contractors to retain the IP rights with a licence granted to Canada for IP rights, which would include the right to use and have used the IP for Canada's activities." a) Can you confirm that the IP rights could not/will not be transferred by Canada to another company ? b) Can you confirm that the COTS that may be required to perform the work are excluded from this? c) Can you confirm that the background IP of a collaborator/subcontractor of the bidder will be excluded from this requirement? Or will the prime contractor need to obtain background IP rights for any component of its subcontractors? d) If software should be delivered by the end of the contract of the component 1a, should the full source code be delivered or is the compiled code sufficient? Can Canada later give this code to another company to perform additional work on it (through the IDEAS program or other contractual vehicle)? e) Should the background IP be delivered also at the end of the Component 1a project ? Can you confirm that the IP rights to be granted to Canada will only be for Foreground IP (for the contracts related to Component 1a).</p> <p>Answer. a., b., c.: See Amendment No. 005. d., e.: Please consult the General Conditions 2040 cited in the CFP, and specifically sections 28 through 36.</p>
185	<p>Question. Section 4.7 : "Human and Animal Ethics".</p>

	<p>a) Shall the 6-month period available to complete the contract for Component 1a begin only after the work is approved by the Ethics Committee? Or do approval delay's need to be planned for within the 6 month period?</p> <p>b) Can you confirm that the bidder (or the partner in the project that is involved in this aspect) must have its own ethics committee (e.g. a University's Ethics Review Board)?</p>
	<p>Answer.</p> <p>a. Component 1a has a maximum duration of 6 months from the contract award. It is the Bidder's responsibility to propose a start date that accounts for that approval.</p> <p>All projects must comply with Tri-Council Policy on Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans. The Bidder must use a Tri-Council accredited Ethics Review Board to ensure that the ethics guideline of this call for proposals are respected</p>
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188	<p>Question.</p> <p>Work plan: can you please give an estimated date for contract signature, in order to insert accurate dates in the work plan. If not, shall we mention hypothetical date for the meetings in section 4? Of the proposal?</p>
	<p>Answer.</p> <p>See prior Answers regarding contract award dates. Indicate reasonable dates.</p>
189	<p>Question.</p> <p>Where is university overhead to be documented in the cost proposal? Is it to be included in the salary rates or broken out as a separate line item in the budget?</p>
	<p>Answer.</p> <p>Included.</p> <p>PWGSC may ask for the breakdown for price support purposes.</p>
190	<p>Question.</p> <p>Our BC based AI company focusing on video analytics using deep learning technologies. We have released the object detection solutions that can help alleviate the workload involved in detecting, identifying and tracking objects of interest in full-motion video. We are ready to submit the proposal. But I could not find online entry for that. Could you please help?</p>
	<p>Answer.</p> <p>IDeAS is accepting proposals for the listed 16 Challenges in the CFP found on BuyandSell.gc.ca.</p>
191	<p>Question.</p> <p>I have a very prominent researcher (Order of Canada prominent) who is submitting a proposal in the PTSD/Family space, and he is closely affiliated with a commercial health care provider who can further develop and deliver capability at a large scale.</p> <p>He has a couple of quick questions regarding the submission process that may be bellwethers for many academic proposals in the future (e.g. where can references be added for evidence of science-based research behind the proposals).</p>

	<p>Is there anyone that he can contact to quickly discuss this with or should he simply pose the question as a vendor through the portal? If the latter, can you please confirm the appropriate link/ mechanism? This may actually fall under the category of “physical attachments” to the proposal, but I am hoping not.</p>
	<p>Answer. Additional reference documents will not be accepted with the proposals. Each proposal will be evaluated based solely on the information contained within the proposal.</p>
192	<p>Question. Can the National Research Council be part of an IdeaS proposal?</p>
	<p>Answer. NRC cannot be the bidder. It may participate as a sub-contractor or similar – please visit the General Conditions (2040) in Part 7 and the Standard Instructions (2003) in Part 2 of the CFP.</p>
195	<p>Question. On what date will the results about which proposals were successfully funded be released?</p>
	<p>Answer. We are unable to give a date at this time.</p>
196	<p>Question. What is the project start date (i.e. beginning of work activities) for Component1a proposals that are successfully funded?</p>
	<p>Answer. We are unable to give a date at this time. See similar Qs&As.</p>
197	<p>Question. The challenge in light-weight body armor design (I am an Assistant Prof at the University X): Do you have an editable pdf or word document to share prior to submitting online?</p>
	<p>Answer. Bidders must submit their proposal using the electronic Proposal Submission Form – see instructions in Part 3, article 3.3.1. On the Submissions Home Page, under the list of “Your Submissions”, the Bidder can select “edit” and download a copy of the proposal in a PDF format.</p>
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199	<p>Question. Are awarded projects funded up front, or do we submit for reimbursements (like in the Built in Canada Program)?</p>
	<p>Answer. Payment takes place after successful completion of Milestone 1. Second payment takes place after successful completion of Milestone 2.</p>
200	<p>Question. NRC allowed to participate in the IdeaS program either as a prime or a sub-contractor.</p>
	<p>Answer. See Answer 192.</p>
201	<p>Question.</p>

