

GENERAL CONDITIONS  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. In the Contract,

- 1.1 "Award Date" means the date of the award of the Contract by the Department to the Contractor.
- 1.2 "Contract" means the written agreement between the parties which incorporates these general conditions and every other document specified or referred to in the Contract, as such may be amended by the parties from time to time.
- 1.3 "Contractor" means the vendor and any other party to the Contract other than Her Majesty.
- 1.4 "General Conditions" means this document as amended from time to time.
- 1.5 "Intellectual Property" means any intellectual property right recognized by the law, including any intellectual property through legislation (such as that governing patents, copyright, industrial design, integrated circuit topography, or plant breeders' rights) or arising from protection of information as a trade secret or as confidential information.
- 1.6 "Invention" means any new and useful art, process, machine, manufacture or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof.
- 1.7 "Minister" means the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and any other person authorized to act on his or her behalf.
- 1.8 "Per Diem" means a period of 7.5 hours of actual work per day. Where actual hours worked are less than 7.5 hours per day, the amount to be paid will be pro rated accordingly.
- 1.9 "Person" includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any individual, partnership, firm, company, corporation, joint venture, syndicate, organization or any other form of entity howsoever designated or constituted, or any group, combination or aggregation of any of them.
- 1.10 "Prototypes" includes models, patterns and samples.
- 1.11 "Technical Documentation" includes designs, reports, photographs, drawings, plans, specifications, computer software, surveys, calculations and other data, information and material collected, computed, drawn or produced, including computer printouts.
- 1.12 "Work", unless otherwise expressed in the Contract, means everything that is necessary to be done, furnished or delivered by the Contractor to perform the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.
- 1.13 The headings introducing sections are inserted for convenience of reference only and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of such sections.
- 1.14 A cross reference to a section number is a reference to all its sub-sections.
- 1.15 Words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular.
- 1.16 Words imparting a gender include any other gender.

## 2. Priority of Documents

- 2.1 In the event of discrepancies or conflicts between these General Conditions and anything in the other documents that together form the Contract, these General Conditions govern except that if there is a conflict between these General Conditions and the Articles of Agreement, the Offer of Services, or such similar document, then the Articles of Agreement, the Offer of Services, or such similar document, whichever may be the case, shall govern.

## 3. Successors and Assigns

- 3.1 The Contract shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their lawful heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.

## 4. Assignment, Novation and Subcontracting

- 4.1 The Contract shall not be assigned without the prior written consent of the Minister. Any assignment made without that consent is void and of no effect.
- 4.2 No assignment shall relieve the Contractor of any obligation under the Contract or impose any liability upon Her Majesty or the Minister.
- 4.3 Any assignment by the Minister of Her Majesty's interest in the Contract shall include the novation of the Minister's assignee as a party to the Contract. The Contractor shall be obliged to accept the novation. The parties shall promptly execute and deliver all documents as are reasonably required to give effect to any novation.
- 4.4 Neither the whole nor any part of the Work may be subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the Minister. Every subcontract shall incorporate such terms and conditions of the Contract as may be reasonably applied thereto.

## 5. Time of the Essence

- 5.1 Time is of the essence of the Contract and every part thereof, except as may be otherwise provided.

## 6. Force Majeure

- 6.1 A delay in the performance by the Contractor of any obligation under the Contract which is caused solely by an event that:
- 6.1.1 was beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor;
  - 6.1.2 could not have reasonably been foreseen;
  - 6.1.3 could not have reasonably been prevented by means reasonably available to the Contractor; and
  - 6.1.4 occurred without the fault or neglect of the Contractor,
- may, subject to subsections 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 constitute an "excusable delay" provided that the Contractor invokes this subsection by giving notice pursuant to subsection 6.4.

