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INVITATION TO TENDER
APPEL D'OFFRES

**Tender To: Public Works and Government Services
Canada**

We hereby offer to sell to Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein, referred to herein or attached hereto, the goods, services, and construction listed herein and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefor.

**Soumission aux: Travaux Publics et Services
Gouvernementaux Canada**

Nous offrons par la présente de vendre à Sa Majesté la Reine du chef du Canada, aux conditions énoncées ou incluses par référence dans la présente et aux annexes ci-jointes, les biens, services et construction énumérés ici et sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

Comments - Commentaires

Vendor/Firm Name and Address
**Raison sociale et adresse du
fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur**

Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution
Travaux publics et Services gouvernementaux Canada
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Title - Sujet Baie James - Ventilateurs	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EF997-132013/A	Date 2012-11-07
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client EF997-13-2013	GETS Ref. No. - N° de réf. de SEAG PW-\$MTC-250-12197
File No. - N° de dossier MTC-2-35207 (250)	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2012-11-29	
Time Zone Fuseau horaire Heure Normale du l'Est HNE	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Cyr, Nicolas	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur mtc250
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (514) 496-3389 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX (514) 496-3822
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction: Aéroport de Wemindji (QC) Aéroport de Eastmain (QC) Aéroport de Wasganish (QC)	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
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Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

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LAND CLAIM SET-ASIDE

This requirement is reserved for individuals defined as "Cree", as defined in chapter 3 of the JBNQA (paragraphs. 3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3). In respect to aboriginal Cree businesses, they must be located south of the 55th parallel or, for the Cree communities concerned, south of the 55.5th parallel, as described in chapter 5 of the JBNQA. Proponents must sign and complete the document entitled "Attestation for Program of Reserved Contracts for Aboriginal people".

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

IMPORTANT CHANGES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT, refer to the Special Instructions to Bidders SI01 paragraphs 3 also Appendice 1 for requirements related to the Code of Conduct for Procurement.

CLAUSES REFERRED TO BY NUMBER (I.E. R2890D) CAN BE FOUND AT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE

<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/5/R>

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (GI) - R2710T (2012-07-16)

The following GI's are included by reference and are available at the following Web Site

<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/5/R>

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (SI)

SI01 BID DOCUMENTS

1. The following are the bid documents:

- a. Invitation to Tender - Page 1;
- b. Special Instructions to Bidders;
- c. General Instructions to Bidders R2710T (2012-07-16); As amended by paragraph 3 below.
- d. Clauses & Conditions identified in "Contract Documents";
- e. Drawings and Specifications;
- f. Bid and Acceptance Form and related Appendice(s); and
- g. Any amendment issued prior to solicitation closing.

Submission of a bid constitutes acknowledgement that the Bidder has read and agrees to be bound by these documents.

2. General Instructions to Bidders is incorporated by reference and is set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) Manual, issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC). The SACC Manual is available on the PWGSC Web site:

<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>

3. Code of Conduct Certifications - Certifications Required Precedent to Contract Award

a. The text under Subsection 4 of GI01 - Code of Conduct and Certifications - Bid of R2710T referenced above is replaced by:

4. Bidders should provide, with their bid or promptly thereafter, a complete list of names of all individuals who are currently directors of the Bidder. If such a list has not been received by the time the evaluation of bids is completed, Canada will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to provide such a list within the required time frame will render the bid non-responsive. Bidders must always submit the list of directors before contract award.

Canada may, at any time, request that a Bidder provide properly completed and Signed Consent Forms (Consent to a Criminal Record Verification form - PWGSC-TPSGC 229) for any or all individuals named in the aforementioned list within a specified delay. Failure to provide such Consent Forms within the delay will result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

b. The text under Subsection 5 of GI01 - Code of Conduct and Certifications - Bid of R2710T referenced above is replaced by:

5. The Bidder must diligently maintain the list up-to-date by informing Canada in writing of any change occurring during the validity period of the bid, and must also provide Canada, when requested, with the corresponding Consent Forms. The Bidder will also be required to diligently maintain the list and when requested, provide Consent Forms during the period of any contract arising from this bid solicitation.