	<p>I am an NSERC post-doctoral research fellow at the University of X working mainly on eye movement research in real and virtual environments. Our lab is specialized in analyzing the cognitive and behavioural patterns of people in real-world and lab-based situations.</p> <p>We are considering submitting a proposal to the IDEaS competition, but we have little experience with the bidding process associated with defense (compared to academic). We are looking for resources to help us write a good proposal, and while the proposal criteria and evaluation documents have been useful, an example of a previous proposal would be very helpful to us in understanding the necessary requirements.</p> <p>Answer. We do not have proposals to share with you, but invite you to go on Buy and Sell and use all the resources available for suppliers.</p>
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204	<p>Question.</p> <p>Regarding academic applicants, how do we submit an institutional signature? Our Office of Research Services does not have an account with Buy and Sell Canada, so they are not sure whether we should submit the application ourselves with a signed document from them saying they have reviewed and approved of our application, or if they should make an account to link to ours somehow?</p> <p>Answer. An account with BuyandSell.gc.ca is not required in order to submit a proposal. Suppliers can view and download the CFP from BuyandSell.gc.ca. For submitting the proposal, there is no requirement to submit an institutional signature within the CFP. The Bidder is to prepare and submit the proposal as indicated in Part 3 of the CFP.</p>
205	<p>Question.</p> <p>Funds can only be used for incremental resourcing costs associated with delivering a proposed solution—for example, material and supplies, equipment rentals, subcontractors, casual or permanent employees (incremental labour costs for indeterminate employees at the federal level of the government in Canada cannot be included). Therefore, the funds can only be used for expenditures that are not amortized.</p> <p>Travel and living expenses must be identified and compliant with the National Joint Council Travel Directive. Expenses are to be at cost, without any allowance for profit and/or administrative overhead, in accordance with the meal, private vehicle and incidental expenses provided in Appendices B, C and D of the Directive and with the other provisions of the Directive referring to “travelers”, rather than those referring to “employees”. Travel justifications must be provided in Part 4, Attachment 1.”</p> <p>Answer.</p>

	See the CFP, Part 3, and in particular article 3.4.3, 2 nd part of article referencing academic institutions and the Supply Manual where overhead is addressed
206	<p>Question.</p> <p>When is the anticipated start date of projects.</p> <p>Answer</p> <p>See Answer 196</p>
207	<p>Question.</p> <p>In academia, normally teams submit CVs of the principal and co-investigators to demonstrate that the team offers required skills for completion of project. However, I do not see how one can submit CVs for IDEaS applications through the online module</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>CVs are not required.</p>
208	<p>Question.</p> <p>Is it possible to add external documents, for instance images, to an IDEaS project submission? In fact, we would like to submit sketches of the proposed solution in our project submission?</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>Yes, using the electronic Proposal Submission Form in the FluidReview system, as cited in Part 3, article 3 of the CFP.</p>
209	<p>Question.</p> <p>Are there limits to the size of the attachment which can be included in the proposal, either in file size or page count?</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>Only visual support material (e.g schematics, graphics, drawings, etc.) can be included as “supplementary information” with the proposal. This material has to be referenced in the section "Description of Project". The maximum file size is 1 GB. The smaller the file size, the easier it will be to upload and view on the site.</p>
210	<p>Question.</p> <p>In cases where DND owns an existing computing environment suitable for the proposed solution(s), either on premises or in the public cloud, would this environment be made available to the bidder as “government furnished”?</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>No</p>
211	<p>Question.</p> <p>Will the close date of this RFP be extended three weeks to 14 June 2018?</p> <p>Answer.</p>