- 6.2 If any delay in the Contractor's performance of any obligation under the Contract is caused by delay of a subcontractor, such a delay may constitute an "excusable delay" by the Contractor, only if the delay of the subcontractor meets the criteria for an "excusable delay" by the Contractor pursuant to this section and only to the extent that the Contractor has not contributed to the delay.
- 6.3 Notwithstanding subsection 6.1 any delay caused by the Contractor's lack of financial resources or an event that is a ground for termination pursuant to section 9 or any delay by the Contractor in fulfilling an obligation to deliver a bond, guarantee, letter of credit or other security relating to performance or payment of money shall not qualify as an "excusable delay."
- 6.4 The Contractor shall not benefit from an "excusable delay" unless the Contractor has:
- 6.4.1 used its best efforts to minimize the delay and recover lost time;
  - 6.4.2 advised the Minister of the occurrence of the delay, or of the likelihood of a delay occurring, as soon as the Contractor has knowledge of the occurrence of or likelihood of the delay;
  - 6.4.3 within fifteen (15) working days of the beginning of the delay or of the likelihood of a delay coming to the attention of the Contractor, advised the Minister of the full facts or matters giving rise to the delay and provided to the Minister for approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, a clear work-around-plan that details the steps the Contractor proposes to take in order to minimize the impact of the event causing the delay or the likely delay. The work-around-plan shall include alternative sources of materials and labour, if the event causing the delay or likely delay involves the supply of them; and
  - 6.4.4 carried out the work-around-plan approved by the Minister.
- 6.5 In the event of an "excusable delay", any delivery date or other date that is directly affected shall be postponed for a reasonable time not to exceed the duration of the "excusable delay." The parties shall amend the Contract, as appropriate, to reflect any such change in the dates.
- 6.6 Notwithstanding subsection 6.7, if an "excusable delay" has continued for fifteen (15) working days or more, the Minister may, in his sole discretion, terminate the Contract. In that event, the parties agree that neither of them will make any claim against the other for damages, costs, expected profits or any other loss arising out of the termination or the event that gave rise to the "excusable delay." The Contractor agrees to immediately repay to Her Majesty, the portion of any advance payment that is unliquidated at the date of the termination. Subsections 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6 apply in the event of termination under this subsection.
- 6.7 Except to the extent that Her Majesty is responsible for the delay for reasons of failure to meet an obligation under the Contract, Her Majesty shall not be liable for any costs or charges of any nature incurred by the Contractor or any of its subcontractors or agents as a result of an "excusable delay."

## 7. Indemnification

- 7.1 The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless Her Majesty and the Minister from and against all claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, expenses, actions and other proceedings, by whomsoever made, sustained, brought, prosecuted, or threatened to be brought or prosecuted, in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributable to:
- 7.1.1 any injury to or death of a person or damage to or loss of property arising from any wilful or negligent act, omission or delay on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor's employees or agents in performing the Work or as a result of the Work;

- 7.1.2 any lien, attachment, charge, encumbrance or similar claim upon any property vested in Her Majesty under the Contract; and
- 7.1.3 the use of the invention claimed in a patent, or infringement or alleged infringement of any patent or any registered industrial design or any copyright resulting from the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the contract, and in respect of the use of or disposal by Her Majesty of anything furnished pursuant to the contract.
- 7.2 The Contractor's liability to indemnify or reimburse Her Majesty under the Contract shall not affect or prejudice Her Majesty from exercising any of Her Majesty's other rights.

## 8. Notices

- 8.1 Any notice, request, direction or other communication required to be given under the Contract shall be in writing and is effective if delivered by registered mail, facsimile or other electronic means that provides a paper record of the text of the notice and confirmation of its receipt by the person at the address stipulated in the Contract. Any notice, request, direction or other communication shall be deemed to have been given if by registered mail, on the date upon which the postal receipt is signed by the recipient; if by facsimile or other electronic means, on the date on which it was successfully transmitted, and if in person, on the date of delivery.

