

REQUEST FOR STANDING OFFER (RFSO)

Standing Offer - Floating Plant Dredging, Various Locations, PEI

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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Introduction

The Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) is divided into seven parts plus attachments and annexes, as follows:

Part 1 General Information: provides a general description of the requirement;

Part 2 Offeror Instructions: provides the instructions applicable to the clauses and conditions of the RFSO;

Part 3 Offer Preparation Instructions: provides offerors with instructions on how to prepare their offer to address the evaluation criteria specified;

Part 4 Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection: indicates how the evaluation will be conducted, the evaluation criteria which must be addressed in the offer and the basis of selection;

Part 5 Certifications: includes the certifications to be provided;

Part 6 Security, Financial and Insurance Requirements: includes specific requirements that must be addressed by offerors; and

Part 7 7A, Standing Offer, and 7B, Resulting Contract Clauses:

7A, includes the Standing Offer containing the offer from the Offeror and the applicable clauses and conditions;

7B, includes the clauses and conditions which will apply to any contract resulting from a call-up made pursuant to the Standing Offer.

The Annexes include the Basis of Payment, Certifications, Complete list of each individual who is currently on the Bidder's Board of Directors and Specification.

2. Summary

This Request for a Standing Offer (RFSO) is to establish a Standing Offer to carry out floating plant dredging at various public wharves and entrance channels in various locations in Prince Edward Island. The period of the Standing Offer is from date of issuance to January 31, 2014. All work is to be completed on an "as and when required" basis in accordance with Annex "B", Specification

This agreement is subject to the provisions of the Agreement on Internal Trade.

3. Debriefings

After issuance of a standing offer, offerors may request a debriefing on the results of the request for standing offers. Offerors should make the request to the Standing Offer Authority within 15 working days of receipt of notification that their offer was unsuccessful. The debriefing may be provided in writing, by telephone or in person.

PART 2 - OFFEROR INSTRUCTIONS

1. Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) by number, date and title are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Offerors who submit an offer agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the RFSO and accept the clauses and conditions of the Standing Offer and resulting contract(s).

The 2006 (2013-01-28) Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the RFSO.

1.1 SACC Manual clauses

SACC Manual clause M0019T (2007-05-25) Firm Prices and/or Rates

2. Submission of Offers

Offers must be submitted only to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit by the date, time and place indicated on page 1 of the Request for Standing Offers.

Offers by facsimile will be accepted. Facsimile Number is (902) 566-7514.

PLEASE NOTE ,THIS IS NOT A PUBLIC OPENING. TENDER RESULTS WILL NOT BE RELEASED PRIOR TO AWARD.

3. Enquiries - Request for Standing Offers

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Standing Offer Authority no later than five (5) calendar days before the Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Offerors should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the RFSO to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by offerors to explain each question in sufficient detail in order to enable Canada to provide an accurate answer. Technical enquiries that are of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked "proprietary" at each relevant item. Items identified as "proprietary" will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Canada may edit the questions or may request that offerors do so, so that the

proprietary nature of the question is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered with copies to all offerors. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all offerors may not be answered by Canada.

4. Applicable Laws

The Standing Offer and any contract resulting from the Standing Offer must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Prince Edward Island.

Offerors may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their offer, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the offerors.

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PART 3 - OFFER PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Offer Preparation Instructions

Section I: Financial Offer

Offerors must submit their financial offer in accordance with “Annex "A", Basis of Payment". The total amount of Goods and Services Tax or Harmonized Sales Tax must be shown separately, if applicable.

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

1. Evaluation Procedures

Offers will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the Request for Standing Offers, including the financial evaluation criteria.

1.1 Financial Evaluation

1.1.1 Offerors will be evaluated on the basis of the lowest overall Total Estimated Amount in Canadian dollars, the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) excluded. The Total Evaluated Price will be calculated using the estimated usage figures on the Pricing Schedule (See Annex "A"). Offerors are required to bid on all line items in the Pricing Schedule or their offer may be considered non-responsive.

2. Basis of Selection

2.1 An offer must comply with the requirements of the Request for Standing Offers to be declared responsive. The responsive offer with the lowest evaluated price will receive the highest rank and will be recommended for issuance of a Standing Offer. Responsive offers with the second, third, fourth and fifth lowest prices will then be ranked in that order. Canada reserves the right to issue up to three (3) Standing Offers.

