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Revision to a Request for a Standing Offer

Révision à une demande d'offre à commandes

National Master Standing Offer (NMSO)

Offre à commandes principale et nationale (OCPN)

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Offer remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'offre demeurent les mêmes.

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For the Minister - Pour le Ministre		

Amendment 002 is issued to insert Attachment 3 - Questions and Answers

1) At Table of Contents, List of Attachments:

Insert: Attachment 3 Questions and Answers

2) At Part 3 - Section II: Financial Offer, delete in its entirety and replace with :

Offerors must submit their financial offer in accordance with Part 4 - Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection, 1.3 Financial Evaluation.

3) At Part 4 - Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection, 1.4 Certifications remove Financial Capability as specified at Part 2, 1.1.

4) At Part 2 - Offeror Instructions, Section 1, Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions, Paragraph 5, Subsection 5.4 of 2006 Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements.

Delete: Ninety (120) Days

Insert: One Hundred and Twenty (120) Days.

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Attachment 3

Questions and Answers

Q1 Would it be possible for the Crown to provide the Table of Technical Requirements in Excel format for vendors to submit their responses ?

A1 No. This is not available.

Q2 At Page 11 (also Annex A: Definitions): Witnessing System Operation – Please provide more information on the” Witnessing System Operation” portion of the evaluation. For example, Annex A, in the definition of Witnessing System Operation, it states “Witnessing System Operation”: that the technical requirements identified in the table found at Annex A will be witnessed by an RCMP representative to verify their performance at a location identified by the Offeror”.

a. Does this mean the Offeror selects the location of their choice rather than it being stipulated by the RCMP?

AQ2a) Yes

b. If so can this be at a location outside Canada such as the offeror's facility?

AQ2b) Yes

c. If so, who is responsible for the travel and related costs incurred by the RCMP?

AQ2c) The RCMP

d. Annex A, 1.b.4 and 3.c.: are the wired/wireless, basic, and enhanced evaluations all to be demonstrated at the Offeror's location as well?

AQ2d) Yes

e. Again, referring to Annex A rather than the Laboratory Testing described elsewhere where the Offeror is given three days to provide samples, how much time from receiving a request for a "Witness Systems Operation" demonstration would the Offeror have to provide this?

AQ2e) One Calendar Week minimum

Q3. At Page 13, Pricing Table, g) and Annex A, 35. a. 7.: Wireless Microphone – Is the intent of this description to mean only the wireless transmitter or also all the other components customarily provided with a wireless transmitter? Respectfully request removing Wireless Microphone and adding the following as separate Items in the Pricing Table, Additional Parts and Annex A, 35. a. 7.:

- Wireless Transmitter
- Wireless Transmitter Lapel Microphone.
- Wireless Transmitter Holster/Pouch
- Wireless Transmitter AC Desktop Charger with Power Cord

A3. The intent of the description is to mean all the necessary components required for a "Wireless Microphone" to operate and be maintained operational. To this end, it may be necessary to have a combination of a wireless transmitter and wireless transmitter lapel microphone if both are required for the wireless audio transmission. As required, it may be necessary to include a wireless transmitter holster/pouch and a wireless transmitter AC desktop charger with power cord. All the required components have to be provided with the basic configuration and the enhanced configuration. The Offerer must also individually list all the components at page 13, item g) in the Pricing Table along with the applicable price.

Q4. At Page 13, Pricing Table, n): ICDVS Radar Interface Cables – When connecting from one manufacturer’s video system to a different manufacturer’s radar system there is often an interface cable required from each manufacturer which connect together. Please confirm that the Offeror must only provide the ICDVS manufacturer’s cable pricing in this section.

A4. The Offeror must provide the pricing for all the necessary interface cables including the ICDVS manufacturer's cables and the different manufacturer's radar cables.

Q5. At Page 23, 3.2: Extension of Standing Offer - How much time prior to the expiry date of the then current Standing Offer will the Offeror be notified of an extension?

A5. As detailed at Page 23, 3.2 Extension of Standing Offer - notification can happen up and until expiry.

Q6. At Page 25, 9.: Financial Limitation – Please advise when the Standing Offer Authority will provide the not-to-exceed sum of this section?

A6. The financial Limitation will be provided once the Standing Offer is awarded.

Q7. At Page 29, 7. a: Warranty Terms – Please clarify what constitutes acceptance by the RCMP and how the Offeror will be notified of same.

