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**Revision to a Request for a Standing Offer**

**Révision à une demande d'offre à commandes**

Regional Individual Standing Offer (RISO)

Offre à commandes individuelle régionale (OCIR)

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

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

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<b>Title - Sujet</b> Fire Sprinkler Inspection	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> 21201-120166/A	<b>Date</b> 2012-06-08
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> 21201-120166	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 003
<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> MCT-1-34453 (018)	<b>CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME</b>
<b>GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG</b> PW-\$MCT-018-4446	
<b>Date of Original Request for Standing Offer</b> Date de la demande de l'offre à commandes originale 2012-04-19	
<b>Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin</b> <b>at - à 02:00 PM</b> <b>on - le 2012-06-21</b>	
<b>Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à:</b> Martin, Lisa M.	<b>Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur</b> mct018
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<b>Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction:</b> <b>Destination - des biens, services et construction:</b>	
<b>Security - Sécurité</b> This revision does not change the security requirements of the Offer. Cette révision ne change pas les besoins en matière de sécurité de la présente offre.	

**Instructions: See Herein**

**Instructions: Voir aux présentes**

<b>Acknowledgement copy required</b> <b>Accusé de réception requis</b>	<b>Yes - Oui</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No - Non</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer.</b> <b>Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre.</b>		
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of offeror. (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du proposant. (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)		
<b>For the Minister - Pour le Ministre</b>		

**Solicitation Amendment No. 003**

This solicitation is hereby amended to provide the following questions and answers

**Question 1-**

Can we arrange a site visit for all the sites to get an idea on how things work at each site prior to closing of this tender?!

**Answer #1**

By providing information on the systems at each institution and the estimated number of hours required, the Crown will not be allowing site visits.

**Question 2-**

Is there a chance for an extension on the closing date to carry out these site visits?

**Answer #2**

An extension has been granted until June 21st.

**Question 3-****Reference to ANNEX "A" STATEMENT OF WORK**

The contractor will complete all documentation of the entire Fire Sprinkler System. This agreement covers 100% of the testing and inspection of the Fire Sprinkler System performed in accordance with NFPA 25, Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of all Water – Base Fire Protection System, Section 6.5 Automatic Sprinkler System and Section 6.6 Water Supply Systems for Fire Protection on an Annual Basis. All sprinklers supervisory switches shall be tested for proper operation All sprinklers water flow detecting devices shall be tested for their intended function in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. All sprinklers All control valves All Fire Department connections All Wet Systems All Pre-action System All Alarms All Dry Systems All Alarm Valves

**Technical Specifications:**

**The annual inspection, testing and maintenance requirements will be done by the contractor as per National Fire Code of Canada 2005, as well as NFPA 25, Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of all Water – Base Fire Protection System, Section 6.5 "Automatic Sprinkler System" and Section 6.6 "Water Supply Systems for Fire Protection on an Annual Basis", NFPA 13, Installation of Sprinkler Systems or the latest revision.**

**Question** - Section 6 of NFPA 25 2011 edition is for stand pipe inspection , Statement of work lists "Testing and Maintenance of all Water – Base Fire Protection System, Section 6.5 Automatic Sprinkler System and Section 6.6 Water Supply Systems for Fire Protection on an Annual Basis" please clarify the section of the code you wish to be applicable.

**Answer #3**

The most current codes pertaining to testing, inspecting and maintaining water based fire protection systems should be used as a reference when performing the tests/inspections on our fire suppression systems. In this case NFPA 25 (2011) should be used.

Specific components identified in our system and related to other standards and codes should also be tested based on current standards and industry practices. To clarify the scope of work further;

The majority of the services to be provided will revolve around the annual inspection, testing and maintenance of our fire suppression systems according to NFPA 25 and other pertinent codes and standards. The contractor will complete all documentation of the entire fire suppression system in each facility. The report shall include results of inspection, testing and the performed maintenance as per pertinent sections in NFPA 25 and contain the following information;

- All supervisory signal devices
- All water flow detection devices
- All sprinklers
- Control valves
- Fire department connections
- All wet, dry and glycol filled systems
- All alarms
- All pipes and fittings
- Spare sprinklers
- Hangers
- Gauges
- Water hose cabinets
- All standpipes

*\* Clarification: Daily, weekly, quarterly and bi-annual tasks will be performed by the Crown. The Crown does reserve the right to request these services from the contractor at the hourly rate.*

*The tasks under the scope of work specifications doesn't include fire booster pumps, propane valves, fire dampers, fire hydrants and fire hydrant testing. These will be handled by the Crown.*

#### Question 4-

All work must be carried out by a **Licensed Sprinkler Technician** certified to work on Water –Based Fire Protection Systems for maintenance and repairs and during testing and inspections"Will this also include the monthly and weekly testing of the fire pumps as outlined by the requirements of NFPA 25 chapter 8? Later in the specifications it lists that the crown may carry out some of this testing which conflicts with the above noted statement.

