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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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Title - Sujet Nursing Services	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation H3551-112960/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 002
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client H3551-112960	Date 2012-08-17
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$WPG-208-8124	
File No. - N° de dossier WPG-2-35087 (208)	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
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Amendment 002 is issued to address additional questions raised by the industry:

- Q1. With regard to the accommodations available to nurses, are they single or multiple occupancy? What basic services are included in the accommodations (telephone, Internet, kitchenette)?
- A1. Accommodations vary from multiple to single based on the community. They are fully furnished suites, with phones & TVs. Some may or may not have internet access. The Contractor must ensure that the Contract Nurses have a calling card(s) in order to make their private telephone calls, if required.
- Q2. With regard to the work schedule of 37.5 hours per week, is the assignment period likely to exceed three consecutive work weeks?
- A2. Yes.
- Q3. With regard to the certifications required on page 20 of 44 (ACLS, TNCC, etc.), the "mandatory" to have them in the French version of the SO seems stronger than in the English version. We are wondering if these mandatory certifications are an essential condition when submitting the bid for each of the 20 proposed candidates. If the answer is no and that these certifications are an essential condition for the proposed nurses to leave on assignment, then why is it rated criteria?
- A3. NO, all proposed nurses must be on the practicing roster with the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM), with no restrictions; must possess and maintain current Basic Cardiac Life support certification and hold a satisfactory PWGSC security clearance screening. This is a mandatory condition for nurses to have at bid closing, as well throughout the contract. The certification (ACLS, TNCC, etc.) are not mandatory however they are point rated under Firm's Nurse Capacity and Experience as identified on page 40 of 44.

The French document will be amended accordingly.

- Q4. With regard to the travel costs on page 30 of 44, as of when is travel time paid? Does the clause apply only to nurses residing outside Manitoba and, if so, what about nurses who reside in Manitoba?
- A4. HC will reimburse travel time for all contract nurses from Winnipeg, The Pas or Thompson to a community at a rate that does not exceed 70% of the proposed straight time rate. Travel time will be calculated based on the flight times on the airline itinerary, plus 1.5 hours disembarking, plus .5 hours transport between the nursing station and airport.
- Q5. In the rated criteria, it is possible to propose a number of nurses in addition to the 20 required candidates. For this additional number, can nurses outside Manitoba be included if their CPR certification, CV, and licence to practice from another province are submitted?
- A5. For any proposed nurses exceeding the mandatory 20, they must also meet the mandatory conditions of CRNM and BCLS and are to be dedicated to this program for any assignments.
- Q6. Page 30, Delays/Cancellations, paragraph C, Accommodations: What are the criteria for issuing an approval (authorization email)? In other words, what could justify a refusal?
- A6. A signed Task Authorization form will be utilized for approvals and can be sent by email.

Previous unsatisfactory performance or behavioral issues with a nurse or community leadership request could justify a refusal of a nurse. It is up to the Agency to screen their nurses to ensure that there are no outstanding issues with Canada.and/or the community.

- Q7. Where does it indicate that the accommodation costs on assignment locations are covered by the government?
- A7. HC does not charge a fee for accommodation during their assignment; however if there are damages done to the suite, the agency will be liable for all cost associated with these damages.