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Section	Reference Text	Question	Answer
Requirement matrices for LCs 60, 61 and 62	Past Performance Citation Requirement	A candidate's past performance citation for LC 60, LC 61, and LC 62 is not specified as a requirement in the matrix. Could the Purchaser clarify if Past Performance Citation is required for those LCs?	See IFIB 23-01 Amendment 1 for updated LC 60, LC 61, and LC 62 Administrative scoring matrices, which include Past Performance requirements for these Labor Categories.
Requirement matrix for LC 57	Demonstrate a working knowledge of 3 years in the last 10 of requirements management tools (identify which tools)".	For LC 57 in the requirements matrix, requirement 3 reads " Demonstrate a working knowledge of 3 years in the last 10 of requirements management tools (identify which tools)". Could the Purchaser specify if there is a preferable tools within the candidates experience?	See IFIB 23-01 Amendment 1 for updated LC 57 essential qualification and matrix criteria update.
Requirement matrix for LC 19	"Demonstrable recent (i.e. in the last 10 years) experience in development or exploitation of Enterprise or Capability level Architectures in support of defence procurement."	The same criteria is repeated for requirement no. 5 and requirement no. 6 in the matrix, with different sets of scoring. Could the Purchaser clarify further?	See IFIB 23-01 Amendment 1 for updated LC 19 matrix criteria 6 description and scoring update.
Requirement matrix for LC 61	"At least 3 years of experience in Business Continuity supporting a large international organisation"	There is discrepancy in the required years of experience for requirement no. 4 and the scoring scale for it. Please clarify the minimum years of experience in Business Continuity required for this LC?	See IFIB 23-01 Amendment 1 for updated LC 61 matrix criteria 4 description.
	N/A	Could the purchaser clarify whether the COVID vaccination certificate will be required since the CDC has lifted the travel ban for those traveling to the US without such a certificate?	The COVID vaccination certificate will not be required.
NA	NA	"What are the page limitations on individual resumes?"	There are no page limitations to the individual CV/Resumes submitted within the proposed technical volumes.
NA		In the matrix it states that any score of zero results in a non-compliant bid. Does this mean the candidate cannot be considered?	Unless otherwise stated in a specific criteria within a Labor Category Matrix, when a candidate's cumulative score equates to zero in a specific criteria, that candidate will be considered "Technically Non-Compliant" and will not be considered.
LC 62	Technical Scoring Matrix - Criteria 1: University Degree	Some of the requirements are that the candidate must hold a University Degree or equivalent academic qualification. Could it be added that a certain amount of years' experience could also act as an equivalent? For example LC62 I have a candidate who scores full marks on all points except Zero on the Degree as he went from the Armed Forces into employment and has 35 years' experience.	Unless otherwise stated in a specific criteria within a Labor Category Matrix, years of experience will not be accepted as an equivalent to the University Degree requirement.
LC 37	Performance Location	LC37 is a very niche requirement, could the client be flexible on the location of where the services are performed? I.e. out of another NATO site with some remote work? Travel could still be made to Mons.	LC 37 duty location is not flexible and is required to be in Mons Belgium .
IFIB Page 15-17	Page Numbering	The page numbering goes from page 14 to page 18. Please confirm there are no pages 15, 16, or 17.	See IFIB 23-01 Amendment 1 for Corrected page numbering

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IFIB Page 6	Bidding Instructions	In Paragraph 4.c. there is a reference to a Paragraph 23 "Authorization to Perform". There is no Paragraph 23 in the IFIB. Can you confirm if there should be additional paragraphs after paragraph 19?	See IFIB 23-01 Amendment 1 for Corrected bidding instructions.
IFIB Page 20/66	Price Volume and Annex B for LC 55	The LC 55 cost table indicates the Position title as "LABOR CATEGORY 55: CONTRACTOR SUPPORT TO ARTEMIS CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT" (pg 20), however the Labor Category Requirements Matrix title for LC 55 is "CONTRACTOR SUPPORT TO COUNTER-THREAT / FORCE PROTECTION / JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY PROJECTS / PROGRAMMES" (pg 66). Can you confirm this is the correct Matrix for the grading the respective position?	See IFIB 23-01 Amendment 1 for Corrected Price Table to reflect corrected LC Title to match Matrix
NA	Annex B	In each LC, there is a statement "Contractor's technical proposals will be assessed on the qualifications of the both the company and individuals proposed to perform the work". Can you elaborate and explain how the qualifications of the company are taken into account in the Technical proposal?	The offeror needs to demonstrate how the company is unequivocally meeting the criteria specified, i.e past performance. Technical compliance is determined by the proposed candidate's resume.
NA	Price Volume/Annex B	For Labor Categories 37 and 57. Is there a SOFA agreement for foreign nationals working in Belgium? Should LC 37 and 57 be awarded, would ACT consider these positions working on site in Norfolk for a short period of time during the Period of Performance while the awarded company satisfied the candidates immigration and security requirements needed to work in Belgium?	For both LC 37 and 57, the proposed candidate should anticipate to be selected to begin working on site at the location stated for the labor categories; (MONS, BELGIUM). Upon award, awarded companies will coordinate with SACT ACT NATO to ensure qualified selected candidate's immigration and security documents to work in Belgium are submitted.
LC 59	Annex B	For LC 59, would ACT accept Graduate level certifications supporting ACT and other international military organizations in lieu of a specific University or Military College degree?	Yes. See IFIB 23-01 Amendment 1 for updated LC 59 essential qualifications and matrix criteria to reflect clarification of education requirements.