	See Amendment No. 5 to the CFP.
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219	<p>Question.</p> <p>The IDEaS Call for Proposals – Component 1a (W7714-186568) (the “CFP”) includes the government terms and conditions (SACC 2040 30) which provide Canada with significant and broad license rights in both Foreground and Background Information on the basis that Canada has contributed to the cost of developing the Foreground Information. It must be apparent that based on the number of questions submitted by potential bidders, that bidders have grave concerns about the broad IP rights contained in article 3.6, that if not eliminated or severely curtailed may result in failure of the IDEaS Program. The IDEaS proposals eligible for participation in the above described CFP process are required to represent innovations in the early stages of development (Solution Readiness Levels 1-6 range). The broad licenses to Canada provided for in the SACC 2040 30 are based upon the premise that Canada has contributed to the cost of developing the Foreground Information however the subject CFP process limits Canada’s financial contribution to \$200,000.00 which may well not merit the scope of license rights described therein. The terms of the CFP (4.6) provide for negotiation of terms and conditions in the contracting process.</p> <p>For the purposes of such contract negotiations for Component 1 a, is Canada prepared to consider a substantial reduction to, or the possible elimination of, the broad license rights presently contained in the SACC 2040 terms? As currently written, this Bidder, and we suggest some or all other potential Bidders, will not respond to the CFP without some assurance that Canada is prepared to severely curtail or eliminate its broad Intellectual Property license rights for the purpose of Component 1a.</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>Canada will not accept modifications to General Conditions 2040.</p>
220	<p>Question.</p> <p>The IDEAS Call for Proposals – Component 1a (W7714-186568) (the “CFP”) includes a certification requirement in Section 3.6 (Intellectual Property) which requires the Bidder to certify “that it owns all relevant background Intellectual Property (IP) requisite to proceed</p>

	<p>with the work as defined in the SOW.” Question 91 in amendment 003 published in the attachment titled “eng_amendment_003-b_qa_may_3rd” included a number of specific questions concerning this certification requirement however the answer provided by Canada to this question deals with security requirements.</p> <p>Can Canada please confirm that where the work of the SOW involves the creation of a deliverable that includes commercial off the shelf components, Canada would not require the Bidder to own the background Intellectual Property in such components?</p>
	<p>Answer.</p> <p>See Amendment No. 5 to the CFP.</p>
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224	<p>Question.</p> <p>I am a Research Contract Coordinator at the University of X. Could you please advise what the allowable rate is for indirect costs for this Call for Proposals? The University of X standard rate is 30% however I assume the Government rate is less.</p>
	<p>Answer.</p> <p>See answer 123.</p>
225	<p>Question.</p> <p>Does the cost of releasing the researcher working on the solution from her teaching responsibilities count as an “incremental resourcing costs”; so is course release an eligible cost?</p> <p>Are conference travel and other knowledge transfer activity costs eligible expenses?</p>
	<p>Answer.</p> <p>See answer 122.</p>
226	<p>Question.</p> <p>I work for an aerospace research and innovation consortium and we are seeing how we can help our members apply to the IDEAS program.</p> <p>We facilitate the setting up of collaborative R&D projects and, when we read the guide Competitive Projects - Call for Proposals - Component 1a, we had the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “ ...only successful solutions in 1a can go to 1b”. If we understand correctly, steps 1b and 2 are inaccessible without going through 1a. Is that the case? If it is the case, can an enterprise that passed 1a add partners for phase 1b that were not in phase 1a? This is important for us because our projects must have at least 2 enterprises and 2 universities or colleges.