A7. Acceptance by the RCMP is upon the reception of the delivery of the materiel which is confirmed by the proof of delivery.

Q8. At Page 29, 7. e: Warranty Terms – This sentence appears to be missing language, please clarify.

A8. Page 29, 7. e: Warranty Terms: should read: "No additional charges for time, materiel, or other related costs such as transportation from the Offeror's maintenance facility where warranty service is required, must be made during the warranty period".

Q9. At Page 30, 7.: Warranty Terms – Would the RCMP/Standing Offer Authority be interested in extended warranty pricing for Years 4 and 5, and if so, where should the Offeror provide this optional pricing without negatively affecting the Total Bid Price.

A9. The RCMP/Standing Offer Authority is not interested in extended warranty pricing.

Q10. At Annex A, Page 1, 4.: “The hardware and software required for active and archival storage is not within the scope of this standing offer.” For the Wire/Wireless ICDVS equipment

to be functional, as well as for witnessing and lab testing, additional equipment (e.g. wireless antennae and access points on the building(s) where DME will be downloaded) and software for ingesting the DME are required. This hardware and software is customarily provided as part of the “active and archival storage hardware and software” or back office system. Throughout the Request for Standing offer and Annex A there are mandatory and rated requirements that describe “active and archival storage server”, “video management software”, and “wire/wireless network” that are all components of a complete back office system. These include, but may not be limited to:

- Annex A, 1. c.
- Annex A, 1. c. 2)
- Annex A, 3. c. 1)
- Annex A, 3. c. 3)
- Annex A, 22. e.
- Annex A, 22. f.
- Annex A, 25. 1.
- Annex A, 28. b.
- Annex A, 30. a.
- Annex A, 30. b.
- Annex A, 30. c.

Please provide clarification on the RCMP's implementation and use of the Wireless Configuration, wire/wireless network, video management software, and the active and archival storage hardware and software.

A10. The RCMP is looking for an ICDVS that has the wireless export and the active/archival capabilities. Only the necessary video management and active/archival software are part of this tender.

Q11. At Annex A, Functional Requirements, 1. a. 7: To avoid confusion, request following change: The ICDVS must be capable of simultaneously recording a minimum of three video streams and a minimum of two audio streams.

A11. Annex A, Functional Requirements, 1. a. 7, first sentence should read: "The ICDVS must be capable of simultaneously recording a minimum of three video streams and a minimum of two audio streams.

Q12. At Annex A, Functional Requirements, 21. a. 8 – 11: Camera controls – To provide more intuitive camera controls for the operator and minimize the number of buttons on the Controller, our proposed system (as well as other manufacturers) has the camera controls on the front-facing camera itself. Request that the following language be added to this specification inclusive of items 8 – 11: The following camera control buttons may be located on the rear of the front-facing camera.

A12. Annex A, Functional Requirements, 21. a. 8 - 11 specifies that the camera controls must be made "as a minimum" by the controller. It is acceptable that the control of the camera can be made from either the camera or the controller as long as the controller can do it.

Q13. At Annex A, Functional Requirements, 21. a. 13 – 14: Request that these two items be moved to 21.b. as they are indicators rather than buttons.

A13. The items 13 and 14 of Annex A, Functional Requirements, 21.a. will be moved to Annex A, Functional Requirements, 21.b and identified as new items 10 and 11 respectively.

Q14. At Annex A, Functional Requirements, 22. c. – b.: As described in the introduction to Annex A, "The police vehicles are consistently shrinking in size while their drivers are becoming busier with equipment with increased complexity and comprising a multitude of components". Requiring information captured in the metadata to be to be displayed separately and not superimposed onto the recording during playback increases the complexity of playback for the operator and necessitates a larger monitor so the operator can see the data. To assist the RCMP in its goal to minimize equipment size and complexity we request changing these requirements to:

c. The ICDVS in-vehicle equipment must have the capability to display during playback the date/time of DME creation. This may be either captured in the metadata separately or superimposed onto the recording.

A14 (a) - The time/date is to be captured as metadata and displayed as overlay to video images during playback and not imbedded in the video images.

d. (Rated) The ICDVS in-vehicle equipment should either have the capability to selectively display during playback such items captured in the metadata separately or superimpose data onto the recording such as the operator or vehicle identification information, emergency light indication, siren indication, brake indication, crash indication, system status indicators (video recording on/off, microphone(s) on/off), target and patrol speeds from RCMP radar systems.