Right of First Refusal Basis:

The call-up procedures require that when a requirement is identified, the identified user will contact the highest-ranked offeror to determine if the requirement can be satisfied by that offeror. If the highest-ranked offeror is able to meet the requirement, a call-up is made against its standing offer. If that offeror is unable to meet the requirement, the identified user will contact the next ranked offeror. The identified user will continue and proceed as above until one offeror indicates that it can meet the requirement of the call-up.

PART 5 - CERTIFICATIONS

Offerors must provide the required certifications to be issued a standing offer. Canada will declare an offer non-responsive if the required certifications are not completed and submitted as requested.

Compliance with the certifications offerors provide to Canada is subject to verification by Canada during the offer evaluation period (before issuance of a standing offer) and after issuance of a standing offer. The Standing Offer Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Offerors' compliance with the certifications before issuance of a standing offer. The offer will be declared non-responsive if any certification made by the Offeror is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly. Failure to comply with the certifications or to comply with the request of the Standing Offer Authority for additional information will also render the offer non-responsive.

1. Mandatory Certifications Required Precedent to Issuance of a Standing Offer

1.1 Code of Conduct and Certifications - Related documentation

1.1.1 By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies, for himself and his affiliates, to be in compliance with the Code of Conduct and Certifications clause of the Standard instructions. The related documentation hereinafter mentioned will help Canada in confirming that the certifications are true. By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies that it is aware, and that its affiliates are aware, that Canada may request additional information, certifications, consent forms and other evidentiary elements proving identity or eligibility. Canada may also verify the information provided by the Offeror, including the information relating to the acts or convictions specified herein, through independent research, use of any government resources or by contacting third parties. Canada will declare non-responsive any offer in respect of which the information requested is missing or inaccurate, or in respect of which the information contained in the certifications is found to be untrue, in any respect, by Canada. The Offeror and any of the Offerors affiliates, will also be required to remain free and clear of any acts or convictions specified herein during the entire period of the Standing Offer and any call-ups made against the Standing Offer.

Offerors who are incorporated, including those submitting offers as a joint venture, must provide with their offer or promptly thereafter a complete list of names of all individuals who are currently directors of the Offeror. Offerors submitting offers as sole proprietorship, including those submitting offers as a joint venture, must provide the name of the owner with their offer or promptly thereafter. Offerors submitting offers as societies, firms, partnerships or associations of persons do not need to provide lists of

names. If the required names have not been received by the time the evaluation of offers is completed, Canada will inform the Offeror of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to comply will render the offer non-responsive. Providing the required names is a mandatory requirement for issuance of a standing offer and award of a contract.

Canada may, at any time, request that an Offeror provide properly completed and Signed Consent Forms (Consent to a Criminal Record Verification form- PWGSC-TPSGC 229) (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/forms/formulaires-forms-eng.html>) for any or all individuals aforementioned within the time specified. Failure to provide such Consent Forms within the time period provided will result in the offer being declared non-responsive.

2. Additional Certifications Precedent to Issuance of Standing Offer

The certifications listed in **Annex “B” Certifications** should be completed and submitted with the offer, but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications is not completed and submitted as requested, the Standing Offer Authority will so inform the Offeror and provide the Offeror with a time frame within which to meet the requirement. Failure to comply with the request of the Standing Offer Authority and meet the requirements within that time period will render the offer non-responsive.

PART 6 - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Insurance Requirements

The Offeror must provide a letter from an insurance broker or an insurance company licensed to operate in Canada stating that the Offeror, if issued a standing offer as a result of the request for standing offer, can be insured in accordance with the Insurance Requirements specified in **Annex B**. If the information is not provided in the offer, the Standing Offer Authority will so inform the Offeror and provide the Offeror with a time frame within which to meet the requirement. Failure to comply with the request of the Standing Offer Authority and meet the requirement within that time period will render the offer non-responsive

PART 7 - STANDING OFFER AND RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

A. STANDING OFFER

1. Offer

1.1 The Offeror offers to fulfill the requirement in accordance with the Specification in Annex "D".

2. Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the Standing Offer and resulting contract(s) by number, date and title are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

2.1 General Conditions

2005 (2012-11-19) General Conditions - Standing Offers - Goods or Services, apply to and form part of the Standing Offer.

