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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
DEMANDE DE PROPOSITION

**Proposal 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.

**Proposition 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 sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

Comments - Commentaires

Title - Sujet Gas Proportional Counter (GPC)	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation H4033-123211/A	Date 2012-12-14
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client H4033-123211	
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$PV-939-61773	
File No. - N° de dossier pv939.H4033-123211	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2013-01-28	Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Specified Herein - Précisé dans les présentes Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Quinn, Laurie	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur pv939
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (819) 956-3824 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX (819) 956-3814
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RADIATION PROTECTION 2ND FL 775 BROOKFIELD RD AL/6302A1 ATTN: MATHEW LABELLE OTTAWA Ontario K1A1C1 Canada	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

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

Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution
Scientific, Medical and Photographic Division / Division de
l'équipement scientifique, des produits photographiques et
pharmaceutiques
11 Laurier St./ 11 rue, Laurier
6B1, Place du Portage
Gatineau, Québec K1A 0S5

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée See Herein	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
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



Item Article	Description	Dest. Code Dest.	Inv. Code Fact.	Qty Qté	U. of I. U. de D.	Unit Price/Prix unitaire FOB/FAM Destination	Plant/Usine	Delivery Req. Livraison Req.	Del. Offered Liv. offerte
1	Gas Proportional Counter (GPC) as per Annex "A" Mandatory Specifications.	H4033	H4033	1	Each	\$		See Herein	

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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Security Requirement

There is no security requirement associated with the requirement.

2. Requirement

The Contractor must provide the items detailed under the "Line Item Detail".

3. Debriefings

After contract award, bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the bid solicitation process. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority within 15 working days of receipt of the results of the bid solicitation process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

PART 2 - BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the bid solicitation by number, date and title are set out in the

(<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract.

The 2003 (2012-11-09) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

Subsection 5.4 of 2003, Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, is amended as follows:

Delete: sixty (60) days
Insert: ninety (90) days

1.1 SACC Manual Clauses

A3015T (2008-12-12), Certifications

2. Submission of Bids

Bids 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 bid solicitation.

Due to the nature of the bid solicitation, bids transmitted by facsimile to PWGSC will not be accepted.

3. Enquiries - Bid Solicitation

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than ten (10) calendar days before the bid closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Bidders should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the bid solicitation to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by bidders 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 the Bidder do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered with copies to all bidders. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all bidders may not be answered by Canada.

4. Applicable Laws

Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Ontario, Canada.

Bidders may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their bid, 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 bidders.

PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bid Preparation Instructions

Canada requests that bidders provide their bid in separately bound sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Bid (two (2) hard copies)
Section II: Financial Bid (one (1) hard copy)
Section III: Certifications (one (1) hard copy)

Prices must appear in the financial bid only. No prices must be indicated in any other section of the bid.

Canada requests that bidders follow the format instructions described below in the preparation of their bid:

- (a) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper;
- (b) use a numbering system that corresponds to the bid solicitation.

In April 2006, Canada issued a policy directing federal departments and agencies to take the necessary steps to incorporate environmental considerations into the procurement process (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ecologisation-greening/achats-procurement/politique-policy-eng.html>). To assist Canada in reaching its objectives, bidders should:

- 1) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper containing fibre certified as originating from a sustainably-managed forest and containing minimum 30% recycled content; and
- 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

Section I: Technical Bid

The following applies to the Requirement and bidders must provide the following information in the bid where applicable:

1.1.1 Installation

On-site installation must be provided by March 29, 2013 and be carried out by a qualified service technician.

1.1.2 Manuals

Two (2) complete set of operational manuals in print and electronically in English must be supplied.

1.1.3 Training

On-site user training must be provided for up to 4 users. All costs associated with the on-site training must be included in the price.

On-site training will be completed within _____ calendar days of installation. Provide complete details of training e.g. duration, scope, etc.,

1.1.4 Service

Purchase of the system must include: two open-ended preventative maintenance visits, unlimited emergency visits, technical support; technical phone support; support via the Internet; and support via a fax-back document system.

Response for service must be within 24 hours or less.

Also, provide the following with your bid:

- a) Location of available service facilities (after sales service and repair). List the service facilities closest to the destination.