Also please make corresponding change to Attachment 1 - Point Rated Technical Evaluation Criteria And Scoring Grid.

A14 (b)- See answer above. The items captured in the metadata such as the operator or vehicle identification information, emergency light indication, siren indication, brake indication, crash indication, system status indicators (video recording on/off, microphone(s) on/off), target and patrol speeds from RCMP radar systems, are to be displayed as overlay to video images during playback and not imbedded in the video images.

Q15. At Annex A, Functional Requirements, 22. e. – g.: As described in Annex A, Functional Requirements, 29. b., the RCMP desires to use Windows Media Player for post processing of the DME, without the need for proprietary codecs, players, or viewers available from only the system manufacturer. Windows Media Player does not have the technology or methodology to extract metadata from DME or Audit Log, therefore superimposed information from the metadata is the only method for displaying this information during playback. We request changing these requirements to:

e. The ICDVS video management software must have the capability to display during playback the date/time of DME creation. This may be either captured in the metadata separately or superimposed onto the recording.

A15a) Annex A, Functional Requirements, 22. e-f. and Annex A, Functional Requirements, 29.b are intended to address two separate needs. Annex A, Functional Requirements, 22. e-f specify that the video management software is to display metadata as overlay to video images during playback and not imbedded in the video images the same way as with the "in-vehicle equipment" (see answer to question 17 above). Annex A, Functional Requirements, 29.b specify the capability to use Windows Media Player compatible format. (See answer to question 18)

f. (Rated) The ICDVS video management software should either have the capability to selectively display during playback such items captured in the metadata separately or superimpose data onto the recording such as the operator or vehicle identification information, emergency light indication, siren indication, brake indication, crash indication, system status indicators (video recording on/off, microphone(s) on/off), target and patrol speeds from RCMP radar systems. Data captured in the Audit Log should be viewable in a non-proprietary text reader such as Windows WordPad or Notepad. Also please make corresponding change to Attachment 1 - Point Rated Technical Evaluation Criteria And Scoring Grid.

A15b) See answer A15a concerning play-back and the answer A18 concerning the accessibility of metadata.

g. DELETE

A15c) Item G is maintained. See answer above.

Q16. At Annex A, Functional Requirements, 28. b.: Because the active and archival storage is not within the scope of this standing offer, please clarify the case management mandatory requirement.

A16. See answer to question 10.

Q17. At Annex A, Functional Requirements, 29. a.: To provide metadata in an accessible format it is typically provided in a different format (e.g. text) from the video and audio file. Request that the requirement be changed to: The ICDVS must provide the original DME files. The DME files must include all metadata in an accessible format.

A17. Annex A, Functional Requirements, 29.a will read: "The ICDVS must provide the original DME files. The DME files must include all metadata in an accessible format"

Q18. At Annex A, Functional Requirements, 29. b.: Please see Question 16 above. Windows Media Player does not have the technology or methodology to extract metadata from DME or Audit Log. Request that the converted DME file, compatible with Windows Media Player, consist of the video and audio file and any superimposed data, and that any additional data captured in a separate metadata file or Audit Log be viewable in a non-proprietary text reader such as Windows WordPad or Notepad.

A18. Annex A, Functional Requirements, 29. b intends to specify that the ICDVS is to be capable of exporting the DME files in a Windows Media Player compatible format in addition to requirements of: Annex A, Functional Requirements, 22. e-f. (see answers to question 15). For better clarity, the following will be added to Annex A, Functional Requirements, 29.b: "If the DME file is converted to be compatible with Windows Media Player, the DME file is to consist of the video and audio file and superimposed data, if any. All additional data from the converted DME file captured in a separate metadata file or Audit Log is to be viewable in a non-proprietary text reader such as Windows WordPad or Notepad".

Q19. At Annex A, Functional Requirements, 36. a.: Manufacturer registration under ISO 9001:2000 or ISO 9001:2008 program. In today's international electronic component manufacturing environment, it is not feasible to ensure that each component and assembly facility are registered under the ISO 9001:2000 or ISO 9001:2008 program. Therefore we request that this specification be changed to: The technical offer should provide information on any applicable ISO 9001:2000 or 9001:2008 program registration as it relates to the critical assemblies of the specific ICDVS being offered.