## 9. Termination for Convenience

- 9.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Contract, the Minister may, at any time prior to the completion of the Work, by giving notice to the Contractor (termination notice), terminate the Contract as regards all or any part of the Work not completed. Upon a termination notice being given, the Contractor shall cease work in accordance with and to the extent specified in the notice, but shall proceed to complete such part or parts of the Work as are not affected by the termination notice. The Minister may, at any time or from time to time, give one or more additional termination notices with respect to any or all parts of the Work not terminated by any previous termination notice.
- 9.2 In the event of a termination notice being given pursuant to subsection 9.1, the Contractor shall be entitled to be paid, to the extent that costs have been reasonably and properly incurred for purposes of performing the Contract and to the extent that the Contractor has not already been so paid or reimbursed by Canada:
  - 9.2.1 on the basis of the Contract Price, for all completed work that is inspected and accepted in accordance with the Contract, whether completed before, or after and in compliance with the instructions contained in the termination notice;
  - 9.2.2 the Cost to the Contractor plus a fair and reasonable profit thereon, for all work terminated by the termination notice before completion; the Cost to the Contractor being determined in accordance with the terms of the Contract; and
  - 9.2.3 all costs of and incidental to the termination of the Work or part thereof, but not including the cost of severance payments or damages to employees whose services are no longer required by reason of the termination except wages that the Contractor is obligated by statute to pay them and except for reasonable severance payments or damages paid to employees hired to perform the Contract whose hiring was expressly required by the Contract or approved in writing by the Minister for the purpose of the Contract.
- 9.3 The Minister may reduce the payment in respect of any of the Work to the extent that, upon inspection, it is deficient in meeting the requirements of the Contract.

- 9.4 Notwithstanding anything in subsection 9.2, the total of the amounts to which the Contractor is entitled under paragraphs 9.2.1 and 9.2.2, together with any amounts paid or due or becoming due to the Contractor under other provisions of the Contract, shall not exceed the Contract Price or the portion thereof that is applicable to the part of the Work that is terminated.
- 9.5 In the procuring of materials and parts required for the performance of the Contract and in the subcontracting of any of the Work, the Contractor shall, unless otherwise authorized by the Minister, place purchase orders and subcontracts on terms that will enable the Contractor to terminate the same upon terms and conditions similar in effect to those provided in this section, and generally, the Contractor shall co-operate with the Minister and do everything reasonably within its power at all times to minimize the amount of Canada's obligations in the event of a termination under this section.
- 9.6 The Contractor shall have no claim for damages, compensation, loss of profit, allowance or otherwise by reason of, or directly or indirectly arising out of, any action taken or termination notice given by the Minister under this section, except to the extent that this section expressly provides.

10. Termination due to Default of Contractor

- 10.1 The Minister may, by notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of the Work if:
- 10.1.1 the Contractor becomes bankrupt, or insolvent or a receiving order is made against the Contractor, or an assignment is made for the benefit of creditors, or an order is made or resolution passed for the winding up of the Contractor, or if the Contractor takes the benefit of any statute for the time being in force relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors; or
  - 10.1.2 the Contractor fails to perform any of its obligations under the Contract, or in the Minister's view, so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of the Contract in accordance with its terms.
- 10.2 If the Minister terminates the Work in whole or in part under this section, the Minister may arrange, upon such terms and conditions and in such manner as the Minister deems appropriate, for the Work to be completed that was so terminated, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Minister for any excess costs including additional costs relating to the completion of the Work.
- 10.3 Upon termination of the Work under subsection 10.1 the Minister may require the Contractor to deliver and transfer title to the Minister, in the manner and to the extent directed by the Minister, in any finished Work which has not been delivered and accepted prior to such termination and in any materials or work-in-process which the Contractor has specifically acquired or produced for the fulfilment of the Contract. The Minister shall pay the Contractor for all such finished Work delivered pursuant to such direction and accepted by the Minister, the cost to the Contractor of such finished Work plus the proportionate part of any fee fixed by the Contract and shall pay or reimburse the Contractor the fair and reasonable cost to the Contractor of all materials or work-in-process delivered to the Minister pursuant to such direction. The Minister may withhold from the amounts due to the Contractor such sums as the Minister determines to be necessary to protect the Minister against excess costs for the completion of the Work.
- 10.4 The Contractor shall not be entitled to be reimbursed any amount which, taken together with any amounts paid or becoming due to the Contractor under the Contract, exceeds the Contract price applicable to the Work or the particular part thereof.