- b) Locations of available replacement parts from consumables to major components.

- c) Response time re: service calls, and escalation schedule, i.e. (how many days with no resolution to a problem until a more experienced person is called in, and from which location).

1.1.5 Product(s) Offered (Bidder to complete)

The Bidder must indicate the make and model number of the products offered (identify specific components which make up the system):

Name of Manufacturer: _____

Model/Part Number: _____

Literature attached: Yes (_____) No (_____)

1.1.6 Point of Manufacture/Shipping (Bidder to complete)

The Bidder must state the point of manufacture/shipping of goods or where service is to be performed:

Location: _____

Postal Code: _____

1.1.7 Delivery (Bidder to complete)

Delivery must be no later than March 29, 2013, the best delivery that could be offered by the Bidder is _____.

1.1.8 Contacts

Bidders are requested to provide the following: Information pertaining to Article 5.3 Contractor Representatives under Part 6, Resulting Contract Clauses.

1.2 Section II: Financial Bid

The bidder must quote firm unit prices, DDP (Ottawa, ON) Incoterms 2000, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and/or the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) extra, as applicable. Freight charges to destination and all applicable Customs duties and taxes must be included.

1.2.1 SACC Manual Clauses

C3011T Exchange Rate Fluctuation 2010-01-11

1.3 Section III: Certifications

Bidders must submit the certifications required under Part 5.

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

1. Evaluation Procedures

- (a) Bids will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the bid solicitation including the technical and financial evaluation criteria.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the bids.

1.1 Technical Evaluation

All proposals submitted must be completed in full and provide all of the information requested in the Request for Proposal (RFP) package to enable a full and complete evaluation. If the requirement is not addressed in the bidder's proposal, the proposal will be considered incomplete or non-responsive and will be rejected. The onus is on the bidder to provide all the information necessary to ensure a complete and accurate assessment.

Factors for Evaluation

1. **PRICING BASIS (MANDATORY):** Prices must be firm, DDP Delivered Duty Paid.
2. **ABILITY TO MEET THE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENT (MANDATORY):**
 - a) **For Items Defined by Specifications:**

The bidder is requested to cross reference the mandatory technical criteria contained herein to their supporting technical documentation.
 - b) **Provision of Supporting Technical Documentation:**

Supporting technical documentation for the stores offered must be provided with the bid at time of bid closing.

Technical brochures or technical data **MUST** be provided to verify compliancy to the technical mandatory specifications.
3. **COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (MANDATORY)**
4. **FOR CANADIAN SUPPLIERS ONLY:** Please note that the requirements of the Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity may apply - see herein. (MANDATORY if applicable)

1.1.1 Mandatory Technical Criteria

See Annex A.

1.2 Financial Evaluation

The lowest evaluated price will be established using the following criteria:

- a) prices will be evaluated in Canadian Funds including any applicable Taxes and Canadian Customs Duty (if applicable) and excluding the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). For evaluation purposes, bids received in a foreign currency will be converted to Canadian funds using the appropriate rate of exchange using the rate quoted by the Bank of Canada as being in effect on date of bid closing.
- b) prices will be evaluated on DDP (Ottawa, ON) Incoterms 2000.

2. Basis of Selection

A0031T Basis of Selection - Mandatory Technical Criteria Only

2010-08-16

PART 5 - CERTIFICATIONS

Bidders must provide the required certifications and related documentation to be awarded a contract. Canada will declare a bid non-responsive if the required certifications and related documentation are not completed and submitted as requested.

Compliance with the certifications bidders provide to Canada is subject to verification by Canada during the bid evaluation period (before award of a contract) and after award of a contract. The Contracting Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify bidders' compliance with the certifications before award of a contract. The bid will be declared non-responsive if any certification made by the Bidder is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly. Failure to comply with the certifications, to provide the related documentation or to comply with the request

1. Mandatory Certifications Required Precedent to Contract Award

1.1 Code of Conduct and Certifications - Related documentation

1.1.1 By submitting a bid, the Bidder 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 a bid, the Bidder 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 Bidder, 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 bid 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 Bidder and any of the Bidder's affiliates, will also be required to remain free and clear of any acts or convictions specified herein during the period of any contract arising from this bid solicitation.