A19. To simplify the procurement process Annex A, Functional Requirements, 36. A will be removed.

Q20. Service Support. As the introduction to Annex A describes, "The ICDVS will be required progressively in various RCMP vehicles and deployed across Canada." It is important that the Offeror have and maintain an authorized and well trained service support structure for warranty and non-warranty issues. We request that the RCMP include a Service Support section to both the mandatory and rated requirements with a number of points consistent with the importance of this component. For example: The Offeror must provide documentation from the manufacturer with their offer that they have an authorized service center within Canada capable of performing warranty repair and services for defective ICDVS systems and components. A rated requirement may award points based on a sliding scale for the number of service centers in Canada.

A20. No changes to the mandatory requirement or point rated requirements will be made. The service support required by the RCMP is described in the RFSO.

Q21. Due to the complexity of this standing offer, and to provide the Standing Offer Authority/RCMP time to respond to the above questions, in particular as they relate to the Wireless Configuration hardware and software and Service Support, we respectfully request that the closing date be extended 30 days to February 20, 2013

A21. The closing date has been extended to 02:00pm EST 2013-01-28

Q22. Would it be possible to get an Excel version of the Annex A ?

A22. See response to Q1.

Q23. We respectfully request a 30-day extension to the above mentioned bid deadline.

A23. See response to Q21.

Q24. At Annex A, Chapter 19.b (page 14) states the wireless microphone must be equipped with a clip or other device to allow the microphone to be placed anywhere on the officer's uniform. Would it be acceptable to provide a wireless microphone that has no clip but comes with a duty gear style pouch that has a clip and designed to be worn on the officer's uniform or duty belt?

A24. Yes

Q25. At Part 1.3 Financial Evaluation - "The bidder must complete the following table by inserting the price of each item listed, as defined below. c) 'Rear-facing camera mount', d) 'Rear-facing camera wiring and cabling' e) 'Back-Seat Camera' "

The ICDVS system is described in Annex A - I Introduction . Page 1 Number 2 mentions that the ICDVS consists of a recording device linked to two cameras and two microphones.

In the Functional requirements, Item 1 a. The ICDVS basic configuration must consist of one front-facing camera, one back-seat camera.

Item 1.a.7 – The ICDVS must be capable of recording a minimum of three video streams and a minimum of two audio streams. The front and rear facing camera video streams are to be associated with the audio streams from the wireless microphones and the related metadata. The back-seat camera video stream is to be associated with the audio stream from the wired microphone and related metadata.

Annex B – Basis of Payment - With the 'Basic Configuration' and 'Enhanced Configuration' only requesting a front facing camera and back seat camera,

- a) Would the Crown clarify the number of cameras required and their purpose?
- b) Can the Crown clarify what the rear-facing camera is as it relates to the overall solution?

A25. - Front-facing camera, back-seat camera and rear facing camera are defined in Section III of Annex A.

- Front-facing camera and rear facing camera must have the same technical characteristics and be interchangeable.

- In its basic configuration, the ICDVS must be capable of operating a front-facing camera, a back-seat camera and a rear-facing camera but the actual implementation may not include the rear-facing camera (recording device linked to two cameras and two microphones; the front and rear facing camera video streams are to be associated with the audio streams from the wireless microphones and the related metadata; the back-seat camera video stream is to be associated with the audio stream from the wired microphone and related metadata)

- The requirement of PART 4, Section 1.3 FINANCIAL EVALUATION.1 for listing individual components is for the RCMP to replace an existing component or add one for upgrading given system(s) (i.e. rear-facing camera, camera mount, wiring; wireless...)

Q26. Wireless Which includes: A configuration in order to provide for the wired/wireless export of video recording including all the necessary hardware, software, transmitter, receiver, antenna, cabling and wiring, user guide, installation manual and diagnostic tools, if any.

Should the wireless configuration price include the entire configuration pricing with the wireless puck component or as a standalone wireless puck antenna solution?

A26. The wireless configuration price is to include the entire configuration pricing with the wireless puck component as it is intended as an upgrade to the basic configuration or the enhanced configuration individually purchased at the same time as the basic/enhanced configurations or at a later date.