- 10.5 If after the Minister issues a notice of termination under 10.1, it is determined by the Minister that the default of the Contractor is due to causes beyond the control of the Contractor, such notice of termination shall be deemed to have been issued pursuant to 9.1 and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by 9.

#### 11. Records to be kept by Contractor

- 11.1 The Contractor shall keep accounts, invoices, receipts, vouchers, records and all other documents of the cost of the Work and of all expenditures or commitments in a manner and to the extent sufficient for audit purposes to the satisfaction of the Minister. Such accounts, invoices, receipts, vouchers and all other documents shall be open to audit and inspection by the Minister who may make copies and take extracts there from.
- 11.2 The Contractor shall provide facilities for audit and inspection purposes and shall provide the Minister with such information as requested by the Minister for those purposes.
- 11.3 The Contractor shall not dispose of any such accounts, invoices, receipts, vouchers, records or other documents without the prior written consent of the Minister and shall preserve and keep them available for audit and inspection by the Minister to his satisfaction, for a six (6) year period plus current year, following completion, termination or suspension of the Work.
- 11.4 The awarding of this contract does not include the authority to safeguard sensitive information on the Contractor's premises. Such information shall be retained upon the premises of the Department's facility unless otherwise authorized to be removed.

#### 12. Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code

- 12.1 It is a term of this contract that no individual, for whom the post-employment provisions of the Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code for Public Office Holders (1994) or the Values and Ethics Codes for the Public Services (2003) apply, shall derive a direct benefit from this contract unless that individual is in compliance with the applicable post-employment provisions.
- 12.2 It is a term of this contract that during the term of the contract any persons engaged in carrying out this contract shall conduct themselves in compliance with the principles in the Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code for Public Office Holders (1994) which are the same as those in the Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code for the Public Service (1985), with the addition that decisions shall be made in the public interest and with regard to the merits of each case. Should an interest be acquired during the life of the contract that would cause a conflict of interest or seem to cause a departure from the principles, the Contractor shall declare it immediately to the Minister.
- 12.3 It is a term of this contract that any persons engaged in the course of this contract and subsequent to it shall conduct themselves in manner such that there is not and will not be any conflict arising from competing or opposing interests of other clients of the Contractor. Should an interest be acquired during the life of the contract that would cause a conflict of interest, the Contractor shall declare it immediately to the Minister.

### 13. Contractor Status

- 13.1 This is a Contract for services and the Contractor is an independent contractor for the sole purpose of providing services under the Contract. Neither the Contractor nor any of its personnel, including but not limited to its officers, agents, employees or sub-contractors is engaged under the Contract as an employee, servant or agent of Her Majesty and entry into the Contract does not result in the appointment or employment of the Contractor or its personnel as an officer, agent or employee of Her Majesty.
- 13.2 The Contractor shall be entitled only to those benefits and payments specified in the Contract.
- 13.3 The Contractor shall comply with all federal, provincial and municipal legislation applicable to the Work.
- 13.4 The Contractor shall be wholly responsible for any payments and/or deductions and the submission of any applications, reports, payments or contributions required by law to be made or deducted by the Contractor, including but not limited to those under the Canada or Quebec Pension Plans, Employment Insurance, Workman's Compensation, Income Tax, Goods and Services Tax, and the Harmonized Sales Tax. The Minister shall not be charged for any costs of the Contractor for the Contractor's doing anything required under this section; such costs having been taken into consideration and included in the Contractor's rates of payment specified in the Contract.