SI02 ENQUIRIES DURING THE SOLICITATION PERIOD

1. Enquiries regarding this bid must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer named on the Invitation to Tender - Page 1 as early as possible within the solicitation period. Except for the approval of alternative materials as described in G116 of R2710T "General Instructions to Bidders", enquiries should be received no later than five (5) calendar days prior to the date set for solicitation closing to allow sufficient time to provide a response. Enquiries received after that time may not result in an answer being provided.
2. To ensure consistency and quality of the information provided to Bidders, the Contracting Officer shall examine the content of the enquiry and shall decide whether or not to issue an amendment.
3. All enquiries and other communications related to this bid sent throughout the solicitation period are to be directed ONLY to the Contracting Officer named on the Invitation to Tender - Page 1. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

SI03 SITE VISIT

N/A

SI04 REVISION OF BID

A bid may be revised by letter or facsimile in accordance with G111 of R2710T "General Instructions to Bidders". The facsimile number for receipt of revisions is (514) 496-3822.

SI05 BID RESULTS

- 1) A public bid opening will be held in the office designated on the Front Page "Invitation to Tender" for the receipt of bids shortly after the time set for solicitation closing.
- 2) Following solicitation closing, bid results may be obtained by calling the bid receiving office at Telephone No. (514) 496-3388.

SI06 INSUFFICIENT FUNDING

In the event that the lowest compliant bid exceeds the amount of funding allocated for the Work, Canada in its sole discretion may

- a) cancel the solicitation; or
- b) obtain additional funding and award the Contract to the Bidder submitting the lowest compliant bid; and/or
- c) negotiate a reduction in the bid price and/or scope of work of not more than 15% with the Bidder submitting the lowest compliant bid. Should an agreement satisfactory to Canada not be reached, Canada shall exercise option (a) or (b).

SI07 BID VALIDITY PERIOD

1. Canada reserves the right to seek an extension to the bid validity period prescribed in BA04 of the Bid and Acceptance Form. Upon notification in writing from Canada, Bidders shall have the option to either accept or reject the proposed extension.
2. If the extension referred to in paragraph 1. of SI07 is accepted, in writing, by all those who submitted bids, then Canada shall continue immediately with the evaluation of the bids and its approvals processes.
3. If the extension referred to in paragraph 1. of SI07 is not accepted in writing by all those who submitted bids then Canada shall, at its sole discretion, either
 - a. continue to evaluate the bids of those who have accepted the proposed extension and seek the necessary approvals; or
 - b. cancel the invitation to tender.
4. The provisions expressed herein do not in any manner limit Canada's rights in law or under GI12 of R2710T "General Instructions to Bidders ".

SI08 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

The successful contractor will be provided with one paper copy of the sealed and signed drawings, the specifications and the amendments upon acceptance of the offer. Additional copies, up to a maximum of five (5), will be provided free of charge upon request by the contractor. Obtaining more copies shall be the responsibility of the contractor including costs.

SI09 TRANSMISSION OF THE BID BY FACSIMILE OR EMAIL

Bids transmitted by facsimile or email are not accepted.

SI10 WEB SITES

The connection to some of the Web sites in the solicitation documents is established by the use of hyperlinks. The following is a list of the addresses of the Web sites:

Treasury Board Appendix L, Acceptable Bonding Companies

<http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=14494§ion=text#appl>

Contracts Canada (Buy and Sell) <https://www.achatsetventes-buyandsell.gc.ca/eng/welcome>

Canadian economic sanctions <http://www.international.gc.ca/sanctions/index.aspx?lang=eng>

Contractor Performance Evaluation Report (Form PWGSC-TPSGC 2913)

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/forms/documents/2913.pdf>

Bid Bond (form PWGSC-TPSGC 504) <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/forms/documents/504.pdf>

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Performance Bond (form PWGSC-TPSGC 505)

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/forms/documents/505.pdf>

Labour and Material Payment Bond (form PWGWSC-TPSGC 506)

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/forms/documents/506.pdf>

Certificate of Insurance (form PWGSC-TPSGC 357)