Bidders who are incorporated, including those bidding as a joint venture, must provide with their bid or promptly thereafter a complete list of names of all individuals who are currently directors of the Bidder. Bidders bidding as sole proprietorship, including those bidding as a joint venture, must provide the name of the owner with their bid or promptly thereafter. Bidders bidding 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 bids is completed, Canada will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to comply will render the bid non-responsive. Providing the required names is a mandatory requirement for 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) (<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

2. Additional Certifications Required with the Bid

Bidders must submit the following duly completed certifications with their bid.

2.1 Federal Contractors Program - over \$25,000 and below \$200,000

Suppliers who are subject to the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) and have been declared ineligible contractors by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) are no longer eligible to receive federal government contracts over the threshold for solicitation of bids as set out in the Government Contracts Regulations. Suppliers may be declared ineligible contractors either as a result of a finding of non-compliance by HRSDC, or following their voluntary withdrawal from the FCP for a reason other than the reduction of their workforce to less than 100 employees. Any bids from ineligible contractors, including a bid from a joint venture that has a member who is an ineligible contractor, will be declared non-responsive.

The Bidder, or, if the Bidder is a joint venture the member of the joint venture, certifies its status with the FCP, as follows:

The Bidder or the member of the joint venture

- (a) () is not subject to the FCP, having a workforce of less than 100 full-time or part-time permanent employees, or temporary employees having worked 12 weeks or more in Canada;
- (b) () is not subject to the FCP, being a regulated employer under the Employment Equity Act, S.C. 1995, c. 44;
- (c) () is subject to the requirements of the FCP, having a workforce of 100 or more full-time or part-time permanent employees, or temporary employees having worked 12 weeks or more in Canada, but has not previously obtained a certificate number from HRSDC, having not bid on requirements of \$200,000 or more;
- (d) () has not been declared an ineligible contractor by HRSDC, and has a valid certificate number as follows: _____.

Further information on the FCP is available on the HRSDC Web site:

[Http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/labour/equality/fcp/index.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/labour/equality/fcp/index.shtml)

Signature of authorized representative: _____ . Date: _____

PART 6 - RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

1. Security Requirement

There is no security requirement associated with the requirement.

2. Requirement

The Contractor must provide the items detailed under the "Line Item Detail".

2.1 Installation

On-site installation must be provided by March 29, 2013 and be carried out by a qualified service technician.

2.2 Manuals

Two (2) complete set of operational manuals in print and electronically in English must be supplied.

2.3 Training

On-site user training must be provided for up to 4 users.

On-site training will be completed within _____ calendar days of installation.

3. Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the Contract by number, date and title are set out in the (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

3.1 General Conditions

2010A 2012-07-16, General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity), apply to and form part of the Contract.

Subsection 9 of 2010A (2011-05-16) General Conditions - Goods or Services, is amended as follows:

Delete: Subsection 9 in his entirety.

Insert: " The Work is subject to inspection and acceptance by Canada. Despite prior acceptance of the Work and without restricting any conditions or warranty imposed by law, the Contractor, if requested by the Minister to do so, must replace, repair or correct at its option and its own expense any Work which becomes defective or which fails to conform to the Contract requirements, where applicable. For goods, the on-site warranty period will be thirty-six (36) months after delivery and acceptance or the length of the Contractor's or manufacturer's standard warranty period, whichever is longer. The on-site warranty covers parts, labor and all related expenses. Any Work replaced, repaired or corrected pursuant to this section is subject to all provisions of the contract to the same extent as Work initially performed."

4. Term of Contract

4.1 Delivery Date

All the deliverables must be received on or before March 29, 2013.

5. Authorities

5.1 Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Laurie Quinn
Supply Officer
Public Works and Government Services Canada
Acquisitions Branch
Commercial Consumer Products Directorate
11 Laurier Street, 6A2, Phase III
Place du Portage, Hull, Quebec, K1A 0S5

Telephone: 819-956-3824
Facsimile: 819-956-3814
E-mail address: laurie.quinn@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

The Contracting Authority is responsible for the management of the Contract and any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the Contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from anybody other than the Contracting Authority.