### 14. Warranty by Contractor

- 14.1 The Contractor warrants that it is competent to perform the Work and has the required qualifications knowledge, skill and ability to perform the Work.
- 14.2 The Contractor warrants that it shall provide a quality of service at least equal to generally accepted industry standards for a competent contractor in a like situation.

### 15. Member of House of Commons

- 15.1 No member of the House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part of the Contract or to any benefit to arise there from.

### 16. Amendments and Waiver

- 16.1 No amendment to the Contract or waiver of any of the terms shall be valid unless effected in writing and signed by all of the parties.
- 16.2 No increase in the total liability of the Minister or in the price of the Work resulting from any change, modification or interpretation of the Contract shall be authorized or paid to the Contractor unless such change, modification or interpretation has received the prior written approval of the Minister.

### 17. Harassment in the workplace

- 17.1 The Contractor acknowledges the responsibility of the Minister to ensure, for its employees, a healthy work environment, free of harassment. A copy of the Treasury Board policy named

- "Policy on the Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Workplace" is available at the following address: [http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pubs\\_pol/hrpubs/hw-hmt/hara\\_e.asp](http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pubs_pol/hrpubs/hw-hmt/hara_e.asp).
- 17.2 The Contractor shall not, either as an individual, or as a corporate or unincorporated entity, through its employees or sub-contractors, harass, abuse, threaten, abuse their authority towards, discriminate against or intimidate any employee, contractor or other individual employed by, or under contract with, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans or appointed by the Minister.
- 17.3 The Contractor accepts, by signing this contract, that every person described in section 17.2 has a right to be treated with respect and dignity and a responsibility to treat others the same way.
- 17.4 The Contractor shall comply with all requests by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to participate in an internal complaint process, including dispute resolution. If one is initiated to resolve any complaints, informal or formal, arising out of matters described in section 17.2.
- 17.5 The Contractor shall be advised in writing of any complaint referred to in section 17.2 and shall have a right to respond in writing.
- 17.6 Once a complaint is made against a Contractor, the Project Authority shall provide information to the Contractor on the process to be followed by the Department.
- 17.7 If the complaint is found to be well founded against a Contractor as described in section 17.2, this is sufficient to be a default for purposes of termination of the contract in section 9.
- 17.8 If dispute resolution or an investigation is undertaken, the Department may decide to suspend the operation of the contract and reimburse the Contractor, in accordance with section 9.
- 17.9 The Contractor's obligation, as described in section 17.2 is deemed to be part of the performance of the Contractor in carrying out the Statement of Work described in the contract.
- 17.10 The Contractor shall comply with all laws applicable to the performance of the Work, or any part thereof, as described in section 17.2.

#### 18. Ownership of Intellectual Property

- 18.1 Technical Documentation and Prototypes produced by the Contractor in the performance of the work under the Contract shall vest in and remain the property of Her Majesty, and the Contractor shall account fully to the Minister in respect of the foregoing in such manner as the Minister shall direct.
- 18.2 Unless instructed otherwise under the supplementary conditions, all right, title and interest relating to Intellectual Property conceived or developed in performing the work under the Contract shall vest in and remain the property of the Contractor except that if the Contractor independently declares that it has no intention or capability of commercially exploiting the said Intellectual Property, the ownership of such Intellectual Property shall vest in Canada.
- 18.3 The Contractor hereby grants, to Canada, in relation to all Intellectual Property, referred to in subsection 18.2, a non-exclusive, irrevocable, world-wide, fully paid and royalty-free licence to use, have used, make or have made, copy, translate, practice or produce the said Intellectual Property, for any government purpose except commercial sale in competition with the Contractor. Canada's licence to the use of Intellectual Property includes the right to sub-license the use of that property to any other Contractor engaged by Canada for work under this Contract or in any other Contract subsequent to this one. Any such sub-licence shall authorize use of the Intellectual Property solely for the purpose of performing contracts for



Canada and require the other contractor to maintain the confidentiality of the Intellectual Property.