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/forms/documents/357.pdf>

SACC Manual

<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>

Schedules of Wage Rates for Federal Construction Contracts

http://www.rhdcc-hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/labour/employment_standards/contracts/schedule/index.shtml

PWGSC, Industrial Security Services <Http://ssi-iss.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/index-eng.html>

PWGSC, Code of Conduct and Certifications

<Http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/cndt-cndct/index-eng.html>

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SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS (SC)

N/A

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS (CD)

1. The following are the contract documents:
 - a. Contract Page when signed by Canada;
 - b. Duly completed Bid and Acceptance Form and any Appendices attached thereto;
 - c. Drawings and Specifications;
 - d. General Conditions and clauses

GC1 General Provisions	R2810D	(2012-07-16);
<u>As amended</u> <u>by paragraph 5 below.</u>		
GC2 Administration of the Contract	R2820D	(2012-07-16);
GC3 Execution and Control of the Work	R2830D	(2010-01-11);
GC4 Protective Measures	R2840D	(2008-05-12);
GC5 Terms of Payment	R2850D	(2010-01-11);
GC6 Delays and Changes in the Work	R2860D	(2012-07-16);
GC7 Default, Suspension or Termination of Contract	R2870D	(2008-05-12);
GC8 Dispute Resolution	R2880D	(2012-07-16);
GC9 Contract Security	R2890D	(2012-07-16);
GC10 Insurance	R2900D	(2008-05-12);
Supplementary Conditions		
Insurance Terms	R2910D	(2008-12-12);
Fair Wages and Hours of Labour - Labour Conditions	R2940D	(2012-07-16);
Allowable Costs for Contract Changes Under GC6.4.1	R2950D	(2007-05-25);
 - e. Any amendment issued or any allowable bid revision received before the date and time set for solicitation closing;
 - f. Any amendment incorporated by mutual agreement between Canada and the Contractor before acceptance of the bid; and
 - g. Any amendment or variation of the contract documents that is made in accordance with the General Conditions.
2. The documents identified by title, number and date above are incorporated by reference and are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) Manual, issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC). The SACC Manual is available on the PWGSC Web site:
<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>
3. Schedules of Wage Rates for Federal Construction Contracts is included by reference and may be accessed from the Web site:
http://www.rhdcc-hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/labour/employment_standards/contracts/schedule/index.shtml.
4. The language of the contract documents is the language of the Bid and Acceptance Form submitted.

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5. General Condition GC1, General Provisions (R2810D) add subsection GC1.20 "Code of Conduct and Certifications - Contract" as follows.

GC1.20 Code of Conduct and Certifications - Contract

1. The Contractor agrees to comply with the Code of Conduct for Procurement and to be bound by its terms. In addition to complying with the Code of Conduct for Procurement, the Contractor must also comply with the terms set out in this section.
2. The Contractor further understands that, to ensure fairness, openness and transparency in the procurement process, the commission of certain acts or offences may result in a termination for default under the Contract. If the Contractor made a false declaration in its bid, makes a false declaration under the Contract, fails to diligently maintain up to date the information herein requested, or if the Contractor or any of the Contractor's parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliates fail to remain free and clear of any acts or convictions specified herein during the period of the Contract, such false declaration or failure to comply may result in a termination for default under the Contract. Canada may verify the information provided by the Contractor, including the information relating to the acts or convictions specified herein, through independent research, use of any government resources or by contacting third parties. The Contractor understands that a termination for default will not restrict Canada's right to exercise any other remedies that may be available against the Contractor and agrees to immediately return any advance payments.
3. For the purpose of this section, business concerns, organizations and individuals are Contractor's affiliates if:
 - a. directly or indirectly either one controls or has the power to control the other, or
 - b. a third party has the power to control both.