#### Answer #4

Please see answer for Question 3.

#### Question 5-

##### Site Specific Specifications:

No fire doors, but several air dampers in the air handling system held open with fusible links. • 2 automatic Propane shut off valves located at the kitchen and the heating plant. • One fire suppression system for the kitchen hood.

Fire door inspections, fire dampers in air handling systems automatic propane shut off valves and kitchen hood systems do not fall under NFPA 25 inspection testing and maintenance, how are these to be identified as not being apart of this contract?

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**Answer #5**

Please see answer for Question 3.

**Question 6-**

Will the 13 hydrants be tested and maintained in accordance with NFPA 25 and be tested semi annually? Do any of the other facilities have hydrants that require testing and how many? Springhill #58 just states Hydrants.

**Answer #6**

Testing the fire hydrants will not be part of this contract. Please see answer for Question 3.

**Question 7-**

Standpipe systems are to be full flow tested every 5 years is the offer to assume that this testing would be carried out during the first year to establish our own records or will the crown provide documentation to show test results that are satisfactory results to the crowns liking?

**Answer #7**

The Crown is willing to work with the contractor to establish a proper rotation schedule for items to be inspected at multi-year intervals. If the bid includes certain inspections/testing in a specific year, please make note of this in the proposal to avoid misinterpretation.

**Question 8-**

Hose cabinets, hoses are to be inspected and tested every 5 years. Will this be apart of the first years service or has this work been completed and no replacement of 1 1/2 " hoses is necessary at this time.

**Answer #8**

The Crown is not aware of any hoses that need to be replaced. The Crown is willing to work with the contractor to establish a proper rotation schedule for items to be inspected at multi-year intervals. If the bid includes certain inspections/testing in a specific year, please make note of this in the proposal to avoid misinterpretation.

**Question 9-**

Is the crown aware of the NFPA TIA that is in place in regards to Glycol Loops ? How does the crown wish to proceed with the testing and use of the glycol system please see page 124 of NFPA 25 2011 edition for this reference.

**Answer #9**

The Crown would like to proceed with testing the solution annually. The remainder of the system should be inspected and tested according to industry best practice. The Crown is willing to discuss with the contractor such specialty applications and any non-standard work would be performed at the hourly rate.

**Question 10-**

How does the crown wish to proceed with the annual service of the diesel fire pumps as this is required to be carried out by a licensed diesel mechanic, is the offer to carry this price in the quotation? This will this service be in accordance with NFPA 20.

#### **Answer #10**

The Crown will establish a separate contract for fire pumps (diesel or electric). See question 3 answer for further clarification.

#### **Question 11-**

In section Annex B Basis of Payments is the offer to base the inspection on the estimated qty for the hours? Is this estimate hours for the annual inspection of the fire suppression systems? Or this a total for all 4 inspections.

#### **Answer #11**

The hours specified for each site are based on historical information and should give the contractors an idea as to how much work will be involved at each facility and with the different activities. All sites are presented on separate tables

#### **Question 12-**

A number of the items in Annex "C" are no longer available will an alternative part be acceptable?

#### **Answer #12**

Alternate parts are acceptable as long as they are compatible and of similar or better quality. Any alternatives should be specified or noted for understanding.

#### **Question 13-**

How does the crown deal with the necessary service of the fire pumps?

#### **Answer #13**

The Crown will issue a separate contract. Answers to question 3 and 10 are related.

#### **Question 14-**

Any items listed for the inspection under NFPA 25 that are really not apart of the sprinkler inspection is the Offeror to carry a 3rd party price to cover the inspection of specialty equipment or will the crown sub these items out separately?

#### **Answer #14**

The Crown will issue separate contracts. Please refer to the answer for question #3 for more information.

#### **Question 15-**

A number of items listed in Annex "C" are repeated under a different description how do you want these items priced? example item 13,34 and 58 are all the same just different names.

**Answer #15**

Price information should be made available for each part listed. If the name or specifications differ slightly, making a note or comment would be beneficial in understanding the approach. The answer to Question 12 also provides additional information on a similar situation.

**Question 16-**

How does the crown wish to receive pricing for BI pipe 3/4" and up threaded and Victaulic grooves, price per foot? All these are one line item

**Answer # 16**

The prices are per foot and if separate line items can't be entered in the reply or proposal, perhaps an additional table with specifics on part size variations could be included. Anything added should have a proper description for the part.