5.2 Technical Authority

The Technical Authority for the Contract is:(**filled in at contract award**)

The Technical Authority named above is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the Technical Authority, however the Technical Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of the Work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

5.3 Contractor's Representative (bidder to complete)

The telephone number of the person responsible for:

General enquiries

Name: _____
Telephone No. _____
Facsimile No. _____
E-mail address: _____

Delivery Follow-up

Name: _____
Telephone No. _____
Facsimile No. _____
E-mail address: _____

6. Payment

6.1 Basis of Payment - Firm Lot Price

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid a firm lot price, as specified in the contract, for a cost of \$ _____ (to be filled in only at contract award). Customs duties are included and Goods and Services Tax or Harmonized Sales Tax is included, if applicable.

Canada will not pay the Contractor for any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work, unless they have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work.

6.2 Single Payment

H1001C	Multiple Payment	2008-05-12
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6.3 SACC Manual Clauses

C2000C	Taxes - Foreign-based Contractor	2007-11-30
C2605C	Canadian Customs Duties and Sales Tax - Foreign-based Contractor	2008-05-12
C2608C	Canadian Customs Documentation	2010-08-16

7. 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.
 - (b) One (1) copy must be forwarded to the Contracting Authority identified under the section entitled "Authorities" of the Contract.

8. Certifications

8.1 Compliance

Compliance with the certifications and related documentation provided by the Contractor in its bid is a condition of the Contract and subject to verification by Canada during the term of the Contract. If the Contractor does not comply with any certification, provide the related documentation or if it is determined that any certification made by the Contractor in its bid is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, Canada has the right, pursuant to the default provision of the Contract, to terminate the Contract for default.

9. Applicable Laws

The Contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in the province of Ontario, Canada.

10. Priority of Documents

If there is a discrepancy between the wordings 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 Articles of Agreement;
- (b) 2010A (2011-05-16) General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity);
- (c) Annex A, Mandatory Specifications;
- (d) the Contractor's bid dated (to be filled in at contract award) .

11. Shipping Instructions - Delivery at Destination

1. Goods must be consigned to the destination specified in the Contract and delivered:

Delivered Duty Paid (DDP) Ottawa, ON Incoterms 2000 for shipments from a commercial contractor.

2. The Contractor will be responsible for all delivery charges, administration, costs and risk of transport and customs clearance, including the payment of customs duties and taxes.

ANNEX A Mandatory Specifications

The National Monitoring Section (NMS) of the Radiation Protection Bureau (RPB) requires a gas-proportional counter (GPC) for rapid and reliable quantification of alpha and beta emitting radionuclides in environmental samples obtained across Canada. The GPC must allow for simultaneous and separate detection of low activity samples, and must be conducive to high sample through-put while offering class-leading detection efficiencies. Additionally, it should be user friendly and easy to maintain.

1. Technical Specifications

1.1 Must have, at minimum, 8 detectors;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

1.2 Must have lead shielding in all directions for the detectors;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

1.3 Must have a guard detector;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

1.4 Must accommodate sample planchet sizes that are 50 and 57 mm in diameter;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

1.5 Must have a modular sample detector design for future upgrades;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

1.6 Must have independent detector start/stop;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

1.7 Must include a complete gas regulation assembly;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

1.8 Must have typical detector efficiencies of > 30% for Am-241 and > 45% for Sr-90;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

1.9 Must have typical background counts of < 0.1cpm and < 1.0 cpm for alpha and beta channels, respectively;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

1.10 Must have an instrumental detector cross-talk of < 0.1% between alpha and beta channels;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

2. Operating Software

2.1 Operating software must allow instrument control, data acquisition, and data processing;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

2.2 Operating software must be compatible with Windows XP or Windows 7;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

2.3 Operating software must have an interface capability to a LIMS:

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

2.4 Operating software must be intuitive to use;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

2.5 Operating software must enable the generation of QC control charts;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

2.6 Operating software must allow for standard and customizable data reporting;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

2.7 Operating must allow data export to Microsoft Excel;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

3. Required Accessory

3.1 Must come with a mounting table or rack to support the instrument;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____