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SOLICITATION AMENDMENT MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION

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

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Solicitation Amendment 002

Questions and Answers

- Q1:** Although Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) will describe the goals and objectives of the Task Authorization (TA), PWGSC relies on the contractor's expertise for the work that needs to be completed. What is the procedure if work must be done and it is not outlined in the TA?
- A1:** The contractor must speak with the Authorized Client that issued the TA to discuss additional work that's necessary to meet the goals and objectives.
- Q2:** Will the process to issue a TA contract take longer than Standing Offer (SO) Call-ups?
- A2:** No, the process is very similar.
- Q3:** What is the time frame to amend or change a TA contract?
- A3:** All work, including amendments, must be authorized by a written contract before the work can commence. The length of this process will vary depending on the value of the work.
- Q4:** What's the difference between a Senior Risk Assessor and a Senior Environmental Assessor?
- A4:** Refer to the Corporate Capability Table. Note that the intent of this TA is to not perform detailed Risk Assessments or Environmental Assessments; PWGSC has other contracts to perform this work.
- Q5:** How long is this Remediation Consultants Contract valid for? How do the rates of inflation apply to the fees?
- A5:** 3 years. Rates approved when the contract is awarded holds for the duration of the Contract.
- Q6:** What if the travel costs are outside the Greater Vancouver/Victoria Area?
- A6:** Discuss this with the Authorized Client prior to this occurring. All travel must have the prior authorization of the Authorized Client.
- Q7:** Contractor's can't predict the amount of non-allowable field supplies and internal equipment required for this three year contract. What if the contractor incurs exceptional field supply costs?
- A7:** PWGSC does not anticipate incurring exceptional field supply costs. If this occurs, it will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The contractor will discuss this with the Authorized Client.
- Q8:** What factors are considered when calculating the various specialties within a category rate?
- A8:** Contractors are responsible for calculating the labour rates for each category. For most of the specialties, PWGSC does not anticipate they will form a significant part of the overall amount of work awarded, but this can vary for each TA.
- Q9:** Where are the categories and rates?
- A9:** The Contractor is responsible for completing the Task Authorization Form including the rates of all personnel.
- Q10:** Can more than 1 Junior CADD/GIS be identified?
- A10:** Only 1 Junior CADD/GIS is to be submitted as part of the proposal. If additional Junior CADD/GIS are required, this will be addressed after Contract award.
- Q11:** Can you clarify the number of experts on the Corporate Capability Table?

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- A11:** There is one Expert Environmental Engineer/Scientist and two Expert Contaminated Sites Approved Professionals.
- Q12:** Can you include more or fewer individuals to each category of the Corporate Capability Table?
- A12:** Yes but contractors must be made aware that if a category requires ten personnel and you only provide 9, you will lose points for that tenth person not listed. If a category requires 5 and you provide 8, you will only be scored on the first 5 listed.
- Q13:** Can one person be identified in more than one category?
- A13:** No. The intent of the evaluation is to ensure that companies have sufficient depth of resources to address PWGSC needs.
- Q14:** What is the process to replace an individual in a category?
- A14:** The Contractor must be unable to provide the services of the listed individuals for reasons beyond its control. The replacement must meet or exceed the accreditation and education of the person they are replacing. Details are provided in the General Conditions 2035 section 08.
- Q15:** How will you address the fact that companies have staff with multiple specialties yet they can only be identified in one category?
- A15:** Contractors are responsible for deciding which individuals are to be identified in each category.
- Q16:** CSAP accreditation, do you require 10 years experience in CSAP?
- A16:** Ten years experience is required, but not 10 years as a CSAP (ie 10 years receiving CSAP designation).
- Q17:** Scoring for the Senior Program Coordinator: how is the program value scored?
- A17:** As per F.1.2, the value is for consulting fees for a program from a given client.
- Q18:** Can you clarify the relevance of the program name and description of the Senior Program Coordinator?
- A18:** The program name and description are used to (i) ensure the program is relevant and (ii) to indicate the complexity of the program.
- Q19:** Can you clarify how the client scoring is evaluated for the Senior Program Coordinator?
- A19:** As per the Scoring Guidelines, full points for work done for PWGSC, half points for Other Government Departments (OGD) and zero for other.
- Q20:** Are marks given if we worked for clients who use the Federal Standards?
- A20:** No.
- Q21:** Are Canadian Federal Crown Corporations considered OGDs when evaluating client scoring?
- A21:** Yes, Canadian Federal Crown Corporations are considered equivalent to OGDs.
- Q22:** How is the program value evaluated for the Senior Program Coordinator?
- A22:** As per the Scoring Guidelines, indicate if the value of the consulting fees were (i) more than \$1,000,000, (ii) between \$1,000,000 and \$250,000, or (iii) less than \$250,000.
- Q23:** How is the Program Client evaluated if the call-up is from PWGSC but the site is owned by an OGD?
- A23:** As per the Remediation Consultant RFP, the client is the entity that commissioned the work, so in this case it would be PWGSC.

