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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.

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Title - Sujet EGD Waterlot - Fish Habitat	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EZ899-133531/B	Amendment No. - N° modif. 005
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client	Date 2013-06-12
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$PWY-027-7012	
File No. - N° de dossier PWY-2-35389 (027)	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2013-06-14	Time Zone Fuseau horaire Pacific Daylight Saving Time PDT
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Richter, Mark (PWY)	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur pwy027
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Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction: Public Works and Government Services Canada Dunn's Nook Colwood, BC	

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Signature	Date

Solicitation Amendment (Amendment to Invitation to Tender)

Colwood, B.C.

Public Works and Government Services Canada, Esquimalt Graving Dock, Waterlot Remediation Phase 1C, Dunn's Nook Compensatory Fish Habitat Construction

Enquiries related to this solicitation must be addressed to the Contracting Officer Mark Richter who may be reached at tel (250) 363-3214, fax (250) 363-0395, Email: mark.richter@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca

This document is issued to provide notice of the following enquiries and the responses (**questions 15 to 19**), and, amendments (if applicable) to the solicitation as follows.

Please ensure that the information and amendments (if any) enumerated herein are incorporated into your bid.

Bidders may acknowledge this amendment by signing page one of this amendment and including the signed page one with your bid enclosed in ENVELOPE 2 - PRICE. (this is not mandatory)

If you have already submitted your bid and you wish to revise it, ensure that your bid revision is received at the bid receiving unit shown on page 1, before the bid closing date and time, **(2:00 PM Pacific Time on June 14, 2013)**.

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Question 15:

Collecting seed is very time consuming and can only be done in September when the seed is ripe.

Response to question 15:

The Contractor and/or Sub-Contractor is responsible for selecting the appropriate time for collection of seeds to meet the specification requirements for the project.

Question 16:

Growing over the winter months for a planting date in early March is extremely challenging even in technologically advanced greenhouses.

Response to question 16:

With appropriate facilities, plants could be propagated and grown in winter, hardened and provided for planting in spring. Refer to the specifications regarding the planting schedule - General Instructions 01 11 55, clause 1.7.

Question 17:

The seed source will probably not be from south coast British Columbia if the seed is bought commercially. This risks bringing in non-native strains of the plant and potentially invasive species mixed with the seed.

Response to question 17:

The risk of invasive species being in British Columbia seeds also exists; this risk is not specific to seeds obtained outside of coastal British Columbia. It is anticipated that seed, if sourced outside of south coast British Columbia, would be from central coast BC or coastal Washington State. Significant genetic overlap between plants from these locales and south coast BC is highly likely.

Question 18:

The 100% survivability is unrealistic given the nature of the plant and the its growing environment.

Response to question 18:

Mortality of some of the planted stock is expected. Contractors will invariably have to plant in excess of the number of plants specified to achieve 100% survivability and this should be assessed by the Contractor based on experience, and accounted for in the corresponding unit rate items.

Question 19:

The plug containers should be plastic not Styrofoam 415D blocks.

Response to question 19:

Styrofoam 415D blocks have been specified because they are a standardized size and in the interests of waste minimization due to the quantity of plants required for the project. Plastic trays are delivered to project sites with plants entrained and are often not re-used due to breakage during removal. Styrofoam blocks are more readily re-used by growers. Plastic trays can be used; however, the contractor is required to use containers that facilitate growing of equivalent sized plugs.