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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Introduction

The Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) is divided into six parts plus annexes and attachments, as follows:

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| Part 1 | General Information: provides a general description of the requirement; |
| Part 2 | Offeror Instructions: provides the instructions applicable to the clauses and conditions of the RFSO; |
| Part 3 | Offer Preparation Instructions: provides Offerors with instructions on how to prepare their offer to address the evaluation criteria specified; |
| Part 4 | Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection: indicates how the evaluation will be conducted, the evaluation criteria which must be addressed in the offer, and the basis of selection; |
| Part 5 | Certifications: includes the certifications to be provided; |
| Part 6 | Security, Financial and Insurance Requirements: includes specific requirements that must be addressed by Offerors; and |
| Part 7 | 7A, Standing Offer, and 7B, Resulting Contract Clauses: |
| | 7A, includes the Standing Offer containing the offer from the Offeror and the applicable clauses and conditions; |
| | 7B, includes the clauses and conditions which will apply to any contract resulting from a call-up made pursuant to the Standing Offer. |

The Annexes include the Requirement and other annexes.

2. Set-aside Under the Federal Government's Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business (PSAB)

This procurement is set aside under the federal government's Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business .

This procurement is set aside from the international trade agreements under the provision each has for set-asides for small and minority businesses.

Further to Article 1802 of the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT), AIT does not apply to this procurement.

3. Summary

The Standing Offers, (SO) are for the supply of Videoconferencing (VC) equipment including VC professional services classified in the categories and categories detailed in Annex "A" - Requirement,

Section 1 - Allowable Goods and Services and further defined in Annex "B". The rental of Videoconferencing equipment is not applicable to this SO.

3.1 The Request for Standing Offers are to facilitate the procurement of frequently purchased VC equipment. Regional Master Standing Offers will be issued to qualified Offerors in the following six regions individually: (Atlantic, Quebec, NCR, Ontario, Western and Pacific).

The VC equipment offered through the Standing Offers will be divided into 4 VC equipment categories. Manufacturers will direct their products to be categorized, for the purpose of the RFSO, into the most logical and appropriate Equipment Categories. The Manufacturer and equipment categories will form the framework for Offeror discount submissions and eventually the rankings by equipment category and Manufacturer of the Offerors. See Part 7, section 8. Call-up Procedures and Annex "E" for instructions on how to purchase VC equipment and/or services using the VC SO.

3.2 The Identified Users authorized to make call-ups against the Standing Offer include any government department, agency or Crown Corporation listed in Schedules I, I.1, II, III, IV and V of the Financial Administration Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. F-11.

3.3 Standing Offers will be issued to allow completion of the Quick Reference Product Lists. The Quick Reference List is a list of products available for purchase. This list includes the model number, list price and indicates if the item is a green product. The Quick Reference Product Lists will be used to verify the items available through the VC SO and to provide the Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for those items. Once the Quick Reference Manufacturer Product Lists are complete and published Standing Offers will be awarded and the one-year term of the Standing Offer will commence. This RFSO includes one (1) - one (1) year option period.

3.4 Offerors will be evaluated on a regional basis across the six (6) regions identified above. Offerors are not required to duplicate and bundle together all RFSO requirements individually for each region for which they are offering. Offerors are simply required to fulfil all RFSO requirements as outlined and to select regional preferences wherever requested.

3.5 Pursuant to section 01 of Standard Instructions 2006, Offerors must submit a complete list of names of all individuals who are currently directors of the Offeror before a Standing Offer will be issued.. Furthermore, as determined by the Special Investigations Directorate, Departmental Oversight Branch, each individual named on the list may be requested to complete a Consent to a Criminal Record Verification form and related documentation.

4. Debriefings

After issuance of a Standing Offer, Offerors may request a debriefing on the results of the request for Standing Offer process. Offerors should make the request to the VC Standing Offer authority within 15 working days of receipt of the results of the request for Standing Offer process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

PART 2 - OFFEROR INSTRUCTIONS

1. Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the RFSO by number, date and title are set out in the [Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual](https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Offerors who submit an offer agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the RFSO and accept the clauses and conditions of the Standing Offer and resulting contract(s).