Q27. At Part 3 - Offer Preparations Instructions - 1. 2) use an environmentally-preferable format including black and white printing instead of colour printing, printing double sided/duplex, using staples or clips instead of cerlox, duotangs or binders

Due to the amount of information we intend to provide, will the Crown accept offers prepared in binders?

A27. Yes, the Crown will accept offers prepared in binders. The RFSO indicates that the Crown encourages Offerors to use an environmentally-preferable format, but it is not a mandatory.

Q28. At Part 7 - Standing Offer and Resulting Contract Clauses, B. Resulting Contract Clauses, 6. Insurance - SACC Manual clause G1005C (2008-05-12) Insurance.

What are the required liability amounts? Would both the Offeror and Manufacturer require insurance coverage?

A28. The text of the clause reads : The Contractor is responsible for deciding if insurance coverage is necessary to fulfill its obligation under the Contract and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any insurance acquired or maintained by the Contractor is at its own expense and for its own benefit and protection. It does not release the Contractor from or reduce its liability under the Contract.

Q29. Will there be another round of questions prior to the submission deadline?

A29. As indicated in Part 2 - Offeror Instructions, article 3. Enquiries - Request for Standing Offers - all enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Standing Offer Authority no later than ten (10) calendar days before the Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Q30. At Part 4 – Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection, 1.3 Financial Evaluation - "The bidder must complete the following table by inserting the price of each item listed, as defined below."

With the 'Basic Configuration' and 'Enhanced Configuration' including a front facing camera and rear seat camera, would the Crown consider revising item 'Additional Parts' 1.3a description to rear facing camera rather than front facing/rear facing camera?

A30. No. See answer A25.

Q31. At Annex A, Section 14 - The ICDVS front-facing and rear-facing cameras must be small in size and capture colour images under most street/highway lighting conditions.

a) With the 'Basic Configuration' and 'Enhanced Configuration' only requesting a front facing camera and rear seat camera, section 14 & 15a outlines a 'must' for a rear facing camera to be provided with the same capabilities as a front facing camera. Would the crown consider separating the rear facing camera specifications from the front camera facing specifications since most rear facing cameras do not have the capabilities offered by a front facing camera?

b) Would the Crown consider removing as a 'must' the requirement for manual focus capability on the rear facing camera as outlined section 14e?

c) Would the Crown consider removing as a 'must' the requirement for the minimum 10x optical zoom lens and 4x digital zoom capability on the rear facing camera as outlined section 14g?

A31. No to all. See answer A25.

Q32. At Annex A, Section 15a – "The ICDVS front-facing and rear-facing cameras must provide a minimum field of view of at least 40 degrees with all optional zoom settings at the full wide angle view"

Would the Crown consider removing as a 'must' the requirement for the optical zoom settings on the rear facing camera as outlined within section 15a.?

A32. No. See answer A25.

Q33. At Annex A, Is there a question #26 in Annex A or is this a typing error in the document?

A33. A numbering error has been made. The numbering will remain as is to avoid confusion. There is no additional requirement to those already listed in Annex A.

Q34. At Annex A, Section 28a5 - "File names must comprise the serial number of the unit and the date and time of the recording."

Would the Crown consider removing this requirement as a 'must' if the serial number can be contained within the video's metadata and date within the directory structure allowing the time to fulfill the file name?

A34. Requirement 28.a.5 of Annex A will be removed.

Q35. At Annex A, Section 28a6 - "Metadata must comprise unit serial number, date and time, and must be displayed on the screen in a legible but unobtrusive manner or in a operator defined position".

Would the Crown consider remove or removing the 'must' element of the serial number being displayed on the screen or replaced with vehicle id or unit, due to the serial number contained with the metadata?

A35. Requirement 28.a.6 of Annex A will be removed.

Q36. Is it necessary to provide support documents such as manufacturer's manuals, specification sheets, etc as reference material to the detailed response we will be providing within the matrix;

A36. Yes

Q37. The Matrix converted to "WORD" format will not allow the boxes to stretch when providing details in support of the "yes" responses (Manufacturers documentation, Location column). Would it be acceptable to provide the detailed responses on a separate sheet with corresponding numbers to those in the matrix?

A.37. Yes

Q38. Certification Question - RFSO Section: 1.4 Certifications: Financial Capability as specified at Part 2, 1.1

The Financial Capability section states, "Standing Offer Authority may, by written notice to the Offeror, require the submission of some or all of the financial information detailed below during the evaluation of offers." (RFSO Page 20)

This statement makes it hard to determine what, if anything needs to be submitted in order to meet this Certification requirement. What financial information do offerors need to include in the Certifications section of the response (Section III: Certifications) in order to be compliant with the RFSO requirement?