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- Q24:** If an OGD uses a PWGSC SO, does this count as work for PWGSC?
- A24:** No, as per Annex F, the client is the entity that commissioned the work, not the contracting method used.
- Q25:** How will this affect our overall Senior Program Coordinator score if the 'Client' is identified as "Other"?
- A25:** If the client is "other" (ie not PWGSC or OGD) then the score for Client will be 0. However, points for other criteria for that project will still be available (ie a score of 0 for Client will not automatically result in a score of 0 for that project).
- Q26:** Can you clarify how you will evaluate the Remediation Technique for the Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist if a project used multiple techniques?
- A26:** As per the Evaluation Criteria, the Remediation Technique only needs to be "included". So a project that used both Innovative (non-bioremediation) and Conventional Remediation Techniques would be scored at the higher of the two to the maximum points. There is no bonus or additive effect if multiple remediation techniques were used.
- Q27:** What are the restrictions for Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist's when they identify their two projects?
- A27:** As per Annex F, Section F.1.3.1(1) Evaluation-Project Name and Description, the projects must be relevant to this Remediation Consultant SO RFP.
- Q28:** How are the contracts awarded if there are three responsive bids?
- A28:** Please refer to the Remediation Consultants RFP - Annex F, Section F.3.7(c) Basis of Selection.
- Q29:** What is the process if the contract is awarded and the contractor refuses all TA requests but the contractor insists on being paid the work guarantee?
- A29:** All correspondence between PWGSC and the Contractor in regards to this would be on file. PWGSC would consult with the Department of Justice to determine the next steps to be taken.
- Q30:** If a call-up is issued in the 35th month of this TA but the work will not be completed for another 5 months, is that acceptable?
- A30:** Yes but there is no amendment to the value as long as there are funds available. No new tasks can be issued under this TA after 3 years.
- Q31:** Part 7 - Section 1.2.2. - Task Authorization Limit of \$200,000.00, HST included, seems low.
- A31:** The \$200,000 limit is the amount that the Authorized Client can issue. The Contract Authority can issue contracts in excess of this up to the remaining contract amount for that Contractor.
- Q32:** When evaluating the Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist, can two individuals reference the same project in their resume?
- A32:** Yes, as long as it's clearly defined in their resume how they performed this role in that project. For example, it is unlikely that two individuals could both claim to be a Project Manager for the same project at the same time, but one individual could be the Project Manager for one year, and the other individual be the Project Manager for a subsequent year.
- Q33:** When evaluating the projects for the Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist, is there a time limit when the projects were worked on?
- A33:** No, as long as the relevancy of the work is clearly indicated in the resumes.

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- Q34:** Does the bidder need to have in place at the time of submission the certifications required for all staff proposed in the bid?
- A34:** Bidder Certifications in Part 5, section 10 to 12, are required before Contract award. However, resource's Accreditations must be in place at the time of submission.
- Q35:** If we have team members that are also included on other consultants bids, will that exclude them from being counted/awarded full points?
- A35:** Bids will not be deducted points for using resources that appear in other bids. However, the bidder is certifying that all listed resources will be available as required, and the Contractor will be responsible if subcontracted resources are unavailable because of other commitments.
- Q36:** It is our understanding that PWGSC confirmed that the client for a project is based on the entity that signed and authorized the Task Order / Call-up; therefore, is it also expected that the Contractor / Consultant is the firm that counter-signed and was the recipient of the Task Order / Call-up? If we have a current employee or partner on our proposed team, would they be ineligible from claiming experience for a project that was issued to another firm, while the employee was under previous employment? We would expect that previous firm would be claiming said work experience and therefore, the employee who had departed would no longer be eligible to claim work performed with the previous firm. Can you please clarify PWGSC's position for this situation.
- A36:** F.1.2 "Senior Program Coordinator Project Experience" and F.1.3 "Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist Project Experience" are based on the individual's experience, not the company's experience. If a proposed individual is no longer working for a bidder, then the bidder should not include that individual's experience.
- Q37:** Can the bidder use a project to exhibit remediation experience that was not completed under the Remediation SO, as well as can an individual use a project that was completed for a prior employer (that is no longer an entity) but for PWGSC?
- A37:** For section F.1.2 and F.1.3, bidders are not limited to an proposed resource's previous work done under a standing offer. Sections F.1.2 and F.1.3 are based on the individual's experience, not the company's experience, so a proposed resource's experience can be for projects done for a previous employer.