## 19. Payment by the Minister

### 19.1 Applicable when the Terms of Payment specify PROGRESS Payments.

#### 19.1.1 Payment by the Minister to the Contractor for the Work shall be made:

- i) in the case of a progress payment other than the final payment, within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of receipt of a duly completed progress claim, or
- ii) in the case of a final payment, within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of receipt of a duly completed final progress claim, or within thirty (30) calendar days following the date on which the Work is completed,

Whichever is later.

19.1.2 The Minister shall notify the Contractor of any objections to the form of the progress claim within fifteen (15) calendar days of its receipt. "Form of the claim" means a claim that contains or is accompanied by such substantiating documentation as requested by the Minister. Failure by the Minister to notify the Contractor of the objection within the fifteen calendar (15) days period will only result in the date specified in subsection 19.1.1 to apply for the sole purpose of calculating interest on overdue accounts.

### 19.2 Applicable when the Terms of Payment specify payment on COMPLETION.

#### 19.2.1 Payment by the Minister to the Contractor for the Work shall be made within:

- i) thirty (30) calendar days following the date on which all of the Work has been completed and delivered in accordance with the Contract, or
- ii) thirty (30) calendar days following the date on which an invoice and substantiating documentation are received by the Minister in accordance with the Contract,

Whichever is later.

19.2.2 The Minister shall notify the Contractor of any objections to the form of the invoice within fifteen (15) calendar days of its receipt. "Form of the invoice" means an invoice, which contains or is accompanied by such substantiating documentation as requested by the Minister. Failure by the Minister to notify the Contractor within the fifteen (15) calendar day period will only result in the date specified in subsection 19.2.1 to apply for the sole purpose of calculating interest on overdue accounts.

## 20. Payment of Interest on Overdue Accounts

### 20.1 For the purposes of this Section:

"Average Rate" means the single arithmetic mean of the Bank Rates in effect at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) each day during the calendar month that immediately precedes the calendar month in which payment is made;

"Bank Rate" means the rate of interest established from time to time by the Bank of Canada as the minimum rate at which the Bank of Canada makes short term advances to members of the Canadian Payments Association;

"Date of Payment" means the date of the negotiable instrument drawn by the Receiver General of Canada and given for payment of an amount due and payable;

"Due and payable" means an amount due and payable in accordance with the Contract; and

"Overdue" means an amount that is unpaid on the first day following the day upon which it is due and payable.

20.2 The Minister shall be liable to pay the Contractor simple interest at the average rate plus 3 per cent per annum on any amount that is overdue from the date that such amount becomes overdue until the day prior to the date of payment, inclusive. Interest on an overdue amount will not be payable or paid if the payment is overdue less than fifteen (15) calendar days unless the Contractor requests payment of interest.

20.3 The Minister shall not be liable to pay interest if the Minister is not responsible for the delay in payment.

20.4 The Minister shall not be liable to pay interest on overdue advance payments.

## 21. Schedule and Location of Work

21.1 If the Work is performed in the offices of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), the Contractor will, for better co-ordination with DFO operational needs, follow the same time schedule as employees of DFO.

21.2 If the Work is performed at locations other than DFO's offices, the time schedule and location of Work shall be in accordance with the Contract.

## 22. Minister's Responsibilities

22.1 The Minister will provide support, guidance, direction, instruction, acceptances, decisions and information as required under the Contract.

## 23. Certification - Contingency Fees

23.1 The Contractor certifies that it has not directly or indirectly paid, and covenants that it will not, directly or indirectly pay, a contingency fee for the solicitation, negotiation or obtaining of the Contract to any person other than a person acting in the normal course of the person's duties for which a contingency fee is paid.