3. Term of Standing Offer

3.1 Period of the Standing Offer

The period for making call-ups against the Standing Offer is from issuance to January 31, 2014.

4. Authorities

4.1 Standing Offer Authority

The Standing Offer Authority is:

Anne MacDonald
Supply Officer
Public Works and Government Services Canada
Acquisitions Branch
Real Property Contracting
3 Queen Street
Charlottetown, PEI
C1A 4A2

Telephone: (902) 626-4949

Facsimile: (902) 566-7514

E-mail address: anne.macdonald@pwgsc.gc.ca

The Standing Offer Authority is responsible for the establishment of the Standing Offer, its administration and its revision, if applicable. Upon the making of a call-up, as Contracting Authority, he is responsible for any contractual issues relating to individual call-ups made against the Standing Offer by any Identified User.

4.2 Project Authority

The Project Authority for the Standing Offer is identified in the call-up against the Standing Offer.

The Project Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work will be carried out pursuant to a call-up against the Standing Offer and is responsible for all the technical content of the Work under the resulting Contract.

4.3 Offeror's Representative

Name: _____
Telephone: () _____
Fax: () _____
E-mail: _____

5. Identified Users

The Identified User authorized to make call-ups against the Standing Offer is: Public Works & Government Services Canada.

6. Call-up Instrument

The Work will be authorized or confirmed by the Identified User(s) using form CF942.

7. Limitation of Call-ups

Individual call-ups against the Standing Offer must not exceed \$225,000.00 (Tax included).

8. Financial Limitation

The total cost to Canada resulting from call-ups against the Standing Offer must not exceed the sum of \$1,400,000.00 (Tax extra) unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Standing Offer Authority. The Offeror must not perform any work or services or supply any articles in response to call-ups which would cause the total cost to Canada to exceed the said sum, unless an increase is so authorized.

The Offeror must notify the Standing Offer Authority as to the adequacy of this sum when 75 percent of this amount has been committed, or 4 months before the expiry date of the Standing Offer, whichever comes first. However, if at any time, the Offeror considers that the said sum may be exceeded, the Offeror must promptly notify the Standing Offer Authority.

9. Priority of Documents

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- a) the call up against the Standing Offer, including any annexes;
- b) the articles of the Standing Offer;
- c) the general conditions 2005 (2012-11-19), General Conditions - Standing Offers - Goods or Services
- d) Supplemental General Conditions 2010C (2012-11-19), General Conditions - Services (Medium Complexity);
- e) Specifications and drawings;
- f) Annex "A", Basis of Payment;
- g) Any amendment issued or any allowable offer revision received before the date and time set for solicitation closing
- h) the Offeror's offer

10. Certifications

10.1. Compliance

Compliance with the Certifications provided by the Offeror is a condition of authorization of the Standing Offer and subject to verification by Canada during the term of the Standing Offer and of any resulting contract that would continue beyond the period of the Standing Offer. In the event that the Offeror does not comply with any certification or it is determined that any certification made by the Offeror in its offer is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, Canada has the right to terminate any resulting contract for default and set aside the Standing Offer.

11. Applicable Laws

The Standing Offer and any contract resulting from the Standing Offer must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in **Île-du-Prince-Édouard**.

12. Estimates

SACC Manual clause M3800C (2006-08-15) Estimates

13. Insurance Requirements

The Contractor must comply with the insurance requirements specified in Annex B . The Contractor must maintain the required insurance coverage for the duration of the Standing Offer. Compliance with the insurance requirements does not release the Contractor from or reduce its liability under the Standing Offer.

The Contractor is responsible for deciding if additional insurance coverage is necessary to fulfill its obligation under the Standing Offer and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any additional insurance coverage is at the Contractor's expense, and for its own benefit and protection.

The Contractor must forward to the Standing Offer Authority within seven (7) days after request form the Standing Offer Authority and prior to award of the Standing Offer, a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the insurance coverage and confirming that the insurance policy complying with the requirements is in force. Coverage must be placed with an Insurer licensed to carry out business in Canada. The Contractor must, if requested by the Standing Offer Authority, forward to Canada a certified true copy of all applicable insurance policies.

B. RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from a call-up against the Standing Offer.

1. Statement of Work

The Contractor must perform the Work described in the call-up against the Standing Offer.