A38. Part 4- Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection, 1.4 Certifications has been amended to remove Financial Capability as specified at Part 2, 1.1.

Q39. ANNEX A QUESTIONS:

Q39a) Requirement 13. a. (Page 12)

Regarding UL Certification, it appears that UL testing is not required for 12V DC equipment installed inside a vehicle. With that being the case, can this requirement be removed from the RFSO?

A39a) The certification requirement does not imply that a UL certification is required. The requirement asks for a certification or an approval for use in accordance with the Canadian Electrical Code Part 1. This requirement is maintained.

Q39b) Requirement 14. g. (Page 13)

Regarding camera zoom capability, will the RCMP consider systems with alternate optical zoom levels that exceed the stated 10X zoom without digital zoom? If the camera being supplied is a High Definition camera, extended digital zoom is not as important due to the increased image quality.

A39b) The requirements Annex A 14.g is intended to mean: "the minimum zoom performance of the ICDVS front-facing and rear-facing cameras must be equivalent to 10X optical zoom lens and 4X digital zoom".

Q39c) Requirement 28. a. 5) (Page 17)

Regarding file names comprising unit serial number, would an alternate identifier that is unique to each unit be satisfactory?

A39c) See answer A34

Q39d) Requirement 28. a. 6) (Page 17)

Regarding unit serial number listed in the metadata that is displayed on the screen along with date and time, would it be satisfactory for the serial number to be available within the system's menu rather than displayed on the live video screen? Additionally, to help understand this requirement we would like to know the benefit or intent behind displaying the unit serial number on the video screen at all times with the other metadata commonly displayed like date/time, officer name, department name, GPS coordinates, etc.

A39d) See answer A35

Q39e) Requirement 30. b. 3. (Page 18)

Regarding wireless network security standard WPA2 AES 256 bit Encryption, will the RCMP consider allowing WPA2 AES 128 bit Encryption, which we have found to be standard and acceptable in our industry? 256 bit Encryption can add unnecessary cost to the very secure encryption of WPA2 AES 128 bit.

A39e) The requirement for WPA2 AES 256 bit Encryption is the minimum required.

Q39f) Requirement 36. a. (Page 20)

Regarding ISO 9000, since the RCMP has never required this certification before (not required for the 2005 VHS RFSO or 2006 DVD-RAM RFSO and not on the RFI released in July 2012) would the RCMP consider removing this requirement from this RFSO?

A39f) See answer A19

Q40. In Part 2 - Offeror Instructions, Section 1, Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions, Paragraph 5, Subsection 5.4 of 2006 Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, is amended as follows: Delete: Sixty (60) Days
Insert: Ninety (120) Days Please Clarify if the above stated amendment is 90 or 120 days.

A40. 120 Days

Q41. Given that this solicitation is for a national requirement and HST rates vary across the country, How does PWGSC require vendors to show the total amount of GST or HST in Annex B - Basis of Payment?

A41. See answer A1.

Q42. For Section II: Financial Bid, please clarify if bidders are to complete the Table in Part 4 Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection, Section 1.3 Financial Evaluation: "Bidder must complete the following table" (page 12) , as well as Annex B, Basis of Payment (page 37).

A42. Section II: Financial Offer has been amended to address this question. See above.

Q43. In Annex A - In-Car Digital Video System (ICDVS) Functional and Technical Specifications, item 5a states that "the ICDVS in-vehicle removable solid-state storage media device must be a commercially-available product of a non-proprietary format".

Given the complexity of properly capturing and preserving the integrity of the video evidence, it is a reasonable expectation that the commercially-available solid-state storage media device in question would require some type of proprietary formatting or directory structuring prior to being used for media storage and transfer purposes. This proprietary formatting would negate the advantage of a commercially available product of a non-proprietary format.

If the commercially-available solid-state storage media device system allows transfer of data to raw memory media, it introduces the risk of improper use or duplication of the video evidence, as well as accidental or intentional loss of the transfer media.

