

1000218997A – Amendment #3

Please be advised that the Department has been asked for clarification relative to Solicitation 1000218997A and we would like to submit the following information to all prospective bidders to assist in the formulation of bids:

AMENDMENTS:

1. *Annex A Statement of Work* add the following under the heading Constraints:

12.4 Due to Covid-19 restrictions, all bidders should consult with Yukon Government on travel to Yukon and self-isolation rules.”

<https://www.travelyukon.com/en/plan/travel-information/covid-19-coronavirus-update>

<https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19/covid-19-travel-information-specifically-yukoners>

2. Annex B, Basis of Payment, add the following under Travel and Living Expenses:
The location of service is Whitehorse, Yukon. Travel expenses will be reimbursed for travel from Whitehorse to the locations of work identified in the Statement of Work. Travel between the successful bidder’s place of business and Whitehorse will not be reimbursed.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Question #1

Part 5: Certifications and Additional Information

What are the specific certifications needed? Are education and professional accreditation certifications enough or do we need additional certifications?

Answer #1

Accreditation and certification is detailed in M2.1

Question #2

Request clarification regarding Section 4.1.10 in Annex A regarding air quality sampling.

- a) Where are the two sites where the air quality monitoring stations are to be established?
- b) What equipment is required to be installed for the collection of air quality data?
- c) What do they mean by “breathing zone”? Are there certain protocols set by INAC?

Answer #2

- a) These sites are to be determined by the contractor in their OH&S Plan
- b) This is up to the contractor. The monitoring consultant in 2019 used MIE Personal DataRam #1000 aerosol monitors
- c) This refers to the area where workers inhale, i.e. the height they will be working at.

Question #3

Part 2.1 Bidding Instruction

- a) The Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual is inaccessible through the link provided and via the Canada buy and sell website? Where can we access this document?
- b) Do we need to follow a certain proposal template for submission?

Answer #3

- a) It is linked on the buyandsell.gc.ca website, can be found here:
<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>
- b) There is no specific template. It is up to the bidder to structure their bid as they deem necessary to ensure they meet all the requirements of the RFP.

Question #4

Annex A, Section 4.1.8, Are seep surveys to be conducted every month even with frozen conditions?

Answer #4

Yes. Even if seeps are not found to be present the contractor must conduct a survey showing this is the case.

Question #5

Annex A, Section 4.2.1. Do we source an accredited analytical laboratory for this proposal or is this done after award of the contract?

Answer #5

That is up to the bidder.

Question #6

Annex A, Section 5.2, Swoffer flow meter specified. Are substitutions acceptable?

Answer #6

Equivalent methods may be proposed by the contractor but CIRNAC is under no obligation to accept the alternate methodology.

Question #7

Annex A, Section 8.2. Personal aerosol monitors are required in the Health and Safety Plan for Year 1, yet they are not needed in the Health and Safety Plan in Years 2 and 3. Why?

Answer #7

They will be required for all years.

Question #8

Who provides aerosol monitors for Land Stewards if present?

Answer #8

The contractor is responsible for providing aerosol monitors for their staff and Land Stewards. Historically fixed point aerosol monitors have been used to cover the entire site.

Question #9

Annex B, Pricing

- a) Confirm that the only pricing information is for professional fees as outlined in Attachment 2 to Part 4.
- b) Will Travel and living expenses be reimbursed as per the current directive?
- c) Other direct costs will be paid at cost. Can we assume this includes lab analyses, shipping, equipment rental, etc?

Answer #9

- a) Yes
- b) Yes travel and living expenses will be reimbursed as per the current directive from the location of service, Whitehorse, to the locations of work identified in the Statement of Work. Travel between the successful bidder's place of business and Whitehorse will not be reimbursed.
- c) Yes, these types of expenses are reimbursed at cost.

Question #10

Attachment 1 to Part 4, Technical Evaluation Section

The descriptions on the outline on Pages 30 to 33 do not match the point rated section on Pages 34 to 38. On page 30 it says the bidder MUST provide corporate profile etc (M1) yet no points are listed in the category section (pg 34 -38). Likewise the bidder MUST provide 3 project summaries yet there are no corresponding points allocated in the category section (pg 34-38). How are these two mandatory items of the proposal to be graded?

Answer #10

Mandatory Technical Criteria (M1-M3) are evaluated Meets or Does Not Meet only. Point rated Technical criteria (R1-R3) are evaluated on the point scales identified.

Question #11

Please clarify if any points are awarded to the project summaries. For example, under Point-Rated Criteria on page 33, the RFP states that Bids meeting All mandatory requirements will be evaluated and point-rated against each of the following criterion, and under Criterion b), we are instructed to provide project summaries. However, project summaries are not listed in the Evaluation Criteria table on page 39.

Answer #11

No, Project Summaries are only evaluated as Mandatory Criteria, not Point-Rated.

Question #12

The instructions listed under R2.1 Proposed Resources (in table on page 36), state "Resumes of the Bidder's proposed resources for the Senior Project Manager and Project Professional personnel categories as submitted in response to the Mandatory Requirement R1.2 will be evaluated."

Please clarify if R1.2 is the correct cross-reference.

Answer #12

The cross-reference should be to Mandatory Requirement M2.