The 2006 (2013-06-01) Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the RFSO.

Subsection 5.4 of 2006, Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, is amended as follows:

Delete: sixty (60) days
Insert: ninety (90) days

2. Submission of Offers

Offers must be submitted only to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit by the date, time and place indicated on page 1 of the Request for Standing Offers.

Due to the nature of the Request for Standing Offers, transmission of offers by facsimile to PWGSC will not be accepted.

3. Enquiries - Request for Standing Offers

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the VC Standing Offer authority no later than ten (10) calendar days before the RFSO closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Offerors should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the RFSO to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by Offerors to explain each question in sufficient detail in order to enable Canada to provide an accurate answer. Technical enquiries that are of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked "proprietary" at each relevant item. Items identified as "proprietary" will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Canada may edit the questions or may request that Offerors do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered with copies to all Offerors. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all Offerors may not be answered by Canada.

4. Applicable Laws

The Standing Offer and any contract resulting from the Standing Offer must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Ontario.

Offerors may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their offer, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the Offerors.

PART 3 - OFFER PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Offer Preparation Instructions

Suppliers downloading a copy of the solicitation document will also have the opportunity to download all the documents and spreadsheets needed to supply RFSO submission data.

Canada requests that Offerors provide their offer in separately bound sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Offer (hard copies and soft copies as indicated)

Section II: Financial Offer (hard copies and soft copies as indicated)

Section III: Certifications (1 hard copy)

Section IV: Additional Information (hard copies and soft copies as indicated)

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of the soft copy and the hard copy, the wording of the hard copy will have priority over the wording of the soft copy.

Percentage discounts must appear in the financial offer only. No percentage discounts must be indicated in any other section of the offer.

Canada requests that Offerors follow the format instructions described below in the preparation of their offer.

- (a) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper;
- (b) use a numbering system that corresponds to that of the Request for Standing Offers.

In April 2006, Canada issued a policy directing federal departments and agencies to take the necessary steps to incorporate environmental considerations into the procurement process (Policy on Green Procurement <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ecologisation-greening/achats-procurement/politique-policy-eng.html>). To assist Canada in reaching its objectives, Offerors are encouraged to:

- 1) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper containing fibre certified as originating from a sustainably-managed forest and/or containing minimum 30% recycled content; and
- 2) use an environmentally-preferable format including black and white printing instead of colour printing, printing double sided/duplex, using staples or clips instead of cerlox, duotangs or binders.

1.1 Offering as an Authorized Dealer or a Manufacturer

An Offeror can either be an Authorized Dealer or a Manufacturer.

Authorized Dealers are prohibited from offering equipment manufactured under the Offeror's name.

Manufacturers are prohibited from offering equipment manufactured by other Manufacturers.

1.2 Manufacturer Letters and Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) Lists

It is the Offeror's responsibility to obtain the co-operation of the highest ranking Distributor(s) and/or Manufacturer representative to ensure the Offeror submits the same product and equipment category data on its authorization letters as other Offerors.

If the equipment category data on authorization letters and/or the MSRP lists from a particular Manufacturer are not consistent from each of its dealers offers, the equipment discount percentages offered can not be evaluated fairly. For this reason PWGSC may seek clarification directly from the Manufacturer, but is not obligated. If discrepancies in the letters and/or MSRP price lists exist, PWGSC has the right to reject all or some of the Offeror submissions (specific to the Manufacturer/equipment category in question) not meeting the requirements outlined above regardless if the Manufacturer has or has not been contacted for clarification.

Where a Distributor, and not a Manufacturer, has sole and exclusive rights to grant dealer authorizations, set national pricing and to promote and supply Manufacturer's products across Canada, the Distributor may act on behalf of the Manufacturer to provide all the necessary RFSO dealer authorization letters and MSRP list.

2. Quick Reference Product List Building

PWGSC will no longer generate Offeror specific product catalogues that include final (discounted) VC SO pricing.