Many public safety agencies prefer the mix of cost-effectiveness and security of a standard technology in a customized enclosure or format. This approach ensures system acceptance of only agency-approved media and eliminates the risk of illicit media replacement. Given that the integrity and security of sensitive data is paramount in this application, we believe it would be beneficial to the RCMP to allow the more rigorous solution of a standard integrated solid-state drive with a customized protective enclosure designed specifically for this application.

Therefore, we request that item 5a be amended to include the option of a removable storage device in a proprietary enclosure. Alternatively, we request that this requirement be changed from a mandatory to a rated requirement.

A43. No changes to the mandatory requirement or point rated requirements will be made. The ICDVS in-vehicle removable solid-state storage media requirement remains as stated in Annex A Functional Requirements 5a.

Q44. In consideration that this solicitation was released just prior to the holiday season and to provide the Crown with the most complete response possible, we request an extension of two weeks to February 4, 2013 for final submission of responses for this Request for Standing Offer.

A44. Training pricing is to specify the cost per session not including travelling and accommodations which would be paid in accordance with Treasury Board rates applicable at the time of call up. The number of sessions and locations are to be determined by field personnel.

Q45. Annex A, Functional Requirements, 34. d.: Individual training packages must be provided at locations identified by the RCMP at call up. In order to provide accurate pricing for Install/Maintenance Training, we request that the Standing Offer Authority/RCMP specify the locations and total number of training sessions to be provided per year of the Standing Offer.

A45. See answer A44

Q46. At Part 4 - Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection, 1.3 Financial Evaluation - The bidder must complete the following table by inserting the price of each item listed, as defined below.

With the 'Basic Configuration' and 'Enhanced Configuration' could the Crown clarify that the components outlined under the 'Additional Parts' are related to pricing for which components are required to make up the 'Basic Configuration' and 'Enhanced Configuration' if not already encompassed. Or is the Crown requesting break down pricing of parts within the Basic Configuration' and 'Enhanced Configuration'?

A46. See answer A25. The break down pricing is to include individually the basic configuration, the enhanced configuration and the wireless configuration as well as individual additional spare parts listed.

Q47. At Part 4 - Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection , 1.3 Financial Evaluation - The bidder must complete the following table by inserting the price of each item listed, as defined below.

a. Within the financial evaluation pricing table, there is no item(s) listed requesting hardware or software warranty/maintenance support pricing, is this to be encompassed within the 'Basic Configuration' and 'Enhanced Configuration'?

A47.a The warranty/maintenance support pricing is to be encompassed within the basic configuration, the enhanced configuration, the wireless configuration as well as individual additional spare parts listed.

b. With the final enquiries timeline closing today 11th January 2013 at 2pm, 10 (Ten) calendar days prior to the submission deadline, considering the technical complexity contained within IN CAR VIDEO SYSTEM - Solicitation M7594-130273/B would there be an enquiries timeline extension for answers to be resubmitted for further clarification if required?

A47.b An extension has been granted.

c. If an enquiries timeline is extended, could we request the Crown grant an extension of the closing date for IN CAR VIDEO SYSTEM - Solicitation M7594-130273/B to also be extended as we await clarification questions submitted?

A47.c An extension has been granted.

Q48. Page 12, Pricing Table. Wireless Configuration:

a. Is the per unit price for the Wireless configuration a price for a complete system or just the upgrade to make a Basic or Enhanced configuration wire/wireless?

A48.a See answer A26

b. If it is a complete system, which "base" system should be used, Basic or Enhanced?

A48.b See answer A26

Q49. Page 12, Pricing Table. Basic Configuration, Enhanced Configuration and Wireless. Is each configuration to include three (3) years of warranty?

A49 See answer A47a

Q50. Page 13, Pricing Table n): ICDVS Radar Interface Cables. Is a price required on this line item? If the same interface cable is used or each cable has the same price, should they be listed separately, or can they be shown as a single item?

A50 See answer A4

Q51. This is a very complex RFSO requiring a lot of different expertise. Would PWGSC please extend the RFSO for 2 weeks?

A51 An extension has been granted

Q52. Would PWGSC please accept a solution as compliant where the diagonal (corner-to-corner) measurement of the outer bezel of a system is less than 13" if the video monitor, controller and recorder are built into one system?

A52 Yes. Item 1.a.6 of Annex A, ICDVS Functional requirements will be modified by adding the following sentence: This dimension is not to exceed 33.0 cm (13 inches) when the monitor, controller and recorder are combined in a system with a single component.