Indicia of control, include, but are not limited to, interlocking management or ownership, identity of interests among family members, shared facilities and equipment, common use of employees, or a business entity created following the acts or convictions specified in this section which has the same or similar management, ownership, or principal employees, as the case may be.
4. During the entire period of the Contract, the Contractor must diligently update, by written notice to the Contracting Authority, the list of names of all individuals who are directors of the Contractor whenever there is a change. As well, whenever requested by Canada, the Contractor must provide the corresponding Consent Forms.
5. The Contractor certifies being aware, and that its parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliates are aware, that Canada may verify the information provided by the Contractor, including the information relating to the acts or convictions specified herein through independent research, use of any government resources or by contacting third parties.
6. The Contractor certifies that neither the Contractor nor any of the Contractor's parent companies, subsidiaries or affiliates have directly or indirectly, paid or agreed to pay, and will not, directly or indirectly, pay a contingency fee to any individual for the solicitation, negotiation or obtaining of the Contract if the payment of the fee would require the individual to file a return under section 5 of the *Lobbying Act*.

7. The Contractor certifies that except for those offences where a criminal pardon or a record suspension has been obtained, capacities restored by the Governor in Council, or leniency granted as further described in subsection 8 herein, neither the Contractor nor any of the Contractor's parent companies, subsidiaries or affiliates has ever been convicted of an offence under any of the following provisions:

- a. section 45 (*Conspiracies, agreements or arrangements between competitors*), section 46 (*Foreign directives*), section 47 (*Bid rigging*), section 49 (*Agreements or arrangements of federal financial institutions*), section 52 (*False or misleading representation*), section 53 (*Deceptive notice of winning a prize*) under the Competition Act, or
- b. section 121 (*Frauds on the government and Contractor subscribing to election fund*), section 124 (*Selling or Purchasing Office*), section 380 (*Fraud*) for fraud committed against Her Majesty or section 418 (*Selling defective stores to Her Majesty*), section 462.31 (*Laundering proceeds of crime*) or sections 467.11 to 467.13 (*Participation in activities of criminal organization*) of the Criminal Code of Canada, or
- c. paragraph 80(1)(d) (*False entry, certificate or return*), subsection 80(2) (*Fraud against Her Majesty*) or section 154.01 (*Fraud against Her Majesty*) of the Financial Administration Act, or
- d. section 239 (*False or deceptive statements*) of the Income Tax Act, or
- e. section 327 (*False or deceptive statements*) of the Excise Tax Act, or
- f. section 3 (*Bribing a foreign public official*) of the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act, or
- g. section 5 (*Trafficking in substance*), section 6 (*Importing and exporting*), or section 7 (*Production of substance*) of the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act.

8. In circumstances where a criminal pardon or a record suspension has been obtained, capacities restored by the Governor in Council, or leniency granted pursuant to a formal program (similar to the Competition Bureau's Leniency Program) for offences other than sections 121, 124, 380 for fraud committed against Her Majesty and 418 of the Criminal Code of Canada or offences under the Financial Administration Act, the Contractor must provide a certified copy of confirming documentation from an official source.

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BID AND ACCEPTANCE FORM (BA)

BA01 IDENTIFICATION

**Exhauster Fans Installation
Airports of Waskaganish, Wemindji and Eastmain**

BA02 BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS OF BIDDER

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ PBN: _____

BA03 THE OFFER

The Bidder offers to Canada to perform and complete the Work for the above named project in accordance with the Bid Documents for the Total Bid Amount of

\$ _____ excluding GST/HST.
(amount in numbers)

BA04 BID VALIDITY PERIOD

The bid shall not be withdrawn for a period of **30 days** following the date of solicitation closing.

BA05 ACCEPTANCE AND CONTRACT

Upon acceptance of the Contractor's offer by Canada, a binding Contract shall be formed between Canada and the Contractor. The documents forming the Contract shall be the contract documents identified in Contract Documents (CD).

BA06 CONSTRUCTION TIME

The Contractor shall perform and complete the Work within [see section 01 32 16.07, item 1.4] weeks from the date of notification of acceptance of the offer.

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BA07 BID SECURITY

The Bidder is enclosing bid security with its bid in accordance with GI09 - Bid Security Requirements of R2710T - General Instructions to Bidders.