Following the issuance of the Standing Offers, a product price list building process will take place where Offerors identified by the Manufacturer and selected by PWGSC will assist in building quick reference product price lists for each Manufacturer. Those same Offerors will be responsible for updating the product list and forwarding it to PWGSC.

These simplified, reusable and easily updated product price lists will be used as quick reference quote and call-up price verification tools by Identified Users. They will replace the product catalogues used previously.

Quick Reference Product Lists for each Manufacturer will be located on the PWGSC Publiservice web site (To be inserted at Standing Offer Award) .

For detailed information regarding the product price list building submission refer to Annex "J" - Quick Reference Product List - Building Submission.

Section I: Technical Offer

In their technical offer, Offerors should explain and demonstrate how they propose to meet the requirements and how they will carry out the Work.

Section II: Financial Offer

The Offerors must submit their financial offer in accordance with the Basis of Payment. The offeror must submit firm percentage discounts based on manufacturer suggested retail pricing in Canadian dollars, DDP Incoterms 2000 for the various delivery destinations within the six regions of Canada defined in Section 3.0 of Annex A excluding Applicable Taxes but including all other costs such as, but not limited to, fees of all sorts, customs duties, excise tax and freight charges to the point of delivery. The discounts offered are firm for the period of the resulting Standing Offers.

1.3 Exchange Rate Fluctuation

Exchange rate fluctuation protection is not offered for this requirement. Any request for exchange rate fluctuation protection will not be considered and will render the offer non-compliant.

1.4 Payment of Invoices by Credit Card

Canada requests that Offerors complete one of the following:

- (a) ☐ Government of Canada Acquisition Cards (credit cards) will be accepted for payment of call-ups against the Standing Offer.

The following credit card(s) are accepted:

VISA _____

Master Card _____

- (b) ☐ Government of Canada Acquisition Cards (credit cards) will not be accepted for payment of call-ups against the Standing Offer.

The Offeror is not obligated to accept payment by credit card.

Acceptance of credit cards for payment of call-ups will not be considered as an evaluation criterion.

Section III: Certifications

Offerors must submit the certifications required under Part 5.

Section IV: Additional Information

Offerors must submit the following additional documents:

1. Environmental Performance Considerations (1 hard copy) (1 CD-ROM)

Canada is committed to protecting the environment by incorporating environmentally responsible principles and practices into its operations, and promoting environmental stewardship by integrating environmental performance considerations into the procurement process.

In accordance with this initiative, Offerors are asked to provide information regarding their environmentally preferable/"green" practices and green products and services they provide. This information will not be used in evaluation and is for information purposes only. However, completing and submitting the Environmental Performance Criteria questionnaire as part of your offer is a mandatory requirement. Future Request for Standing Offer's will include more stringent environmental criteria in accordance with the Government of Canada's Green Procurement Policy.

The MS Word document will be the required version to attach as part of the offer. A sample of the questionnaire for reference only is provided at Annex "I"

If any of the above requested information is not completed and submitted as requested, the Standing Offer Authority will so inform the Offeror and provide the Offeror with a time frame within which to meet the requirement. Failure to comply with the request of the Standing Offer Authority and meet the requirement within that time period will render the offer non-responsive.

2. Former Public Servant Certification (1 hard copy)

Contracts with former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension or of a lump sum payment must bear the closest public scrutiny, and reflect fairness in the spending of public funds. In order to comply with Treasury Board policies and directives on contracts with FPS, Offerors must provide the information required below.

Definitions

For the purposes of this clause,

"former public servant" is any former member of a department as defined in the Financial Administration Act, R.S., 1985, c. F-11, a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces or a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A former public servant may be:

1. an individual;
2. an individual who has incorporated;
3. a partnership made of former public servants; or
4. a sole proprietorship or entity where the affected individual has a controlling or major interest in the entity.

"lump sum payment period" means the period measured in weeks of salary, for which payment has been made to facilitate the transition to retirement or to other employment as a result of the implementation of various programs to reduce the size of the Public Service. The lump sum payment period does not include the period of severance pay, which is measured in a like manner.

