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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: LABORATORY TESTING SERVICE**September 26, 2013 - SOLICITATION AMENDMENT #006**

This amendment is issued to:

- A. Provide answers to questions received from potential suppliers; and
- B. Amend APPENDICES 1,2,3,4,5 TO ANNEX A
- C. Amend the Basis of Payment
- D. Amend Attachment 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the solicitation.

Part A: Questions and Answers**Question:**

1. Can you confirm that there should be not be a reference to the Fabric Components and the standard has no paragraph 6.3 Thread.

Answer 1:

Tables have been revised as there is an error on both the Polyethylene Vapour Barrier and Service Group 3 : Construction Products - Contracts #5 & 6 tables.

Any reference to paragraph 6.3 thread has been removed completely on the Polyethylene Vapour Barrier table, and reference to "Fabric Components" with has been replaced with Performance Requirements on the table Service Group 3 : Construction Products - Contracts #5 & 6.

2. Question:

What is the "Extended Total Per Test"? To my mind, it could be interpreted in two ways:

- i) The total of the dollar value in the five years, irrespective of how many units are expected per year. For instance, if a particular test is charged at \$100 in each year, the Extended Total Per Test would be $100 \times 5 = \$500$.
- ii) The dollar value of the test in year 1 multiplied by the number of units in that year) + (the dollar value of the test in year 2 multiplied by the number of units in that year) + etc... Again, if a particular test is charged at \$100 in each year and there are 20 units expected in each year, the Extended Total Per Test would be: $(100 \times 20) + (100 \times 20) + \dots + (100 \times 20) = \$10,000$. [Donald Fulton] this is the correct interpretation.

Which of these two possibilities is the correct interpretation?

Answer 2:

Number ii, is the correct interpretation.

3. Question:

In past RFP's we were asked to quote on 6.6.6 Yield per 1,000 pages because of the large variations from cartridge to cartridge within the same type. There is no indication of this in the current RFP. Does that mean that we are supposed to quote on the Yield test at a "flat rate"?

Answer 3:

Tables have been revised to include quoting on the expected minimum result yield, and an additional row for quoting on the yield – per 1000 pages above minimum yield.

4. Question:

For the Benchmark testing, we would normally evaluate only paragraphs 6.6.3 and 6.6.6, since we would be testing OEMs. Do we really need to put down dollar values for the other items? For instance, labeling requirements certainly wouldn't apply to OEMs.

Answer 4:

Tables have been modified to reflect benchmark testing requirements.

5. Question:

For Vapor barriers I believe there are errors in the table: 6.3 Thread. In 51.34, the title for section 6.3 is Labeling, not Thread. Thread is not part of the vocabulary for that standard.

Answer 5:

Table has been revised with all references to protective clothing removed.

6. Question:

Furthermore, there is no section 6.5.1.

Answer 6:

Table has been revised with section 6.5.1 to be changed to 6.3.

7. Question:

In the performance requirements you refer to 155.22: this standard has nothing to do with gloves. This true for the 3 standards in attachment 6.

Answer 7:

Tables have been revised with reference to CAN/CGSB 155.22 removed.

8. Question:

If they are to specify the inspection level, they should also specify the AQL.

Answer 8:

Tables in Attachment 6 contain both inspection level and AQL.

9. Question:

There is no column for calculating the extended total per test (this has been rectified).

Answer 9:

This has been addressed in revised table.

10. Question:

The quantities above the tables are wrong and they should be inserted in the table for multiplication purposes (see comment above).

Answer 10:

Tables have been revised to reflect the normal sample size for testing per element, see notes at end of each table.

11. Question:

In the table for single use medical examination gloves and in the one for Single Use Sterile Surgical Rubber Gloves, below "Other requirements ISO 21171"; only "Residual Powder" should fall underneath that heading. The following ones are from the program manual.

Answer 11:

Tables have been revised with Reference to ISO 21171 under "Residual Powder".

12. Question:

In the Table for ASTM D-5250; That standard is not in use anymore CGSB has switched to ISO 11193-2.

Answer 12:

Tables have been revised with Reference to standard changed from "ASTM D-5250" to "ISO 11193-2".

13. Question:

The Paragraph of standard # are right except for the last one: 6.3.4 does not exists in that standard.

Answer 13: Table has been revised and section 6.3.4 removed.

Part B: Solicitation Amendment

The reason for this Solicitation Amendment is to:

1. Amend APPENDICES 1,2,3,4,5 TO ANNEX A
2. Amend the Basis of Payment
3. Amend Attachment 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the solicitation.

The Solicitation is hereby amended as follows:

1. On pages 27 to 57 of the Solicitation:

DELETE in its entirety:

APPENDICES 1,2,3,4,5 TO ANNEX A.

INSERT: APPENDICES 1,2,3,4,5 TO ANNEX A appended to this solicitation amendment, to replace the above deletion.

2. On pages 58 to 75 of the Solicitation:

DELETE in its entirety:

Annex B - Basis of Payment

INSERT: Annex B-1 Basis of Payment appended to this solicitation amendment, to replace the above deletion.

3. On pages 81 to 98 of the Solicitation:

DELETE in its entirety:

Attachments 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the FINANCIAL BID PRESENTATION SHEET

INSERT:

Attachments 2,3,4,5, and 6 of the FINANCIAL BID PRESENTATION SHEET appended to this solicitation amendment, to replace the above deletion.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.