BA08 SIGNATURE

Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Bidder (Type or print)

Signature

Date

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***NOTE TO BIDDERS
WRITE DIRECTOR'S SURNAMES AND GIVEN NAMES IN BLOCK LETTERS***

<i>SURNAME</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SET-ASIDE / ABORIGINAL BUSINESS

1. This procurement is set aside for Cree* Aboriginal business under the federal government's Set-Aside Program for Aboriginal Business. Bidders must complete and sign the certification "Certification Requirements for the Set-Aside Program for Aboriginal Business" contained in Appendix "B", Requirements for the Set-Aside Program for Aboriginal Business, and this certification shall be submitted with the proposal. It is a precondition to the submission of a valid bid that this certification be accurately completed. Failure to complete and submit the Certification with the proposal shall render the proposal non-compliant.

2. By executing the certification, the Bidder represents and warrants that it is a Cree Aboriginal business as defined in the Set-Aside Program for Aboriginal Business.

3. The Bidder acknowledges that the Minister relies upon such representation and warranty to evaluate bids and shall rely upon such representation and warranty to enter into any contract resulting from this bid. Such representation and warranty of the certification may be verified in such manner as the Minister may reasonably require.

4. Should a verification by the Minister disclose a breach of such representation and warranty, the Minister shall have the right to disqualify the bid or to treat any contract resulting from this bid as being in default and render it subject to the remedies set out in the certification and General Conditions.

*As defined in the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement and Complementary Agreements, paragraphs 3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 of chapter 3 of the agreement

Entire Agreement

The Contract, including all Appendices, Annexes and all terms and conditions, including those incorporated by reference and the Requirements for the Set-Aside Program for Aboriginal Business and "Certification Requirements for the Set-Aside Program for Aboriginal Business" documents as completed and submitted by the Bidder, constitute the entire and sole agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of the Contract and supersedes all previous negotiations, communications and other agreements, whether written or oral, relating to it, unless they are incorporated by reference in the Contract. There are no terms, covenants, representations, statements of conditions binding on the parties other than those contained in the Contract.

APPENDIX A

The Set-Aside Program for Aboriginal Business

Factors that may be considered in determining whether Aboriginal persons have at least 51% ownership and control of an Aboriginal business include:

- Capital Stock and Equity Accounts, i.e., preferred stock, convertible securities, classes of common stock, warrants, options
- Dividend policy and payments
- Existence of Stock Options to employees
- Different treatment of Equity transactions for Corporations, Partnerships, Joint Ventures, Community organizations, Cooperatives, etc.
- Examination of Charter Documents, i.e., corporate charter, partnership agreement, financial structure
- Concentration of ownership or managerial control in partners, stockholders, officers trustees and directors based definition of duties
- Principal occupations and employer of the officers and directors to determine who they represent, i.e. banker, vested ownerships
- Minutes of directors meetings and stockholders meetings for significant decisions that affect operations and direction
- Executive and employee compensation records for indication of level of efforts associated with position
- Nature of the business in comparison with the type of contract being negotiated
- Cash management practices, i.e., payment of dividends - preferred dividends in arrears
- Tax returns to identify ownership and business history
- Goodwill contribution/contributed asset valuation to examine and ascertain the Fair Market value of non cash capital contributions
- Contracts with owners, officers and employees to be fair and reasonable
- Stockholder authority, i.e. appointments of officers, directors, auditors
- Trust agreements made between parties to influence ownership and control decisions
- Partnership - allocation and distribution of net income, i.e., provision for salaries, interest on capital and distribution share ratios
- Litigation proceedings over ownership
- Transfer pricing from non-Aboriginal joint venturer
- Payment of management or administrative fees
- Guarantees made by the Aboriginal business
- Collateral agreements

APPENDIX B
**CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
PROGRAM FOR ABORIGINAL* BUSINESS**

A bidder who submits, under this program, a bid or proposal in response to a solicitation must complete and submit this certification. Failure to submit this certification will result in the proposal's being found noncompliant.

1.
 - i) I, _____ (*Name of duly authorized representative of business*) hereby certify that _____ (*Name of business*) meets, and shall continue to meet throughout the duration of the contract, the requirements for this program as set out in the attached document entitled "Requirements for the SetAside Program for Aboriginal Business", which document I have read and understand.
 - ii) The aforementioned business agrees to ensure that any subcontractor it engages with respect to the contract shall, if required, satisfy the requirements set out in "Requirements for the SetAside Program for Aboriginal Business."
 - iii) The aforementioned business agrees to provide to Canada, immediately upon request, information to substantiate a subcontractor's compliance with this program.