"pension" means, a pension or annual allowance paid under the Public Service Superannuation Act (PSSA), R.S., 1985, c.P-36, and any increases paid pursuant to the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act, R.S., 1985, c.S-24 as it affects the PSSA. It does not include pensions payable pursuant to the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act, R.S., 1985, c.C-17, the Defence Services Pension Continuation Act, 1970, c.D-3, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act, 1970, c.R-10, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act, R.S., 1985, c.R-11, the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act, R.S., 1985, c.M-5, and that portion of pension payable to the Canada Pension Plan Act, R.S., 1985, c.C-8.

Former Public Servant in Receipt of a Pension

As per the above definitions, is the Bidder a FPS in receipt of a pension? **Yes () No ()**

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information, for all FPS in receipt of a pension, as applicable:

1. name of former public servant;
2. date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service.

By providing this information, Bidders agree that the successful Bidders status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental web sites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports in accordance with Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2 and the Guidelines on the Proactive Disclosure of Contracts.

Work Force Reduction Program

Is the Bidder a FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of a work force reduction program? **Yes () No ()**

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information:

1. name of former public servant;
2. conditions of the lump sum payment incentive;
3. date of termination of employment;
4. amount of lump sum payment;
5. rate of pay on which lump sum payment is based;
6. period of lump sum payment including start date, end date and number of weeks;
7. number and amount (professional fees) of other contracts subject to the restrictions of a work force reduction program.

For all contracts awarded during the lump sum payment period, the total amount of fees that may be paid to a FPS who received a lump sum payment is \$5,000, including the Goods and Services Tax or Harmonized Sales Tax.

3. Videoconferencing Services Labour Rates (1 CD-ROM)

PWGSC is requesting as part of the RFSO, the hourly rates of the Videoconferencing services categories as defined in Annex "A", Section 1.1. Allowable Videoconferencing Services.

- Submitting hourly services rates is optional,
- When providing service rates, Offerors must provide a firm hourly per-person rate, using the 2013 VCSO Service Rates template, available as a downloadable Excel document. Day rates, or rates for multiple quantities of technicians are prohibited,
- Offerors are permitted to submit unique hourly rates by region for each service category; and,
- The submitted hourly service rates will be depicted in the Offerors Annex "D" - Hourly Service Labour Rates and (if applicable) List of Authorized Dealers.

For Manufacturers making a VC SO offer and wanting to provide services through the Standing Offer, the Offeror must submit one (1) 2013 VCSO Service Rates template for each of its authorized dealers. Upon being issued a Standing Offer, these templates collectively will form as the list of authorized dealers located in Annex "D". Offerors may at any time delete an authorized dealer from its list. Offerors are prohibited from adding new authorized dealers during the Standing Offer period..

For Manufacturers making an VC SO offer and not wanting to provide services or the applicable list of authorized dealers, the Offeror is not required to submit a 2013 VCSO Service Rates template for any or all of the distributors.

The rates of all compliant Offerors will be consolidated into one spreadsheet called the Summary of Services Rates (SSR). The SSR spreadsheet will be made available to all Identified Users directly from the VC Standing Offer authority and the internal government web site tools.

Part 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

1. Evaluation Procedures

- (a) Offers will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the Request for Standing Offers including the technical, financial evaluation criteria and certifications.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the offers.
- (c) Only after successful compliance with mandatory requirements, will Offerors have their financial offer evaluated.
- (d) Offers will be evaluated for each of the six (6) regions separately. Standing Offers will be issued on a regional basis.
- (e) All Offers must be completed in full and provide all of the information requested in the RFSO document to enable full and complete evaluation.