23.2 All accounts and records pertaining to payments of such contingency fees shall be subject to this section.

23.3 If the Contractor's certification under this section is false or otherwise erroneous, or if the Contractor does not comply with its covenants under this section, the Minister may, at his sole option, either terminate the Contract for default in accordance with section 9 or recover the full amount of the contingency fee from the Contractor by way of reduction to the Contract price or otherwise or by set off against any monies owing by Her Majesty to the Contractor under the Contract.

23.4 In this section:

23.4.1 "contingency fee" means any payment or other compensation that is contingent upon or is calculated upon the basis of a degree of success in soliciting or obtaining a federal government contract or negotiating the whole or any part of its terms;

23.4.2 "person" includes, but is not limited to an employee, agent or assign of the Contractor, an individual or group of individuals, a corporation, a partnership, an organization or an association and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes any individual who is required to file a return with the registrar pursuant to section 5 of the *Lobbying Act* R.S. 1985 c. 44 (4<sup>th</sup> Supplement) or as may be amended.

24. Price Certification

24.1 The Contractor certifies that the price/rate shown in the Contract has been computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to all like products/services sold by the Contractor, that such price/rate is not in excess of the lowest price/rate charged anyone else including their most favoured customer for like quality and quantity of the service, and does not include any provision for discounts or commissions to selling agents.

*Section 24 is applicable only in sole source contracting situations.*

25. Lump Sum Payment – Work Force Reduction Programs

25.1 It is a term of the Contract that:

25.1.1 the Contractor has declared to the Minister any lump sum payment he received pursuant to any work force reduction program, including but not limited to the Executive Employment Transition Policy, which have been implemented to reduce the public service;

25.1.2 the Contractor has informed the Minister of the terms and conditions of such work force reduction program pursuant to which the Contractor was made a lump sum payment and the rate of pay on which the lump sum payment was based.

26. International Sanctions

26.1 Persons and companies in Canada are bound by economic sanctions imposed by Canada by regulations passed pursuant to the United Nations Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. U-2, the Special Economic Measures Act, S.C. 1992, c. 17, or the Export and Import Permits Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. E-19. As a result, the Government of Canada cannot accept delivery of goods or services that originate, either directly or indirectly, from the countries subject to economic sanctions. At the time of contract award, the following regulations implement economic sanctions can be found at: <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/trade/sanctions-en.asp>.

26.2 It is a condition of the Contract that the Contractor shall not supply any goods or services to the Government of Canada that are subject to economic sanctions as described in subsection 26.1.

- 26.3 If, during the performance of the Contract, the addition of a country to the list of sanctioned countries or the addition of a good or service to the list of sanctioned goods or services cause an impossibility of performance of the Contract by the Contractor, the situation will be treated by the parties as an excusable delay. The Contractor shall forthwith inform the Minister of the situation and the procedures applicable to section 6 shall then apply.

## 27. Official Languages

- 27.1 Services and communications provided by the Contractor in performance of the Work shall be provided in both Official Languages as required by Part IV of the Official Languages Act as amended from time to time.

## 28. Entire Agreement

- 28.1 This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties respecting the subject matter of the Contract and supersedes all previous negotiations, communications and other agreements relating to it unless they are expressly incorporated by reference into the Contract.

## 29. Environmental Considerations

- 29.1 Whenever practical and economically feasible, submissions, contract reports or written communication will be made on recycled, double-sided paper or on disk where appropriate.
- 29.2 Preference will be given to goods and services considered to be environmentally superior within the bounds of established technology and economic capability. Selection of goods and services will be based on their efficient use of energy and natural resources, potential to re-use or recycle, and safe means of disposal.
- 29.3 Every effort should be made to purchase products that bear other environmental certification, or use their best judgement to obtain products with the least harmful impact on the environment.
- 29.4 Contractors performing work under this contract must comply fully with the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, the Fisheries Act and regulations such as the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Regulations and with all Department of Fisheries and Oceans Standing Orders, Policies and Procedures relating to environmental protection.
- 29.5 Contractors will be fully aware of their obligations as defined under the Act "Canadian Environment Protection Act, 1999" which requires that "A person must take practicable and reasonable steps to prevent or minimize environmental harm or environmental nuisance caused, or likely to be caused, by their activities".
- 29.6 Anything done or omitted to be done by the Contractor or its employees which compromises the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in relation to environmental legislation may result in immediate termination of the Contract. Any fines, costs or expenses imposed on the Minister as a result of breaches of the "Canadian Environment Protection Act, 1999" caused by the Contractor or his employees will be fully recovered from the Contractor.