PLEASE CHECK THE APPLICABLE BOXES IN 2 AND 3 BELOW

2.
 - i) The aforementioned business is an Aboriginal* business which is a sole proprietorship, band, limited company, cooperative, partnership or notforprofit organization, []

OR

- ii) The aforementioned business is a joint venture between two or more Aboriginal businesses or an Aboriginal business and a nonAbioriginal business. []

3. The Aboriginal business or businesses have:

- i) fewer than six fulltime employees []

OR

- ii) six or more fulltime employees []

4. The aforementioned business agrees to immediately furnish to Canada, such evidence as may be requested by Canada from time to time, corroborating this certification. Such evidence shall be open to audit during normal business hours by a representative of Canada, who may make copies and take extracts from the evidence. The aforementioned business agrees to provide all facilities for audits and to furnish information requested by Canada with respect to the certification.

5. It is understood that the civil consequences of making an untrue statement in the bid documents, or of not complying with the requirements of the Program or failing to produce satisfactory evidence to Canada regarding the requirements of the Program, may include: forfeiture of the bid deposit; retention of the holdback; disqualification of the business from participating in future contracts under the Program; and/or termination of the contract.

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In the event that the contract is terminated because of an untrue statement or noncompliance with the requirements of the Program, Canada may engage another contractor to complete the performance of the contract and any additional costs incurred by Canada shall, upon the request of Canada, be borne by the aforementioned business.

6. Date _____ Signature _____
Title (Duly authorized representative of business)
Place _____ Title _____
For

Name of Business

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GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR ABORIGINAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH FEDERAL PROCUREMENT

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SET-ASIDE PROGRAM FOR ABORIGINAL BUSINESS

Who is eligible?

An Aboriginal business, which can be: a band as defined by the Indian Act a sole proprietorship or a limited company a co-operative a partnership a not-for-profit organization in which Aboriginal persons have at least 51 percent ownership and control,

OR

A joint venture consisting of two or more Aboriginal businesses or an Aboriginal business and a non-Aboriginal business(es), provided that the Aboriginal business(es) has at least 51 percent ownership and control of the joint venture.

When an Aboriginal business has six or more full-time employees at the date of submitting the bid, at least thirty-three percent of them must be Aboriginal persons, and this ratio must be maintained throughout the duration of the contract.

The bidder must certify in its submitted bid that it is an Aboriginal business or a joint venture constituted as described above.

Are there any other requirements attached to bidders in the Set-Aside Program for Aboriginal Business?

Yes.

In respect of a contract, (goods, service or construction), on which a bidder is making a proposal which involves subcontracting, the bidder must certify in its bid that at least thirty-three percent of the value of the work performed under the contract will be performed by an Aboriginal business. *Value of the work performed* is considered to be the total value of the contract less any materials directly purchased by the contractor for the performance of the contract. Therefore, the bidder must notify and, where applicable, bind the subcontractor in writing with respect to the requirements that the Aboriginal Set-Aside Program (the Program) may impose on the subcontractor or subcontractors.

The bidder's contract with a subcontractor must also, where applicable, include a provision in which the subcontractor agrees to provide the bidder with information, substantiating its compliance with the Program, and authorize the bidder to have an audit performed by Canada to examine the subcontractor's records to verify the information provided. Failure by the bidder to exact or enforce such a provision will be deemed to be a breach of contract and subject to the civil consequences referred to in this document.

As part of its bid, the bidder must complete the *Certification of Requirements for the Set-Aside Program for Aboriginal Business* (certification) stating that it:

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- i) meets the requirements for the Program and will continue to do so throughout the duration of the contract;
 - ii) will, upon request, provide evidence that it meets the eligibility criteria;
 - iii) is willing to be audited regarding the certification; and
 - iv) acknowledges that if it is found NOT to meet the eligibility criteria, the bidder shall be subject to one or more of the civil consequences set out in the certification and the contract.

How must the business prove that it meets the requirements?