1.1 Technical Evaluation

1.1.1 Mandatory Technical Criteria

The following mandatory requirements will be taken into consideration in the evaluation of each offer:

1. Offerors must submit a completed Annex "C" - Offerors Profile (1 hard copy)
2. Manufacturer Authorization Letters (1 original hard copy and 1 photocopy):

Offerors must submit a Manufacturer's authorization letter as per the following instructions:

- The 2013 Manufacturer Authorization Letter templates, available as downloadable documents, must be used. Previous versions of the Manufacturer Authorization Letter templates will not be evaluated;
- The Manufacturer Authorization Letter templates must not be modified and must be used in their entirety to create the Manufacturer Authorization Letters supplied in your offer;
- The Manufacturer's letters must be original, under the letterhead of the Manufacturer, signed by the highest-ranking authorized representative available and should have the absolute authority to designate agents / Distributors. Facsimile versions will not be accepted. Scanned original authorization letters are acceptable;
- The Manufacturer name indicated in [Box # 1] only, must match the Manufacturer name submitted in the Offeror Submission Table. If the Manufacturer name supplied in the Offeror Submission Table does not match the Manufacturer name in [Box # 1] of the applicable Manufacturer authorization letters, the offer for that Manufacturer will be considered non-compliant.
- Offerors are responsible for providing to the Manufacturers, the downloadable document entitled "Manufacturer Authorization Letter Instructions" as well as the applicable E60HN-13VCSO Manufacturer letter templates. Manufacturer Authorization Letter Instructions are provided in Annex "G".
- If the Offeror is an authorized dealer and the Manufacturer has designated absolute product authority across Canada to an exclusive Distributor to act on behalf of the Manufacturer, the Offeror must submit the following two (2) Authorization Letters:
 - Template 2 - "Distributor authorizes Offeror" and;
 - Template 3 - "Manufacturer authorizes Distributor";
- If the Offeror is a Manufacturer they must submit the following Authorization Letter:

Template 4 - "Offeror is the Manufacturer (MFGR)";

Manufacturer authorization letters must be provided to support each Manufacturer, region and equipment category for which percentage discounts are supplied in the Offerors, Offeror Submission Table.

An Offeror cannot provide a percentage discount to a Manufacturer/equipment category that has not been validated by the Manufacturer on the authorization letter. An Offeror can choose not to provide a percentage discount for regions or Manufacturer/equipment categories indicated on a Manufacturer authorization letter.

The Offeror is requested to organize their Manufacturer authorization letters alphabetically by manufacturer name.

Manufacturer authorization letters submitted for Manufacturers whose hardware devices do not clearly and logically fall within the allowable products guidelines provided in Annex "A" will be considered non-compliant and will not be evaluated.

1.2 Financial Evaluation

1.2.1 Mandatory Financial Criteria:

All Offerors must provide in their financial offer, a discount percentage for each Manufacturer/equipment category of Main Devices being offered. Offerors must include in their Financial Offer, the following:

1. **2013 Offeror Submission Table** (1 CD-ROM)(1 hard copy) - may be printed on paper format larger than 8.5 x 11 inch).

Offerors must supply all Manufacturer/equipment category discount percentage offered in an electronic format using the 2013 Offeror Submission Table available as a downloadable Excel spreadsheet. All Manufacturer/equipment category discounts submitted may be supplied in one Excel spreadsheet. The hard copy is requested to be printed landscape and/or have its font size or overall scale reduced in order to display all columns of the spreadsheet. It may be printed on paper format larger than 8.5 x 11 inch.

Discount percentages must be based on a Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) list supplied by the Manufacturer OR if the Manufacturer has granted sole and exclusive Canadian wide authorization to a Distributor, one (1) Manufacturer authorized Distributor.

Device percentage discount submissions will be used to rank the compliant offers.

An Offeror cannot provide a percentage discount for a Manufacturer/equipment category that has not been indicated by the Manufacturer on the Manufacturer authorization letter. An Offeror can however, choose not to provide a percentage discount for regions or Manufacturer/equipment categories indicated on a Manufacturer authorization letter;

If an Offeror offers a percentage discount for a Manufacturer/equipment category that does not include hardware devices that clearly and logically fall within the allowable products guidelines provided in Annex "A", the percentage discount offered for that Manufacturer/equipment category will be considered non-compliant and will not be evaluated.