30. Health and Safety

- 30.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for the health and safety of all persons involved in the performance of the Work and shall comply with all federal, provincial and municipal legislation, policies and procedures respecting health and safety, whichever may be the more stringent, applicable to the performance of the Work.

31. Confidentiality - Security and Protection of the Work

- 31.1 The Contractor shall keep confidential all information provided to the Contractor by or on behalf of Canada in connection with the Work, including any information that is confidential or proprietary to third parties, and all information conceived, developed or produced by the Contractor as part of the Work where the Intellectual Property in such information (except a licence) vests in Canada under the Contract. The Contractor shall not disclose any such information to any person without the written permission of the Minister, except that the Contractor may disclose to a subcontractor authorized in accordance with section 4 information necessary for the performance of the subcontract, on the condition that the subcontractor agrees that it will be used solely for the purposes of such subcontract. Information provided to the Contractor by or on behalf of Canada shall be used solely for the purpose of the Contract and shall remain the property of Canada or the third party, as the case may be. Unless the Contract otherwise expressly provides, the Contractor shall deliver to Canada all such information, together with every copy, draft, working paper and note thereof that contains such information, upon completion or termination of the Contract or at such earlier time as the Minister may require.
- 31.2 Subject to the Access to Information Act, and to any right of Canada under this Contract to release or disclose, Canada shall not release or disclose outside the Government of Canada any information delivered to Canada under the Contract that is proprietary to the Contractor or a Subcontractor.
- 31.3 The obligations of the Parties set out in this section do not apply to any information where the same information: (a) is publicly available from a source other than the other Party; or (b) is or becomes known to a Party from a source other than the other Party, except any source that is known to be under an obligation to the other Party not to disclose the information, or (c) is developed by a Party without use of the information of the other Party.
- 31.4 Wherever practical, the Contractor shall mark or identify any proprietary information delivered to Canada under the Contract as "Property of (Contractor's name), permitted Government uses defined under Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Contract No. (fill in Contract number)", and Canada shall not be liable for any unauthorized use or disclosure of information that could have been so marked or identified and was not.
- 31.5 When the Contract, the Work, or any information referred to in subsection 31.1 is identified as TOP SECRET, SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL, or PROTECTED by Canada, the Contractor shall at all times take all measures reasonably necessary for the safeguarding of the material so identified, including those set out in any PWGSC policy respecting security and any other instructions issued by the Minister.
- 31.6 Without limiting the generality of subsections 31.1 and 31.2, when the Contract, the Work, or any information referred to in subsection 1 is identified as TOP SECRET, SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL, or PROTECTED by Canada, the Minister shall be entitled to inspect the Contractor's premises and the premises of a subcontractor at any tier for security purposes at any time during the term of the Contract, and the Contractor shall comply with, and enure

that any such subcontractor complies with, all written instructions issued by the Minister dealing with the material so identified, including any requirement that employees of the Contractor or of any such subcontractor execute and deliver declarations relating to reliability screenings, security clearances and other procedures.

- 31.7 Any proposed change in the security requirements after the effective date of the Contract that would involve a significant increase in cost to the Contractor shall require an amendment to the Contract under the provisions of section 16.

32. The Code of Conduct for Procurement

- 32.1 The Contractor confirms that it has read the Code of Conduct for Procurement and agrees to be bound by its terms.

- 32.2 For further information, the Contractor may refer to the following PWGSC site :

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/cndt-cndct/contexte-context-eng.html>.