2. Standard Clauses and Conditions

2.1 General Conditions

Supplemental General Conditions 2010C (2012-11-19), General Conditions - Services (Medium Complexity); apply to and form part of the Contract.

3. Term of Contract

3.1 Period of the Contract

The Work must be completed in accordance with the call-up against the Standing Offer.

4. Payment

4.1 Basis of Payment

Refer to "Annex "A", Basis of Payment"

4.2 Limitation of Price

SACC Manual clause C6000C (2011-05-16) Limitation of Price

4.3 Single Payment

SACC Manual clause H1000C (2008-05-12) Single Payment

5. Invoicing Instructions

1. The Contractor must submit invoices in accordance with the section entitled "Invoice Submission" of the general conditions. Invoices cannot be submitted until all work identified in the invoice is completed.

2. Invoices must be distributed as follows:

(a) The original and one (1) copy must be forwarded to the address shown on page 1 of the Contract for certification and payment.

ANNEX "A"
BASIS OF PAYMENT
PRICING SCHEDULE

Standing Offer - Floating Plant Dredging
Various Harbours, Prince Edward Island
2013 - 2014

Item	Specification Reference	Class of Labour, Plant or Material	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity	Price per Unit (Taxes Excluded)	Estimated Total Price (Taxes Excluded)
1	35 20 23	Mobilization and Demobilization	Each	9	\$_____	\$_____
2	35 20 23	Dredging	CMPM	70,000	\$_____	\$_____
3	35 20 23	Additional work related to dredging	Each	4	\$25,000.00	\$100,000.00
	<u>Total Estimated Amount used for Evaluation</u>					\$_____

Note: The estimated quantity entered in column four for each item is an estimate only for services as and when requested and does not infer that all the quantities for that item will be utilized or that the quantities may not be exceeded..

ANNEX "B"

Certifications Precedent to Standing Offer Award

1. Equipment & Experience List

Within seven (7) days and prior to award, the Offeror will be required to provide an equipment and experience list, as specified in Appendix "A" Specification

2. Proof of liability insurance for a minimum amount of two million (\$2,000,000) as specified below.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Commercial General Liability Insurance

1. The Contractor must obtain Commercial General Liability Insurance, and maintain it in force throughout the duration of the Contract, in an amount usual for a contract of this nature, **but for not less than \$2,000,000 per accident or occurrence and in the annual aggregate.**
2. The Commercial General Liability policy must include the following:
 - (a) Additional Insured: Canada is added as an additional insured, but only with respect to liability arising out of the Contractor's performance of the Contract. The interest of Canada should read as follows: Canada, as represented by the Department of National Defence.
 - (b) Bodily Injury and Property Damage to third parties arising out of the operations of the Contractor.
 - (c) Products and Completed Operations: Coverage for bodily injury or property damage arising out of goods or products manufactured, sold, handled, or distributed by the Contractor and/or arising out of operations that have been completed by the Contractor.
 - (d) Personal Injury: While not limited to, the coverage must include Violation of Privacy, Libel and Slander, False Arrest, Detention or Imprisonment and Defamation of Character.

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- (e) **Cross Liability/Separation of Insureds:** Without increasing the limit of liability, the policy must protect all insured parties to the full extent of coverage provided. Further, the policy must apply to each Insured in the same manner and to the same extent as if a separate policy had been issued to each.
- (f) **Blanket Contractual Liability:** The policy must, on a blanket basis or by specific reference to the Contract, extend to assumed liabilities with respect to contractual provisions.
- (g) **Employees and, if applicable, Volunteers** must be included as Additional Insured.
- (h) **Employers' Liability** (or confirmation that all employees are covered by Worker's compensation (WSIB) or similar program)
- (i) **Broad Form Property Damage including Completed Operations:** Expands the Property Damage coverage to include certain losses that would otherwise be excluded by the standard care, custody or control exclusion found in a standard policy.
- (j) **Notice of Cancellation:** The Insurer will endeavour to provide the Contracting Authority thirty (30) days written notice of policy cancellation.
- (k) If the policy is written on a claims-made basis, coverage must be in place for a period of at least 12 months after the completion or termination of the Contract.

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ANNEX C

COMPLETE LIST OF EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CURRENTLY ON THE BIDDER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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ANNEX D
SPECIFICATION