The required input fields of the 2013 Offeror Submission Table are as follows:

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- Region
 - Equipment Category
 - Manufacturer
 - Device % discount
 - Accessory % discount
 - Price list version or issue date

For detailed input field instructions refer to Annex "F", part 7, 2013 Offer Submission Table Instructions

2. Manufacturer Price List (CD-ROM)

The price lists required here are the dealer used price lists supplied by Manufacturers and should not be confused with the Quick Reference Product Lists requested in Part 3, section 2.

Offerors must submit a Manufacturers MSRP Price List as per the following instructions:

- The Offerors must submit an electronic copy only (CD-ROM) of the Manufacturers price list, for each Manufacturer they are providing a percentage discount offer.
- Each disc may contain multiple Manufacturer MSRP price lists.
- Each disc must be labelled with:
 - The Offerors name;
 - The Manufacturer names of the price lists included, and;
 - The number of the disc; (for example: disc 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3)
- One disc must include a single, simple Excel spreadsheet file listing for each Manufacturer you are supplying a Manufacturers price list:
 - The Manufacturer name;
 - The price list date or version number; and,
 - The currency utilized in the price list.

1.3 Pricing Basis

The Offerors must submit their financial offer in accordance with the Basis of Payment. The Offeror must submit firm percentage discounts based on Manufacturer suggested retail pricing in Canadian Dollars, DDP Incoterms 2000 for the various delivery destinations within the six regions of Canada defined in Section 3.0 of Annex A excluding Applicable Taxes but including all other costs such as, but not limited to, fees of all sorts, customs duties, excise tax and freight charges to the point of delivery. The discounts offered are firm for the period of the resulting Standing Offers.

2. Basis of Selection

An offer must comply with the requirements of the RFSO and meet all mandatory technical and financial evaluation criteria to be declared responsive.

Aboriginal Suppliers must meet the definition of an aboriginal business. PSAB Offerors may offer in one or all of the six (6) regions of Canada defined in Section 3.0 of Annex A. For competitive reasons, A PSAB Offeror must offer a percentage discount the same or better than any ranked Offeror on the non-PSAB RFSO, per Manufacturer/equipment sub-category and region, in at least 2 different Manufacturer/equipment categories will be recommended for issue of a Standing Offer. More than one Standing Offer may be issued to one or more regions.

- In the case of identical percentage discounts more than 3 Offerors may be recommended for an SO for each Manufacturer equipment category. For example:

- When Offerors submit identical first highest percentage discounts. Each of these Offerors will be selected. There is no limit to the number of identical first highest percentage discounts. For example:

Manufacturer	Percentage discount	Offeror
X	5.25	A
X	5.25	B
X	5.25	C
X	5.25	D

In this example, since the maximum number of ranked percentage discounts has been exceeded, second and third highest percentage discounts are not included and can not be included as one of the 2 rankings needed in order to be recommended for SO award.

- When Offerors submit identical second highest percentage discounts. Each of these Offerors will be selected. There is no limit to the number of identical second highest percentage discounts. For example:

Manufacturer	Percentage discount	Offeror
X	5.25	A
X	5.20	B
X	5.20	C
X	5.20	D

In this example, since the maximum number of ranked percentage discounts has been exceeded, third highest percentage discounts are not included and can not be included as one of the 2 rankings needed in order to be recommended for SO award.

- When Offerors submit identical third (or seventh as applicable) highest percentage discounts. There is no limit to the number of identical third (or seventh as applicable) highest percentage discounts. Each of these Offerors will be selected. For example:

Manufacturer	Percentage discount	Offeror
X	5.25	A
X	5.20	B
X	5.16	C
X	5.16	D

In this example, since the maximum number of ranked percentage discounts has been exceeded, third highest (or seventh as applicable) percentage discounts are not included and can not be included as one of the 2 rankings needed in order to be recommended for SO award.

PART 5 - CERTIFICATIONS

Offerors must provide the required certifications and related documentation to be issued a Standing Offer. Canada will declare an offer non-responsive if the required certifications and related documentation are not completed and submitted as requested.

