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THIS SOLICITATION AMENDMENT IS RAISED TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS.

- Q15. Language - Does “justice system” include family law or criminal only? (e.g. 5.6.2.3, first bullet). Is the focus on federal legal issues or is a provincial scope also valid? (e.g. family law in Ontario).
- A15. The phrase Justice System can refer to criminal, family, civil or Indigenous justice systems.
- Q16. Scope - We want to examine the implementation of intervention(s) in a variety of jurisdictions within the same context (family court). Would this be suitable? (p. 25)
- A16. Yes.
- Q17. Other SWC Applications - Are there implications for organizations that might be involved in this work that are applying to other Status of Women grants, such as the recent capacity-building fund?
- A17. If the Work is already being funded through another government program, it will not be funded under this Call for Proposals.
- Q18. We are interested in the copyright requirements and the ways in which you anticipate SoW using the research “outputs”. (For example, we imagine engaging academic researchers who may want to publish the results of their work in peer reviewed publications etc.).
- A18. Canada encourages the publication of the results of their work in any medium. The Copyright will belong to the Contractor.
- Q19. We are also interested in how the time period works – it looks like it is a 2 year grant with the option to extend for a further 2 years. Is that correct? Is there an anticipated process for those “option” extensions?
- A19. This is not grant program. Please refer to the Bidders’ Conference summary and the Summary report of Feedback published on the buyandsell.gc.ca website.
- Q20. The RFP states that research topics can extend beyond those found within the RFP, so long as they are aligned with the definition of GBV. To confirm, both GBV themes and research topics can extend beyond those listed in the RFP? However, for GE, the research topic must align with one of the five themes provided?
- A20. The Call for Proposal states that research topics may extend beyond those illustrated in the CFP for the Gender-Based Violence themes. For Gender Equality, the research topics must fall within the domains identified.
- Q21. Will you provide a more detailed list of acceptable and unacceptable expenses/costs?
- A21. You are directed to review 1031-2 for what is considered an acceptable costs. It is also recommended that you involve your Finance department or your Accountant.



- Q22. Section 5.3 says that GE list of themes is “limited” (which means it is closed and we can’t add anything to it). Yet, Section 5.6.3 states that the list is not an exhaustive list of research topics. Is it closed? Or can we add?
- A22. The research proposal must fall within one of the domains listed for Gender Equality. The topics under 5.6.3 are illustrative – bidders may propose their own topics WITHIN one of the specific domains.
- Q23. Our proposal will cover all research themes within the area of Gender Equality, to include (i) economic participation and prosperity, (ii) leadership and democratic participation, (iii) education and skills development, (iv) poverty reduction, health and well-being, and (vi) access to justice. We intend to develop a comprehensive Index on Gender Equality in Canada, and each of these themes will form different dimensions of the Index with a number of associated indicators.

Our question is: Does this type of project fit within the Status of Womens’ framework, or do you think we are trying to do too much? In other words, would it be more advantageous to select a couple of themes related to Gender Equality rather than all five themes?

- A23. Based on the information provided, yes, this type of proposal could be submitted as it is related to one of the research areas of the call, Gender Equality, and seems to be a research project. The final determination of the eligibility of a proposal will occur after your proposal is submitted, based on the content of your proposal. As per evaluation criteria MR-1, the Bidder must provide evidence that their proposal responds directly to the Requirement stated in Part 5, Project Details, Article 5.5. The scope of the proposal is up to the bidder. Bidders should consider the evaluation criteria and maximum contract length to determine if a broad vs. a more targeted proposal would be more successful.
- Q24. During the bidder’s conference, we would like to explore opportunities for partnering with other organizations across Canada. As our project is broad in scope, we feel that there are several organizations across the country that could be potential partners on our project and/or offer their expertise on an advisory committee. We are especially interested in linking with Indigenous-led groups as an important element of our index will be to perform a Gender-Based Analysis+ (GBA+) by looking not only at gender equality, but the interaction of gender with a number of other identify markers, to include equality issues for Indigenous women compared to non-Indigenous women in Canada.
- A24. That is outside the scope of the Bidders’ Conference and the Call for Proposal. Bidders interested in developing partnerships may wish to consult and add their name to the list of interested suppliers on the buyandsell website: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/tender-notice/PW-18-00854775/list-of-interested-suppliers>.



- Q25. Instead of working in silos, will there be opportunities to dialogue and share research findings with other projects via an annual conference or forum? In other words, if funded, how much interaction will there be with other funded projects?
- A25. Interaction with other funded projects will be at the discretion of each successful bidder. At this time there is no commitment to hold a conference or forum, however SWC will take this suggestion under consideration.
- Q26. How does the Status of Women intend to measure the sustainability of projects? Are there any specific measures or indicators of long-term success that Status of Women is looking for in the proposals?
- A26. No. Projects are expected to be realistic to undertake within a maximum two-year time period. Longer term sustainability of a program of research is outside the scope of this call.

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