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NOTIFICATION TO ALL BIDDERS

dtic 10/25-26: QUESTION & ANSWER

BID dtic 10/25-26: APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF NOT MORE THAN THREE SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CONDUCT FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS ON BEHALF OF “the dtic” AND ITS ENTITIES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN LINE WITH ToR.

1. Rationale and proportionality. Please confirm the basis on which a Master’s degree has been set as a minimum requirement for the Lead Partner, given that professional forensic standards (ICFP/ACFE) and extensive experience typically constitute the competency threshold for leading forensic investigations.

Response: The Masters’ degree has been set as a minimum for a Lead Partner based on the magnitude and the quality of the service that is required.

2. Equivalency of experience. Please confirm whether substantial forensic investigation experience, combined with senior professional certification (e.g., CFE, CFIP, ICFP membership), may be accepted as an equivalent to a Master’s qualification, particularly where the individual has 15–20+ years of specialised forensic practice.

Response: Equivalency of experience will not be considered under evaluation criteria 1.1. Only the qualifications as stated in the terms of reference (ToR) will be considered. The ToR makes provision for evaluation of experience under criteria 1.2 and is evaluated separately as both is deemed important to **the dtic**.

3. Impact on competitiveness. Please confirm whether the Department has assessed whether the Master’s requirement may unintentionally restrict competition,

particularly among small and emerging forensic practices whose senior partners may hold extensive forensic credentials but not postgraduate academic degrees.

Response: the dtic does not consider the requirement as being restrictive to competition as it is still possible for bidders to reach the cut-off score of 60% if the number of years' experience exceed the minimum set requirement stated under criteria 1.2 of the evaluation matrix and par.7.2.2 of the ToR.

4. Do you require all 6 proposed team members (including the 2 investigators) to now be CFE's or FP's? and to not just be registered with the professional bodies?

Response: All key staff members must either be CFEs or FPs registered with ACFE or ICFP.