	<p>The notion of joint venture. Can an enterprise, to participate in your programme, form a team comprising a few other enterprises (and academic institutions for example) without the enterprises involved forming a "joint venture" in the legal sense of the term? In other words, is a partner grouping in the form of a project "consortium" eligible?</p>
	<p>Answer. Yes.</p> <p>See answer 53, and the CFP, Section 2, article 2.2: the Standard Instructions 2003, sections 17 "Joint Venture" for the definition of a joint venture (includes consortium), 04 "Definition of Bidder" and 05 "Submission of bids".</p>
227	<p>Question. I know the application deadline is May 24. However, I can't seem to find the date for award notice, if funded. I'd like to know the earliest possible start date of our project so that I can have a more accurate work plan for the milestones, etc. Would it be possible to let me know that?</p>
	<p>Answer. No, not at this time.</p>
228	<p>Question. In Section 2: Cost Proposal Breakdown; Labour – Category: do we have to specify the level of experience and/or diploma for each profiles?</p>
	<p>Answer. See answer 68.</p>
229	<p>Question. Are you able to send us a copy of the presentation or schedule a meeting so we can get more information?</p>
	<p>Answer. See answer 90.</p>
230	<p>Question. Is there a link to the video or audio of the conference? Is there an hourly wage standard that Canada requires contractor to oblige? In section 3. 3. Work Plan and Deliverables of SOW, is the only information allowed is the one to be provided in Table 1—Work Plan & Deliverables (maximum 100 words per table entry)? Or is a text description ahead of table is welcome and desirable? By table entry, do you mean each cell or the whole table?</p>
	<p>Answer. See answer 114.</p>
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232	<p>Question. 1) What are the anticipated award dates for 1A? 2) Can we complete the certifications required in part 5 by copying the language provided? 3) In section 6.1, Security Requirements, it states that, "contractors may be required to possess valid security clearances..." and "DND will determine the level of security</p>

	<p>required” – will this be determined at a later time or do we need to provide security clearances with our submission?</p> <p>Answer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See answer 22. 2. See answer 105. <p>The need will be determined at a later time and if needed will be required before contract award. No need to provide clearance with the submission.</p>
233	<p>Question.</p> <p>Is there an ability to upload photos as part of the submission? We created our profile today and our submission will change depending on the ability to use photos. Every segment needs to be completed before moving forward so we haven't progressed through the submission document yet so we haven't yet seen whether photo uploads are OK.</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>Photos and other visual support material (e.g schematics, graphics, drawings, etc.) may be uploaded as “supplementary information” on the electronic submission tool. This material has to be referenced in the section "Description of Project" see section ‘3.3 Electronic Proposal Submission Form’ of the CFP for more information.</p>
234	<p>Question.</p> <p>Gender based analysis. Company X has created an energy harvester worn at the knee that generates power while users walk. The first target market is military to provide energy security for soldiers on patrol. We're addressing S&T Challenge #5, Human Performance in Extreme Climatic Conditions. A harvester size was created specifically to fit women but apart from sizing we don't see additional need for gender analysis. Are we missing something?</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>It is the Bidder’s responsibility to provide sufficient information in Its proposal to address the GBA+ aspect of criterion PRC-1. See Point-Rated Criteria ‘PRC-1: Scientific and/or Technical Merit’ of the solicitation document for additional information.</p>
235	<p>Question.</p> <p>In SOW section 2, does “project” refer to the work performed in component 1a? Or does it refer to the final solution? Some of the questions in PRC-2 & PRC-3 would be more appropriate to apply to the final solution, as they are high level questions (i.e. impact) not work performed in component 1a. We envision component 1a resulting in a prototype system with reduced functionality.</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>Please see SOW section 2, “Project Description”. This section refers to the work performed in Component 1a. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to provide sufficient information in Its proposal to enable Canada’s assessment of the proposal against all criteria.</p>
236	<p>Question.</p> <p>Can you tell me how to invite other team members to access my submission?</p> <p>Answer.</p> <p>Please see Answer 49.</p>
237	<p>Question.</p> <p>Two questions to get clarification on Challenge 15 i.e. “Making Sense of Chatter”.</p> <p>Would we consider chats using Instant Messaging platforms like WhatsApp, Telegram, Viber only OR other social media platforms like "Twitter", "Facebook" and "Instagram" OR both.</p> <p>Do we consider "text" chats only OR also "VoIP" analysis based on these platforms?</p> <p>Answer.</p>

