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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**  
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<b>Title - Sujet</b> LAND OPERATIONS TEMPERATE BOOTS	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> W8476-113039/C	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 005
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> W8476-113039	<b>Date</b> 2013-06-07
<b>GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG</b> PW-\$\$PR-751-62564	
<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> pr751.W8476-113039	<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 2013-06-25</b>	<b>Time Zone</b> <b>Fuseau horaire</b> Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
<b>F.O.B. - F.A.B.</b> Specified Herein - Précisé dans les présentes	
<b>Plant-Usine:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Destination:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other-Autre:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à:</b> Doré, Catherine	<b>Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur</b> pr751
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<b>Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction:</b> <b>Destination - des biens, services et construction:</b>	

**Instructions: See Herein**

**Instructions: Voir aux présentes**

<b>Delivery Required - Livraison exigée</b>	<b>Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée</b>
<b>Vendor/Firm Name and Address</b> <b>Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur</b>	
<b>Telephone No. - N° de téléphone</b> <b>Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur</b>	
<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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## AMENDMENT 004

The purpose of this amendment is to answer questions from suppliers (see attached) and to modify the Request for Proposal (RFP).

In the RFP, under Part 1, delete paragraph 6. Technical Data in its entirety and insert the following:

### 6. TECHNICAL DATA

If a bidder download the Request for Proposal after May 31, 2013, in order to receive Technical Data Packages against this solicitation, the Bidder must provide the following details with their request :

- Company Name
- Complete mailing & physical address (p.o. box numbers not acceptable)
- Area code and telephone number
- Contact name
- E-mail address
- Solicitation Number & Closing Date

and send their request (by facsimile message or e-mail) to the following:

E-mail : [catherine.dore@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:catherine.dore@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)

Or

Facsimile Number: 819-956-5454

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

**Question 23:**

We are having difficulty understanding the response from DND on this subject as we don't quite understand why if they are ready to accept the flame resistance tests on July 4<sup>th</sup> how accepting the rest of the test results is an issue. We do not see how this will affect/delay the issuing of the trial contract in any way considering the fact that the appearance tests will seemingly take more than 1 week to complete since the boots are supposed to travel to different military bases around Canada to be rated, or at least this is our comprehension of the way the boots will be rated.

**Response 23:**

Delaying receipt of all test results until July 4 (instead of June 25) would delay the overall program because Stage I (Technical Verification, Annex G para 2) cannot be completed until the test results are received. Stage II (Appearance) evaluation will start after the Technical Verification is completed, and will only consider compliant boots based on Technical Verification. Therefore delaying the Technical Verification will delay the Appearance evaluation, which will, in sequence, delay the rest of the program. The current timeline is ambitious and envisions completing user trials in late autumn 2013. A contract could then be awarded to deliver boots into operational service in spring and summer 2014. Any delays have the potential to push user trials into spring 2014, delaying contract award to the point that boots would be very unlikely to enter operational service until 2015. To be clear: a relatively short delay now could delay delivery of boots into service by up to one year.

However, we also understand that the bid period is ambitious and that some suppliers could have challenges preparing bids in the allowed time. Accordingly we may make adjustments to delivery dates or other criteria where such changes are expected to enhance industry's capability to deliver competitive bids without compromising the overall requirements. The decision to accept the fire resistance test result on July 4 was based on the fact that delaying a single criterion to the end of the Technical Verification would be a manageable inconvenience for DND and would allow a bid to compete that might otherwise be non-compliant.

**Question 24:**

For this reason we reiterate our request to accept all test results for July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Response 24:**

There is the potential that each bidder may have a different test result or certificate of compliance that requires additional time. Accordingly, we will accept one test result / certificate of compliance from each bidder on July 4, 2013 at noon to the Contracting Authority. This may be the fire resistance test result or a different test result/certificate of compliance, selected at the discretion of the bidder. In addition, DND will accept all other test results / certificates of compliance / registration number(s) or product information outlined in Annex G, Table II (Mandatory Material Testing Information) on June 28, 2013 at noon to the Contracting Authority. At the same time, the bidder must indicate which test result / certificate of conformance (if any) will be provided on July 4. The pre-award samples must be submitted at the time and place of bid closing on June 25, 2013.

**Question 25:**

As a result of amendment 004 response 19 allowing the use of an alternate laboratory for the Dry Rate testing, the formula to arrive at the dry rate should be provided to further ensure consistency of evaluation methods amongst the labs. It is the case for MVTR calculations.

**Response 25:**

As stated in Annex B, paragraph 2.2, the source of supply for the Drying Rate test method is Group CTT Group (3000, rue Boullé, Saint- Hyacinthe, Québec Phone: (450) 778-1870). If the Bidder elects not to have the testing done at CTT, then the Bidder must contact CTT to obtain the full test method in order to ensure compliance to the method.

Details on the Drying Rate test method are available in Annex B, paragraphs 4.6.1 and 4.6.2.