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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.

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This Solicitation Amendment is raised in response to enquiries received relative to the bid solicitation.

Q1. With respect to article 2. A Confirmation Technique in Appendix I to Annex A, that states that "With the exception of Undeclared Allergens and Aflatoxins, confirmation using an LC/MS technique, which is to be developed by the Contractor, is required for all samples found positive by the initial method.", would you please clarify which survey methods require LC/MS confirmatory methods as a separated and secondary analysis for positives observed in the primary cited method? It would seem, that most of the methods listed in 'Reference' and 'Detection Method' columns of Table 4 (in Appendix I to Annex A) for the respective surveys are of sufficient specificity to be classified as confirmatory methods.

A1. Refer to the second half of the "confirmation Technique" in Appendix I to Annex A: For the initial detection method that meets performance criteria described in the Official Journal of the European Communities, "Commission Decision of 12 August 2002 implementing Council Directive 96/23/EC concerning the performance of analytical methods and the interpretation of results", additional confirmatory method is not required.

Q2. With respect to PBDEs (Polybrominated diphenyl ethers) in Table 4 of Appendix I to Annex A which lists HR-MS/MS as the detection method column., would the availability of such instrumentation be rare and would not appear to be consistent with the two references in the 'Reference' column of the same table. The first listed RFP publication (Environ Health Perspect. 2006 October; 114(10): 1515-1520) does through a further citation identify their primary methodology as isotope dilution GC/HRMS.

Since isotope dilution GC/HRMS is the apparent cited method and a common approach for comprehensive and confirmatory PBDE analysis, please clarify whether isotope dilution GC/HRMS is the RFP intended method rather than HR-MS/MS?

A2. Detection methods listed in table 4 of Appendix I to Annex A should not be considered as the only acceptable choice for detection methods. As per PBDE survey, GC/HRMS is sufficient.

Q3. With respect to Attachment 1 to Part 4, Mandatory Technical Criteria, would you please clarify the minimum mandatory requirements for LOD/LOQ data validations to be responsive to the bid; that is, irrespective of which M2 option is chosen, are the minimum LOD/LOQ determinations to meet all mandatory requirements as defined for each survey limited to one relevant matrix and those targets listed in 'Table 5 Technical Evaluation Table'? [Presumably those limits must be less than or equal to the LOD/LOQ limits defined or referenced in Table 4 Reference Methods and Criteria'.] If this is not the case for each survey, please clarify.

A3. Yes. For chemical Surveys, with the exception of M3 (specific for Allergen surveys), all mandatory Technical Criteria must be met, including LOD/LOQ criteria. Minimum requirement for LOD/LOQ are described in Table 4: Reference Methods and Criteria (Appendix I to Annex A) for each survey. These values apply to all matrices presented in "Targeted product types including but not limited to" in Table 1, Survey Sample Guidance, of Article 7.1 at Annex A, Statement of Work. In the event of LODs/LOQs are different from one matrix to another for the same survey, please list all LOD/LOQs in accordance with only the validated matrices.

Q4. Does the Bidder have to provide a price for retests?

A.4 Yes, bidders must submit a bid for Additional Testing Services. This includes any retests. See item 11.4.4 of Annex A, Statement of Work.

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Q5. Are bidders allowed to bid only for sample collection?

A5. No, the requirement is for sample collection and analytical testing services.

Q6. If a laboratory is not ready with certain methods to bid this year, would it be possible to submit a proposal next year

A.6. No the requirement is to submit a bid (s) for a Survey(s) for the period of the contract (01-05-2013 to 30-04-2016) and two options periods of 2 years each.

Q7. What is the procedure for allergen confirmation?

A.7 Item 2. A Confirmation Technique of Appendix 1 to Annex A states that : " With the exception of Undeclared Allergens and Aflatoxins, confirmation using an LC/MS technique, which is to be developed by the Contractor, is required for all samples found positive by the initial method. Undeclared Allergens do not require a confirmation method, unless specified otherwise by the Technical Authority in writing. "