	<p>Challenge 15 “Making Sense of Chatter” is focused on producing actionable intelligence from social media data to support decision-making. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to interpret the challenge, including considering accepted definitions of what constitutes “social media”, and to propose a solution that aligns with the challenge as stated in the CFP.</p>
238	<p>Question. My colleague and I are collaborating and planning to apply together. Is there any mechanism to apply as co-applicants? Or should one of us simply apply under my colleague name and mention the other in the project description.</p> <p>Answer. See Answers 103 ad 245.</p>
239	<p>Question. My company is working on our IDEaS application for the Collaboration of Robotic Systems challenge and, after adding up everything, will need to cut some items from the budget. Our end goal was a wearable version of our already developed virtual reality controller which would effectively put the mind of a soldier into the body of a robot. We were hoping to, as part of our IDEaS project, both demonstrate the wearable version of the controller and evaluate the role a more sophisticated robot would play if part of a squad, but alas, we cannot afford to do both. I'd like a better understanding of the motivation for the mentioned challenge to inform my answer to the question "which of the two possibilities (wearable controller or robot demonstration) are more likely to generate traction for future projects?"</p> <p>Answer. Please see Answer 37.</p>
240	<p>Question. We have developed a 3D scanning technology that can be mounted on a driven inspection vehicle and used to scan airport runways in order to detect Foreign Object Debris (FOD). If not detected and removed, FOD poses a threat to combat readiness as it can damage both aircraft engines and tires. Would a proposal for an airport runway FOD detection solution be of interest, and a fit, for this program?</p> <p>Answer. IDEaS is accepting proposals for the 16 Challenges listed in the CFP. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to determine whether Its proposed solution aligns with any of the 16 Challenges. See also Answer 35.</p>
241	<p>Question. Is the amount and tenure of this award max \$200K for a max of 6 months? Is it possible to have the tenure of the award longer? fff If our proposal was successful, could we request the start date? This would be important since the during of the award (if 6 months) is short so the timing for the project would have to line up.</p> <p>Answer. See Answers 51, 54, 70, and 101, 149, 151, and 162 as well as others that also respond to similar questions.</p>
242	<p>Question. Academic institutions usually require 40% overhead as indirect cost. The IDEaS submission module does not have a dedicated space for indirect costs in the budget module. Please advise where to include this item in the budget.</p> <p>Answer.</p>

	<p>The Bidder may provide blended costs that apply to the fields. For example, for labour and overhead, a blended “charge-out” labour rate could be bid. See also Answer 123.</p>
243	<p>Question. Are Bidders able to change the information in the “Bidder Information” page for each Challenge they propose?</p>
	<p>Answer. If one bidder submits multiple proposals, the “bidder Information” remains the same for all the proposals.</p>
244	<p>Question. We plan to submit for more than one Challenge however, the way we are organized internally would mean that each Challenge would have a different person to lead who is able to bind the company - for example: Challenge 2 would be led by PERSON X and Change 7 would be led by PERSON Z. It does not seem that we are able to check this in advance as it appears that we need to submit one Challenge before we are able to submit another.</p>
	<p>Answer. See Answer 16.</p>
245	<p>Question. Could you please confirm that for each Challenge submitted Bidders are able to modify the Bidder Information page to reflect the actual individual who would lead the Challenge should we be successful?</p>
	<p>Answer. The Bidder who registers on the online submission tool and submits a proposal will be automatically assigned as the lead bidder for that proposal. See also article “3.3 Electronic Proposal Submission Form” of the CFP for more information.</p>
246	<p>Question. Please confirm whether university overheads can be part of the budget?</p>
	<p>Answer. See Answers 7, 34, 123, and 242.</p>
257	<p>Question. Our team is looking to finalize our IDEAS application (due May 24th), however we are having some trouble with the appendices section; are there more details available as to the specific requirements of the appendices? Any help would be great.</p>
	<p>Answer. There are no additional details.</p>
258	<p>Question. Is there going to be an extension of the IDEaS submission deadline from May 24th to a later date?</p>
	<p>Answer. See Amendment No. 5 to the CFP.</p>
259	<p>Question. Also, I'd like to clarify with you that the certifications mentioned in Part 5 (IDEaS solicitation document pages 18-25) are not to be uploaded in the online system as supplementary information, right?</p>
	<p>Answer. See Amendment No. 5 to the CFP.</p>