It is not necessary to provide evidence of eligibility at the time the bid is submitted. However, the business should have evidence of eligibility ready in case it is audited

The civil consequences of making an untrue statement in the bid documents, or of not complying with the requirements of the Program or failing to produce satisfactory evidence to Canada regarding the requirements of the Program, may include: forfeiture of the bid deposit; retention of the holdback; disqualification of the business from participating in future contracts under the program; and/or termination of the contract. In the event that the contract is terminated because of an untrue statement or non-compliance with the requirements of the Program, Canada may engage another contractor to complete the performance of the contract and any additional costs incurred by Canada shall, upon the request of Canada, be borne by the business.

What evidence may be required from the business?

Ownership and control

Evidence of ownership and control of an Aboriginal business or joint venture may include incorporation documents, shareholders' or members' register; partnership agreements; joint venture agreements; business name registration; banking arrangements; governance documents; minutes of meetings of Board of Directors and Management Committees; or other legal documents.

Ownership of an Aboriginal business refers to "beneficial ownership" i.e. who is the real owner of the business. Canada may consider a variety of factors to satisfy whether Aboriginal persons have true and effective control of an Aboriginal business. (See Appendix A for a list of the factors which may be considered by Canada.)

Employment and employees

Where an Aboriginal business has six or more full-time employees at the date of submitting the certification and is required by Canada to substantiate that at least thirty-three percent of the full-time employees are Aboriginal, the business must, upon request by Canada, immediately provide a completed *Owner/Employee Certification* form for each full-time employee who is Aboriginal.

Evidence as to whether an employee is or is not full-time and evidence as to the number of full-time employees may include payroll records, written offers for employment, and remittance and payroll information maintained for Revenue Canada purposes as well as information related to pension and other benefit plans.

A full-time employee, for the purpose of this program, is one who is on the payroll, is entitled to all benefits that other full-time employees of the business receive, such as pension plan, vacation pay and sick leave allowance, and works at least 30 hours a week. It is the number of full-time employees on the payroll of the business at the date of bid submission that determines the ratio of Aboriginal to total employees of the business for the purpose of establishing eligibility under the Program.

Owners who are Aboriginal and full-time employees who are Aboriginal must be ready to provide evidence in support of such status. The *Owner/Employee Certification* to be completed by each owner and full-time employee who is Aboriginal shall state that the person meets the eligibility criteria and that the information supplied is true and complete. This certification shall provide the person's consent to the verification of the information submitted.

Subcontracts

Evidence of the proportion of work done by subcontractors may include contracts between the contractor and subcontractors, invoices, and paid cheques.

Evidence that a subcontractor is an Aboriginal business (where this is required to meet the minimum Aboriginal content of the contract) is the same as evidence that a prime contractor is an Aboriginal business.

WHO IS AN ABORIGINAL PERSON FOR PURPOSES OF THE SET-ASIDE PROGRAM FOR ABORIGINAL BUSINESS?

An Aboriginal person is an Indian, Metis or Inuit who is ordinarily resident in Canada.

Evidence of being an Aboriginal person will consist of such proof as:

Indian registration in Canada

membership in an affiliate of the Metis National Council or the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, or other recognized Aboriginal organizations in Canada

acceptance as an Aboriginal person by an established Aboriginal community in Canada

enrolment or entitlement to be enrolled pursuant to a comprehensive land claim agreement, or

membership or entitlement to membership in a group with an accepted comprehensive claim

Evidence of being resident in Canada includes a provincial or territorial driver's licence, a lease or other appropriate document.

For further information on the Set-Aside Program for Aboriginal Business, contact the Access to Federal Procurement Directorate in the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development at (819)997-8383 or (819) 997-8746 or fax (819) 994-0445.

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OWNER/EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION FORM

SET-ASIDE PROGRAM FOR ABORIGINAL BUSINESS

1. I, _____, am
Name

owner and/or full-time employee of _____,

Name of business

and an Aboriginal person, as described in the document "Requirements for the Set-Aside Program for Aboriginal Business".

2. I certify that the above statement is true and consent to its verification upon the request of Canada.

Date

Signature of owner and/or employee

Place

End of the solicitation document.