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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**

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<b>Title - Sujet</b> Interconnecting Panel Systems	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> EN448-113565/A	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 001
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> 20113565	<b>Date</b> 2012-06-11
<b>GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG</b> PW-\$\$PQ-426-60564	
<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> pq426.EN448-113565	<b>CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME</b>
<b>Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin</b> <b>at - à 02:00 PM</b> <b>on - le 2012-07-09</b>	
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**Instructions: See Herein**

**Instructions: Voir aux présentes**

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<b>Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm</b> <b>(type or print)</b> <b>Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/</b> <b>de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

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**This amendment 001 is raised to answer questions and make modifications of the above mentioned solicitation as follows:**

**1) Questions and Answers :**

**Q1.** In reference to MTS2: No critical dimensions can be seen on the plans. Please confirm if they in fact exist.

**A1.** Critical dimensions will be discussed with the winning bidder, please refer to Annex A-1, Section 1. Site Inspection and Documentation.

**Q2.** In reference to MTS4: The request for 6 fabric cards seems excessive. Would 4 be acceptable?

**A2.** No, no change to MTS4.

**Q3.** At Annex A1 2.v.: Please confirm if delivery can be made during regular business hours.

**A3.** No, delivery must be in accordance to Annex A-1 Requirement, Section 2. Article v.

**Q4.** At Annex A-2 Section 5.3 / 8.6 / 10.1.2: The requirement for "medium price group" fabric is subjective and not quantifiable. Fabric grading varies from supplier to supplier. Can this be removed?

**A4.** Yes, the submission must include the complete selection of standard fabric offerings at time of bid closing.

**Q5.** At Section 5.8: 305mm (12") wide panels are not standard in many product lines and do not seem to be required on the floor plans. Can this requirement be removed?

**A5.** Yes, the reference to 305 mm (12") wide panels is to be removed from the Annex A-2 Purchase Description (Product Specifications).

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**Q6.** At Section 6.10: Can 2 triplex receptacles be provided in lieu of 3 duplex receptacles? If so can the powered panels and outlets be repositioned to ensure user access as per the design intent of the layouts?

**A6.** No, 3 duplex receptacles are mandatory.

**Q7.** At Section 8.1: Are the 3 "master" keys requested in this section meant to be used for the removal and exchange of lock cylinders or are you in fact requesting that the project is to have a Master keying system where a master key can open any one of a series of locks?

**A7.** We are requesting that the project is to have a Master keying system where a master key can open any one of a series of locks. We are also requesting that each locked unit in each workstation to be provided with two (2) keys.

**Q8.** At Section 8.3 and 8.6: Please confirm that the mobile box/box/file pedestal with cushion is not intended to be placed under the panel hung surface due to its overall height.

**A8.** Pedestals with cushions are not to be placed under the panel hung surface.

**Q9.** Section 8.12: Traditional personal storage towers use a standard nominal pedestal dimension of 15" for the file drawers and upper storage. The coat storage is then 9" wide. Is this acceptable?

**A9.** Yes, 15" for the file drawers and upper storage with coat storage width of 9" is also acceptable.

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**Q10.** We are well aware of the project involved as for many months a number of our staff have been working with staff at CRA regarding this project. During those communications the issue of whether or not stackable, load bearing of panels were required was discussed on more than one occasion and it was confirmed by CRA staff that this was not a requirement, especially now that panels have been lowered as per the release of the Government of Canada's workplace 2.0 Fit-up Standards.

Imagine our surprise when as per Annex A, section 5.6 panels have been mandated to be a monolithic base panel with a monolithic load bearing add-on module (over panel) when the panels are seated privacy and seated/standing privacy in height.

Would you please provide the industry with the reasoning for eliminating competition with PWGSC's addition of the mandatory requirement.

**A10.** A load bearing panel is required to accommodate an overhead bin. The decision was made to procure a monolithic panel not a stackable panel; no change to Annex A-2 Purchase Description (Product Specifications), section 5.6.