260	<p>Question. Where can institutional overhead be added? There are no rows or columns for it in the Cost Proposal Breakdown table.</p> <p>Answer. Each cost/price field is to include the information requested. Where there is no specific field for overhead, fields are to include the applicable overheads (example: a blended rate/price or charge-out rate/price). PWGSC may ask for a cost/price breakdown during contract negotiations.</p>
261	<p>Question. I intend to submit a proposal "Positioning, navigation and synchronization resilient, not based on the Global Positioning System (GPS) for component 1a. In addition, at the end of Component 1a, I intend to submit a proposal for Component 1b. In the submission, there are sections like Project Objective. My question is: Do I indicate the overall Project Objective (for all the components I'm going to submit) or the Project Objective in relation to component 1a only?</p> <p>Answer. 1a only. If interested in advancing under 1b, follow the instructions in Annex A, Article 2.D "Solution Progression to Component 1b:".</p>
262	<p>Question. I understand from the RFP that there may be a recorded video stream of the bidders conference held late April. COMPANY X intends to bid on the "Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) Program -Competitive Projects—Call for Proposals – Component 1a (W7714-186568)" and if there is a webcast URL available where we could view the conference held last week, it would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Answer. Please review CFP amendments on the BuyandSell website that contain questions and answers generated by the Bidders' Conference. No other form of information is supplied.</p>
263	<p>Question. Could you clarify if Indirect Costs as defined under 1031-2 04 (2012-07-16) Indirect Costs are eligible to include in the proposal for The Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) Program?</p> <p>Answer. They are eligible however please be sure to review all terms and conditions of the CFP respecting costs/pricing. In addition, note the exception for academic institutions as set out in the CFP, Part 3, article 3.4.3.</p>
264	<p>Question. In preparing an IDEaS Proposal, we have a question about the research milestones component (Annex B). What timeline is required? Should the milestones be set according to the six-month timeline, under the assumption that all work and research would happen within the timeframe for Component 1a, or should it be filled out with the expectation that the project will continue through all Components?</p> <p>Answer. The CFP pertains to Component 1a, therefore the work milestones should be set according to the maximum six-month timeline.</p>

265	<p>Question. Given the high volume of RFP's that have been issued and that we are currently responding to, will the Crown please provide an extension to Wednesday, June 7, 2018?</p> <p>Answer. See Amendment No. 5 to the CFP.</p>
266	<p>Question. I am currently applying for the Ideas program, and I was wondering how much indirect cost I can put in my project. I also wanted to check what you meant by indirect costs... Is it administrative costs.</p> <p>Answer. See Answers 39, 119, 123, 129, 189 and other similar Qs&As.</p>
267	<p>Question. We have no supplementary information to include, however, the online form doesn't have an option for 'none' or 'NA' so our submission keeps coming up as incomplete. Is providing supplementary information (diagrams, schematics, etc.) mandatory? If not, will the online submission form be corrected to make this section optional?</p> <p>Answer. Proposals can be submitted without uploading any supplementary information. After completing the Statement of Work and the Cost Proposals Breakdown, simply proceed to "Submit".</p>
268	<p>Question. The submission portal now asks for an additional written section "C. Project Overview – 500 words".</p> <p>Is this a requirement and if so is it scored and if so can the information be provided to vendors as to what is required in this section?</p> <p>Answer. Under "Project Overview", in a maximum 500 words, Bidders are to provide overview of the proposed project, describing how they plan to achieve the Project Objective. This field is part of sub-section 2C of Annex A - Statement of Work (SOW) & Cost of the CFP. The information provided in this section will be used as supporting information to evaluate PRC-1, PRC-2, PRC-3, PRC-4 of Part 4, Attachment 1 and SCC-1 to SCC-3 of Part 4, Attachment 1.</p>
269	<p>Question. The Resulting Contract Clauses in Part 7 of the CFP do not contain a clause limiting the Contractor's liability for damages. A standard limitation of liability clause has been developed primarily by PWGSC for IM/IT procurements. We are of the view that this DND solicitation is an IM/IT solicitation given its requirements. The PWGSC limitation of liability clause reflects for the most part, a commercially reasonable allocation of risk between Canada and the Contractor in keeping with Treasury Board policy regarding Contractors' liability in Crown procurements. Since this CFP describes an IM/IT procurement, we request that the it be amended to insert in Part 7 of the CFP the standard IM/IT limitation of liability clause available in the SACC Manual having ID N0000C (2013-04-25) and entitled Limitation of Liability-Information Management/Information Technology.</p> <p>Answer. DRDC and PSPC to consider collectively.</p>

