

RFP:

**IFIB-ACT-SACT-23-01 Part E – Final – Capability Development Management Support (DCMS) for Programme Management Office (PMO)**

Reference:

Q & A #1

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The following questions were raised with respect to subject IFIB. Responses are to provide clarification.

Questions	Responses
<p>1. Bidding Instructions Section 1 / Enclosure 4</p> <p>Can the purchaser clarify between this article and enclosure 4, the bidding instructions state that bids will be awarded according to whole groups however enclosure 4 is not separated as such with fixed firm price totals for each of the groups?</p>	<p>1. Enclosure 4 has been updated to reflect the inclusive labour categories. Additional spacing, FFP totals for each group, and "ON-SITE" for all except LC66 added for further clarity. Please see Amendment #1 to Enclosure #4.</p>
<p>2. Enclosure 4</p> <p>Can the purchaser clarify the following statement "BIDDERS SHALL ONLY SUBMIT THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES REQUESTED WITHIN EACH LABOUR CATEGORY (I.E. IF THREE CANDIDATES ARE IDENTIFIED IN ONE LC, THEN THE COMPANY SHALL SUBMIT NO MORE THAN THREE CANDIDATES IN THAT LC)" this is unclear to the bidder.</p>	<p>2. Please see Amendment #1 to Enclosure #4. Changed wording to read "ONE CANDIDATE PER LINE PROVIDED. PARTIAL BIDDING IS ALLOWED BY WHOLE GROUPS ONLY (I.E. BIDDERS MAY BID ON EITHER ONE (1) GROUP, TWO (2) GROUPS, OR ALL THREE (3) GROUPS)." Please see Amendment #1 to Enclosure #4.</p>
<p>3. SOW Section 12, Labour Categories</p> <p>Can the purchaser confirm if the roles are new or their roles currently existing within ACT with incumbent contractors.</p>	<p>3. Roles are currently existing however the Labour Categories are new.</p>
<p>4. Bidding Instructions Section 17. Award</p> <p>It understood partial bidding within a group is not permitted, can the purchaser confirm that each complete group will be awarded to a single supplier.</p>	<p>4. Yes, each of the Groups (1, 2, and 3) will be awarded to a single supplier. Please see paragraph 17. Award on published Amendment #1.</p>

<p>5. SOW Section 12, Labour Categories, LC 68</p> <p>Total points for LC 68 add up to 95.</p>	<p>5. Changed Criteria 8 to equal 15 points. Published on Amendment #1.</p>
<p>6. SOW Section 12, Labour Categories, LC 71</p> <p>Total points for LC 71 add up to 110.</p>	<p>6. Changed Criteria 6 and 8 to equal 10 points. Published on Amendment #1.</p>
<p>7. Do I have to bid on all the labour categories (lines) within a group?</p>	<p>7. Yes, otherwise your bid will be considered non-compliant.</p>
<p>8. Is it within the purview of the Purchaser to entertain the possibility of reutilizing candidates previously presented for consideration in preceding phases, if qualifications are fully matched to newly introduced LCs?</p>	<p>8. The supplier is responsible for proposing candidates that are qualified per the labour categories identified within the subject solicitation. Of note, HQ SACT General Terms and Conditions paragraph #24 applies.</p>
<p>9. Would it be deemed permissible for the client to contemplate candidates who have previously exclusively been put forth as substitutes (and were not part of the official proposals) for the purpose of filling positions during the preceding phases, if qualifications are met?</p>	<p>9. The supplier is responsible for proposing candidates that are qualified per the labour categories identified within the subject solicitation. Of note, HQ SACT General Terms and Conditions paragraph #24 applies.</p>
<p>10. In light of the explicit exclusion of partial bidding for labour categories within the groups, may it be understood that, for Labour Category 66, the client will exclusively entertain proposals comprising four candidates for the specified labour category?</p>	<p>10. The bidder must bid all lines within group 1 (inclusive of the four candidates for LC 66). Group 1 has a total of ten candidates therefore the supplier must present 10 compliant candidates for consideration.</p>
<p>11. Shall the compliance score be determined separately for each group, or will the individual candidate's compliance serve as the primary selection criterion?</p>	<p>11. The compliance score will be determined separately for each group. Each candidate within the group will be evaluated and the scores will be compiled in a total score for the group. Award is based on all candidates within a group being compliant. Please see paragraph 17. Award on published Amendment #1.</p>
<p>12. Requirement matrix for LC 63 "P3O graduate or equivalent certificate"</p> <p>Regarding Labour Category 63, as articulated in requirement 8 within the matrix, the specification calls for a</p>	<p>12. A professional certification in Portfolio, Program Project Management or equivalent</p>

<p>'P3O graduate or equivalent certificate.' It has come to our attention that the P3O qualification confines the sourcing possibilities exclusively to the US and UK markets. Could you kindly elucidate which qualifications or certificates are deemed equivalent and acceptable for this requirement?</p>	
<p>13. In light of the complexity of the role requirements and the constraint of partial bidding, we kindly request an extension of the deadline by a period of two weeks.</p>	<p>13. HQ SACT cannot extend the bidding deadline.</p>
<p>14. Could you please provide clarification regarding the intended method of awarding the section, specifically whether there is a plan for a split award among multiple companies within one group? If such an arrangement is indeed under consideration, we kindly request information regarding the rationale and criteria of evaluation, i.e. is the Purchaser going to evaluate a group as a whole combining each individual's score resulting in total group score and evaluated against other bidders' group score or the Purchaser intends to award individual posts under a group to different bidders. If the second scenario is foreseen, could the Purchaser provide a rationale for partial bidding not being allowed within one group?</p>	<p>14. There will not be a split award within one group. Each groups will be awarded to a single company. A single company could be awarded more than one group. Please see paragraph 17. Award on published Amendment #1.</p>