**Question 17-**

What size do they want the test and drains to be listed as ? 1/2" orifice?

**Answer #17**

As 1/2", if variations are common, perhaps additional line items and prices would be beneficial.

**Question 18-**

Can we get some clarification in regards to the requirement of item 5 annex "F"

Our company has personal that have been working solely for us for over 25 years and do not have a resume to speak of, how can we address this issue.

**Answer #18**

Companies wishing to bid are to provide a summary of qualifications, training and experience for each technician.

**Question 19-**

Annex "C" asks for pricing,

How are we to deal with parts that are no longer available? What if we were to offer a suitable replacement

**Answer #19**

Suitable replacement parts are acceptable as long as they are compatible and of similar or better quality. It should be specified in the proposal the differences in the part such as the name, size, model number etc..

**Question 20-**

How do we approach items that are the same item 4 and item 13, our company only stocks Albany pumps what price do you want for G.E. excess pressure pump? Will the Albany price meet this requirement?

**Answer #20**

Please refer to the answer provided at Question 3. If compatible and of good quality, information needs to be provided on the suitable part in order to properly assess the proposal. It should also be explained why the part specified can't be provided.

**Question 21-**

How do we add items to the list

Item 54 asks for BI pipe 3/4 inch and up, per foot, each size will have its own price how do we list this price per foot for each size of pipe?

This also asks for Victaulic grooves, a special groover is required for 1 inch pipe and this is not standard how are we to proceed with this pricing for the BI pipe?

**Answer #21**

The prices are per foot and if separate line items can't be entered in the reply or proposal, perhaps an additional table with specifics on the part size variations could be included.

**Question 22-**

Fire pump in item 29 and 30 do not provide enough information to price pump replacement this would only be a budget price is this acceptable?

**Answer #22**

Yes this is acceptable but for this part only.

**Question 23-**

Our company does not understand EXACTLY what it is you are looking for in Annex "B" "Hourly rate first hour" and the estimated hours, please provide some clarification on how the RFP is approaching this and possibly a formula that you would like to see used to show the breakdown please.

**Answer #23**

The first hour should include all travel, meals, fuel and time (etc..) required for the technician to travel to the destination.

The hourly rate after the first hour should under normal circumstances be the same at every site, the first hour takes care of all expenses. That is the mindset behind the approach.

**Further Clarification (if needed):**

The number of hours specified for each annual inspection and other services are based on historical practices at each site. The estimated quantity of hours for each site is what can be expected in the course of a year.

**Question 24-**

Our company cannot offer a blanket % discount for materials as we do not buy from one supplier how is this to be dealt with to provide the discounted pricing for this RFP.

#### **Answer #24**

Estimated Cost for Parts and Materials (based on the contractor's landed cost plus a mark up of \_\_\_\_\_. (Includes all shipping charges)

#### **Question 25-**

Can we have some clarification in regards to what you are looking for in Annex "B"

Hourly Rate for the First Hour 0700 to 1730 what does this mean?

Hourly Rate After First hour 0700 to 1730 what does this mean?

Please explain what it is that the Crown is looking for in this section of the RFP.

#### **Answer #25**

The first hour should include all travel, meals, fuel, etc that is for the tech to get to the place of service.

The hourly rate after the first hour should be the same at every site in my view point, the first hour takes care of all expenses.

#### **Question 26-**

In the event at the time of the inspection we do not have an available apprentice to assist in the inspection process, how would the billing for the second Licensed Sprinkler Technician work?

#### **Answer #26**

As per sites requirement, no apprentice was authorize during annual inspection only Licensed Sprinkler Technicians.

#### **Question 27-**

With the hours listed for the Annual Inspection as an estimated amount what happens in the event the actual hours exceeded this amount of hours? In the Annual Inspection the hours do not match the estimated hours listed in the section above.

#### **Answer #27**

As per our review from three previous years, these are every conservative estimated hours, if we would exceed due to lock down, etc we would have to request a contract amendment, if required.

The hours above are for maintenance, modifications; repairs etc. the annual inspection hours are only for the inspections.

#### **Question 28-**

Which inspection code/year of NFPA that is being referred to in part 2 page 22 and again on page 23. It mentions Section 6.5 and 6.6 which does not exist in NFPA 25 that I can find.



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## Answer #28

Please see the answer for Question 3.

If your bid has already been forwarded and you wish to revise same, this revision should be sent either in a sealed envelope and mailed to the above address or by facsimile (506) 851-6759 and reach the undersigned before the appropriate closing date. The solicitation number and the closing date are to be shown on the outside of the sealed envelope or on the facsimile transmission.

All other terms and conditions of the solicitation document remain unchanged.

All enquiries concerning this amendment are to be forwarded to:

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