270	<p>Question. Can an American firm that owns a Canadian company apply for one of the challenges through that Canadian company?</p> <p>Answer. Preference will be given to proposals that meet the Canadian Content Policy as set out in the CFP at Part 1, article 1.5; Part 4, article 4.1.3; and Part 5, articles 5.1.1 and 5.1.2. Please review the Canadian Content Definition and how to determine Canadian Content, as referenced in articles 5.1.1 and 5.1.2.</p>
271	<p>Question. Would it be possible to receive a pdf copy of the form? I realize that I can get the information from the site, but wonder if there is a 'working copy' of the application /submission.</p> <p>Answer. See Answers 24(1), 48 and 117.</p>
272	<p>Question. Business X is a scientific research institute and intends to submit a proposal under the IDEaS program of Department of National Defence as subcontractor of the University of X. With regard to the General Conditions for Research and Development, reference ID 2040, dated 2016-04-04, in relation to Call for Proposal IDEaS of Department of National Defence, could you answer these questions please?</p> <p>The supply manual states: 10.40. Research and Development Contracts with Universities and Colleges Website service advisory: 2018-05-15 Research and development work carried out by universities or colleges is priced at direct costs plus a contribution to overhead. This contribution is a maximum take-out rate of 65 percent of direct payroll costs for on-campus work, and 30 percent of direct payroll costs for off-campus work. In addition, a contribution equivalent to 2 percent of applicable and acceptable travel and living expenses must be made. (https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/supply-manual/section/10/40)</p> <p>Can subcontractors that are not universities be granted full rates without this restriction? In other words, can the contribution for subcontractors of universities (that are not universities themselves) consist of the full rates without this restriction?</p> <p>Answer. If your business is considered a consultant, the provisions in the Supply Manual, Chapter 10.40, for consultants would apply. Otherwise, in this scenario, the subcontractor is bound by the costs/pricing provisions of the CFP targeting other types of entities.</p>
273	<p>Question. The maximum amount for this call for proposal is 200 000\$ (including taxes). One of our researcher is interested by this call for proposal, and for a University, as per the PWGSC Supply Manual, Chapter 10, article 10.40: Research and development work carried out by universities or colleges is priced at direct costs plus a contribution to overhead. This contribution is a maximum take-out rate of 65 percent of direct payroll costs for on-campus work, and 30 percent of direct payroll costs for off-</p>

	<p>campus work. In addition, a contribution equivalent to 2 percent of applicable and acceptable travel and living expenses must be made.</p> <p>Could you please confirm that the maximum amount of 200 000\$ does not include the overhead for university. In other words, the overhead will be a additional contributions to the 200 000\$ which will be covering the R&D costs.</p>
	<p>Answer. \$200,000.00, Applicable Taxes included, is the maximum funds payable to the contractor. No other costs will be payable by Canada.</p>
274	<p>Question. If a University Professor is interested in submitting a proposal to the IDEAS challenge, will they need to be registered as a supplier? They don't normally have business numbers. If they do (need a Business Number and SRI registration), can they start the application for a business number and SRI and say "in progress" on the IDEAS application so they can meet the May 24 deadline? Do they also need PWGSC registration?</p>
	<p>Answer. See Answers 3, 104, 173, 178, 245, 248 and 252.</p>
275	<p>Question. We are interested in applying for your grant competition: Understanding and addressing post-traumatic stress disorder.</p> <p>My company has developed a novel Virtual Reality technology that would be ideal to treat military PTSD. I created an account to fill out the application, but noticed that the "Bidder" needed to list the Canadian province where they're from.</p> <p>I wanted to confirm if I'm allowed to apply as a US citizen?</p>
	<p>Answer. For clarity, the opportunity is to a contract, not a grant. You may apply. Please see Answer 270 and other similar prior Answers.</p>
276	<p>Question. I am not clear about SCC-1: Investment Viability.</p> <p>I am going to submit a proposal for PTSD challenge. Are you looking for other programs on PTSD within other Canadian organization?</p> <p>Can you please provide more information on this requirement</p>
	<p>Answer. Criterion SCC-1 is described in Table 3 of Part 4, Attachment 1 of the CFP. No further information will be provided to bidders.</p>