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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.

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

Comments - Commentaires

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

Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution
Public Works and Government Services Canada
Ontario Region
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Title - Sujet AEROLOGICAL BALLOONS	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation K3D33-121016/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client K3D33-121016	Date 2012-10-09
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$TOR-224-6017	
File No. - N° de dossier TOR-2-35002 (224)	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2012-10-29	Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Juan, Peggy	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur tor224
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (905) 615-2467 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX (905) 615-2060
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	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

Amendment No.001 is raised to answer bidder's question and to include more instruction information for sample submission:

Questions and Answers:

Question: "In Annex B, Section 3 (Requirements), Item 3.8 (Neck), on page 28, Article 3.8.1 (Size), the requirement is as follows: "The neck must be 27.5 mm \pm 2.5 mm nominal inside diameter."

We are planning to propose very high quality balloons, however the neck diameter of these balloons is not more than 6.4cm (mostly the scope is 5.76cm-6.0cm), while your requirement is for 2.75cm \pm 0.25cm.

According to our understanding, there are only two suppliers in the world who can produce balloons which meet your neck diameter requirement. This would thus limit the number of companies able to bid on this opportunity. These two suppliers use different technology compared to what we are proposing here, and so the neck diameter is also different.

The balloons we would like to propose have been exported to many countries, including Italy, USA, Korea, India, Russia, Turkey, South Africa, and Mexico.

Given the above, we trust that the Crown would be able to adjust the neck diameter requirement so that Canadian companies such as ours can bid on this opportunity."

Answer: " Environment Canada wishes to express its appreciation to all legitimate parties wishing to bid on the balloon RFP K3D33-121016/A.

The balloon requirements in this RFP have been carefully prepared in order to receive bids which offer balloons that comply with the specifications as indicated in the document. Such specifications meet the safety and operational requirements of the Aerological program of this department. Any deviations from these specification requirements may jeopardize the safety of station staff and property.

Also, the radiosondes currently supplied to Environment Canada under a contract ending in 2017, do not accommodate balloons outside of the specific requirements of this RFP.

No modifications to equipment currently in use at Upper Air stations, in order to accommodate a bidder's balloon specifications, can be substantiated, nor are feasible. Unwarranted deviation from the strict specifications in the RFP is not acceptable and will justify rejection of the bid.

All bids to this proposal will be given fair and unbiased consideration within the limits of this process."

Amendment:

At Part 1, Article 2 Summary, Sample Submission, "...Bidders must submit with their bids by Bid Closing Date a copy of documentation that shows that the sample balloons were shipped to MSC prior to Bid Closing Date and Time. Acceptable documentation includes a courier slip, a Canada Post Corporation (CPC) cancellation date stamp, a CPC Priority Courier Bill of Lading, or a CPC Xpresspost Label..."

Add:

"or a signed statement from MSC's Shipping and Receiving department, stating that the sample balloons were received prior to bid closing date and time"

At Annex D, Technical Evaluation Plan, Section B. Submission and Testing of Samples, Article 4.4:

Add: "or a signed statement from MSC's Shipping and Receiving department, stating that the sample balloons were received prior to bid closing date and time."

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.