Solicitation Amendment

- On page 63 of 63, at the end of Annex F:
Insert: the Technical Evaluation Template (attached).

All other clauses and conditions remain unchanged.

TOTAL SCORE

	Max	Max	Score
Corporate Capability - Name		6	6
Corporate Capability - Accreditation	30	2	2
Corporate Capability - Education		2	2
Corporate Capability - Experience		20	20
Program Coordinator #1	20	10	10
Program Coordinator #2		10	10
Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist #1		10	10
Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist #2	50	10	10
Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist #3		10	10
Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist #4		10	10
Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist #5		10	10
Total Technical Score	100	100	100

CORPORATE CAPABILITY

Description	Number	A Name Y,N pts	B Accreditation Y,N pts	C Education Y,N pts	D Experience min yrs max yrs # pts
1. Senior Program Coordinator	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	10 20 20 0.5
2. Senior Program Coordinator	2	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	10 20 20 0.5
2. Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	10 20 20 0.5
2. Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	2	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	10 20 20 0.5
2. Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	3	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	10 20 20 0.5
2. Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	4	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	10 20 20 0.5
2. Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	5	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	10 20 20 0.5
3. Intermediate Environmental Engineer/Scientist	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
3. Intermediate Environmental Engineer/Scientist	2	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
3. Intermediate Environmental Engineer/Scientist	3	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
3. Intermediate Environmental Engineer/Scientist	4	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
3. Intermediate Environmental Engineer/Scientist	5	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
3. Intermediate Environmental Engineer/Scientist	6	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
3. Intermediate Environmental Engineer/Scientist	7	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
3. Intermediate Environmental Engineer/Scientist	8	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
3. Intermediate Environmental Engineer/Scientist	9	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
3. Intermediate Environmental Engineer/Scientist	10	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
4. Junior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	1 5 5 0.5
4. Junior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	2	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	1 5 5 0.5
4. Junior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	3	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	1 5 5 0.5
4. Junior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	4	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	1 5 5 0.5
4. Junior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	5	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	1 5 5 0.5
4. Junior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	6	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	1 5 5 0.5
4. Junior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	7	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	1 5 5 0.5
4. Junior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	8	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	1 5 5 0.5
4. Junior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	9	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	1 5 5 0.5
4. Junior Environmental Engineer/Scientist	10	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	1 5 5 0.5
6. Expert Contaminated Sites Approved Professional	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	20 30 30 0.5
7. Expert Contaminated Sites Approved Professional	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	20 30 30 0.5
7. Expert Contaminated Sites Approved Professional	2	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	10 20 20 0.5
8. Senior Hydrogeologist	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	10 20 20 0.5
9. Intermediate Hydrogeologist	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
10. Senior Risk Assessor	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	10 20 20 0.5
11. Intermediate Risk Assessor	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
12. Senior Geotech Engineer	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	10 20 20 0.5
13. Intermediate Geotech Engineer	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
14. Senior Environmental Auditor	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	10 20 20 0.5
15. Intermediate Environmental Auditor	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	5 10 10 0.5
16. Senior Health and Safety Coordinator	1	Y 0.15	Y 0.05	Y 0.05	10 20 20 0.5
Corporate Capability Scores		6	2	2	20

SENIOR PROGRAM COORDINATOR

	Sr Prog Coord #1 Program #1	Sr Prog Coord #2 Program #1
1. Name and Description	Relevant Y,N	Relevant Y,N
2. Client	PWGSC, OGD, other	PWGSC, OGD, other
3. Value	\$ value	\$ value
4. Program Management Responsibilities	H,M,L	H,M,L
5. Coordination Responsibilities	H,M,L	H,M,L
6. Safety Responsibilities	H,M,L	H,M,L
Senior Program Coordinator Scores	10	10

SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER/SCIENTIST

	Sr Env Engineer/Scientist #1 Project #1	Sr Env Engineer/Scientist #1 Project #2	Sr Env Engineer/Scientist #2 Project #1	Sr Env Engineer/Scientist #2 Project #2	Sr Env Engineer/Scientist #3 Project #1	Sr Env Engineer/Scientist #3 Project #2	Sr Env Engineer/Scientist #4 Project #1	Sr Env Engineer/Scientist #4 Project #2	Sr Env Engineer/Scientist #5 Project #1	Sr Env Engineer/Scientist #5 Project #2
1. Name and Description	Relevant Y,N	Relevant Y,N	Relevant Y,N	Relevant Y,N	Relevant Y,N	Relevant Y,N	Relevant Y,N	Relevant Y,N	Relevant Y,N	Relevant Y,N
2. Location	BC,YT, other	BC,YT, other	BC,YT, other	BC,YT, other	BC,YT, other	BC,YT, other	BC,YT, other	BC,YT, other	BC,YT, other	BC,YT, other
3. Client	PWGSC, OGD, other	PWGSC, OGD, other	PWGSC, OGD, other	PWGSC, OGD, other	PWGSC, OGD, other	PWGSC, OGD, other	PWGSC, OGD, other	PWGSC, OGD, other	PWGSC, OGD, other	PWGSC, OGD, other
4. Technical Responsibilities	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L
5. Project Management Responsibilities	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L	H,M,L
6. Remediation Technique	IN,IB,C	IN,IB,C	IN,IB,C	IN,IB,C	IN,IB,C	IN,IB,C	IN,IB,C	IN,IB,C	IN,IB,C	IN,IB,C
Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist Scores	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

SCORING GUIDELINES

Corporate Capability

A Name: qualified person=0.15 points, not qualified person or blank=0 points. Note that a score of 0 for Name will automatically result in a total score of 0 for that person.

B Accreditation: relevant accreditation in BC or Yukon=0.05 points; not relevant accreditation, or not in BC or Yukon, or blank=0 points.

C Education: relevant education from a recognized institution=0.05 points; not relevant education or not from a recognized institution, or blank=0 points.

D Experience: experience matches or exceeds "max yrs">0.5, experience between "min yrs" and "max yrs" prorated between 0.3 and 0.5 points; experience less than "min yrs"<0 points. Note that a score of 0 for Experience will automatically result in a total score of 0 for that person.

Senior Program Coordinator

1. Name and Description: relevant program=pass; not relevant program or blank=fail. Note that a fail for Name and Description will automatically result in a total score of 0 for that Program.

2. Client: PWGSC was client=0.5 points; Other (Canadian federal) Government Department was client=1.5 points; other was client or blank=0 points.

3. Value: value of consulting fees >\$1,000,000=1 point; value of consulting fees between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000=0.5 points; value of consulting fees <\$250,000 or blank=0 points.

4. Program Management Responsibilities: level of responsibilities were High=2 points; level of responsibilities were Moderate=1 point; level of responsibilities were Low or blank=0 points. Program management responsibilities considers both comprehensiveness and relevancy of program.

5. Coordination Responsibilities: level of responsibilities were High=2 points; level of responsibilities were Moderate=1 point; level of responsibilities were Low or blank=0 points. Coordination responsibilities considers both comprehensiveness and relevancy of program.

6. Safety Responsibilities: level of responsibilities were High=2 points; level of responsibilities were Moderate=1 point; level of responsibilities were Low or blank=0 points. Safety responsibilities considers both comprehensiveness and relevancy of program.

Senior Environmental Engineer/Scientist

1. Name and Description: relevant program=pass; not relevant program or blank=fail. Note that a fail for Name and Description will automatically result in a total score of 0 for that Project.

2. Location: project located in BC or Yukon=1.5 points; project not located in BC or Yukon or blank=0 points.

3. Client: PWGSC was client=0.5 points; Other (Canadian federal) Government Department was client=0.25 points; other was client or blank=0 points.

4. Technical Responsibilities: level of responsibilities were High=1 point; level of responsibilities were Moderate=0.5 point; level of responsibilities were Low or blank=0 points. Technical responsibilities considers both comprehensiveness and relevancy of program.

5. Project Management Responsibilities: level of responsibilities were High=1 point; level of responsibilities were Moderate=0.5 point; level of responsibilities were Low or blank=0 points. Project management responsibilities considers both comprehensiveness and relevancy of program.

6. Remediation Technique: Innovative (Non-bioremediation) technique=1 point; Innovative (Bioremediation) technique=0.5 points; Conventional technique or blank=0 points.

IN includes: phytoremediation, solidification/stabilization, biotreatment/bioremediation, chemical oxidation/reduction, physical/chemical extraction/treatment, permeable reactive/physical barrier, soil vapour extraction/air sparging, thermal treatment/desorption, monitored natural attenuation, recycling. Also sediment dredging and soil vapour barriers.

IB includes: enhanced bioremediation/bioplies, bioremediation.

C includes: waste rock management, well decommissioning, incineration on-site/off-site, tailing management, DNAPL/LNAPL recovery, construction of on-site landfill, other care and maintenance/risk management activity, tank/barrel handling, containerization of hazardous materials, pump and treat (surface water/groundwater), physical debris management, containment/encapsulation on-site/off-site, shipment to off-site landfill, collection of hazardous material, excavation.