**Q11.** The plans appear to have some surfaces missing. Are these freestanding surfaces? Will they be included in this bid or will they be requested separately? If they are going to be procured separately, will this also be issued through Merx? If so, when is that expected to be released.

**A11.** Yes, these are freestanding surfaces. They will be processed separately. No, these items will be procured through the Freestanding Supply Arrangement.

**Q12.** Question for 5.0 Panels 5.3 "Fabric to be from a medium price group"; Can you please defined what is considered a mid grade fabric?

**A12.** Reference to a medium price group is to be removed. The submission must include the complete selection of standard fabric offerings at the time of bid closing.

**Q13.** Question for Annex A-3 floor plans "During the solicitation period, bidders are to obtain the electronic disc from the Merx tool". We're we suppose to have typicals available on the CD? We can only view the floor plan. Can we have a copy of the 3D and/or elevations of each typical requested?

**A13.** Typicals were not provided on the CD and are not available. 3D and/or elevations of each typical are not available.

**Q14.** Question for EN448-113565/A Tender. It seems that some furniture is missing from the floor plan, (only one desk showing per office) will there be a separate tender for the remainder of the freestanding furniture, seating, filling....?

**A14.** Yes, there will be separate tenders for the remainder of the freestanding furniture, seating, filing etc.

## **2) Changes to the Solicitation:**

### **2.1 At Annex A-2, Section 5.3**

Delete : 5.3 All panels must be fabric upholstered. Fabric to be from a medium price group.

Insert : 5.3 All panels must be fabric upholstered. Fabric must be the complete selection of standard fabric.

### **2.2 At Annex A-2, Section 8.6**

Delete : 8.6 All metal mobile pedestals must have an integrated seat cushion. Fabric used to upholster must be of medium price group and must be manufactured from recycled material.

Insert : 8.6 All metal mobile pedestals must have an integrated seat cushion. Fabric used to upholster must be the complete selection of standard fabric and must be manufactured from recycled material.

### 2.3 At Annex A-2, Section 10.1.2

Delete : 10.1.2 The submission must include complete selection of standard fabric offerings at a medium price group for panel coverings at time of bid closing.

Insert : 10.1.2 The submission must include complete selection of standard fabric offerings for panel coverings at time of bid closing.

### 2.4 At Annex A-2, Section 5.8

Delete: 5.8 Panels must be available in the following widths: 305 mm (12"), 457 mm (18"), 610 mm (24"), 762 mm (30"), 915 mm (36"), 1220 mm (48"), 1372 mm (54") and 1520 mm (60"). A combination of 610 mm (24") and 762 mm (30") is acceptable for the panel width of 1372 mm (54"). Two 762 mm (30") panels are acceptable for the panel width of 1524 mm (60").

Insert: 5.8 Panels must be available in the following widths: 457 mm (18"), 610 mm (24"), 762 mm (30"), 915 mm (36"), 1220 mm (48"), 1372 mm (54") and 1520 mm (60"). A combination of 610 mm (24") and 762 mm (30") is acceptable for the panel width of 1372 mm (54"). Two 762 mm (30") panels are acceptable for the panel width of 1524 mm (60").

### 2.5 At Annex A-2, Section 8.12

Delete: 8.12 Metal personal storage cabinets must be comprised of the following: One (1) 150mm (6") wide X full height space to hang a coat complete with all hardware for coat hanging (metal hang rod preferred), One (1) 460mm (18") wide adjustable shelf complete with door; and two (2) 460mm (18") wide file drawers. File drawers must be able to accommodate files of letter and legal sizes. All hardware required to suspend files must be included in each drawer.

Insert: 8.12 Metal personal storage cabinets must be comprised of the following: One (1) 150mm (6") wide X full height space to hang a coat complete with all hardware for coat hanging (metal hang rod preferred), One (1) 460mm (18") wide adjustable shelf complete with door; and two (2) 460mm (18") wide file drawers. File drawers must be able to accommodate files of letter and legal sizes. All hardware required to suspend files must be included in each drawer. 15" for the file drawers and upper storage with coat storage width of 9" is also acceptable.

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