Compliance with the certifications Offerors provide to Canada is subject to verification by Canada during the offer evaluation period (before issuance of a Standing Offer) and after issuance of a Standing Offer. The VC Standing Offer authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify Offerors compliance with the certifications before issuance of a Standing Offer. The offer will be declared non-responsive if any certification made by the Offeror is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly. Failure to comply with the certifications, to provide the related documentation or to comply with the request of the VC Standing Offer authority for additional information will also render the offer non-responsive.

1. Mandatory Certifications Required Precedent to Issuance of a Standing Offer

1.1 Code of Conduct and Certifications - Related documentation

By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies that the Offeror and its affiliates are in compliance with the provisions as stated in Section 01 Code of Conduct and Certifications - Offer of Standard Instructions 2006. The related documentation therein required will assist Canada in confirming that the certifications are true.

1.2 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Standing Offer Certification

By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies that the Offeror, and any of the Offeror's members if the Offeror is a Joint Venture, is not named on the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list (http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards_equity/eq/emp/fcp/list/inelig.shtml) available from HRSDC-Labour's web site.

Canada will have the right to declare an offer non-responsive, or to set-aside a Standing Offer, if the Offeror, or any member of the Offeror if the Offeror is a Joint Venture, appears on the FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid list at the time of issuing of a Standing Offer or during the period of the Standing Offer.

2. Additional Certifications Required with the Offer

Offerors must submit the following duly completed certifications with their offer.

2.1 Set-aside for Aboriginal Business

1. This procurement is set aside under the federal government's Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business, as detailed in Annex 9.4: Requirements for the Set-aside Program for Aboriginal Business, of the Supply Manual.

2. The Offeror:

i. certifies that it meets, and will continue to meet throughout the duration of the Offer, the requirements described in the above-mentioned annex.

ii. agrees that any subcontractor it engages under the Offer must satisfy the requirements described in the above-mentioned annex.

iii. agrees to provide to Canada, immediately upon request, evidence supporting any subcontractor's compliance with the requirements described in the above-mentioned annex.

3. The Offeror must check the applicable box below:

i.() The Offeror is an Aboriginal business that is a sole proprietorship, band, limited company, co-operative, partnership or not-for-profit organization.

OR

j ii.() The Offeror is either a joint venture consisting of two or more Aboriginal businesses or a joint venture between an Aboriginal business and a non-Aboriginal business.

4. The Offeror must check the applicable box below:

i.() The Aboriginal business has fewer than six full-time employees.

OR

ii.() The Aboriginal business has six or more full-time employees.

5. The Offeror must, upon request by Canada, provide all information and evidence supporting this certification. The Offeror must ensure that this evidence will be available for audit during normal business hours by a representative of Canada, who may make copies and take extracts from the evidence. The Offeror must provide all reasonably required facilities for any audits.

6. By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies that the information submitted by the Offeror in response to the above requirements is accurate and complete.

2.2 Owner/Employee Certification - Set-aside for Aboriginal Business

If requested by the Standing Offer Authority, the Offeror must provide the following certification for each owner and employee who is Aboriginal:

1. I am _____ (insert "an owner" and/or "a full-time employee") of _____ (insert name of business), and an Aboriginal person, as defined in Annex 9.4 of the Supply Manual entitled "Requirements for the Set-Aside Program for Aboriginal Business".

2. I certify that the above statement is true and consent to its verification upon request by Canada.

Printed name of owner and/or employee

Signature of owner and/or employee

Date

Part 6 - FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Financial Capability

SACC Manual Clauses

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Date</i>
M9033T	Financial Capability	2011-05-16

2. Insurance Requirements

The Contractor must comply with the insurance requirements specified in Annex "H", Commercial General Liability Insurance. The Contractor must maintain the required insurance coverage for the duration of the Standing Offer. Compliance with the insurance requirements does not release the Contractor from or reduce its liability under any resulting the Contract.

The Contractor is responsible for deciding if additional insurance coverage is necessary to fulfil its obligation under the Contract and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any additional insurance coverage is at the Contractor's expense, and for its own benefit and protection.

The Contractor must forward to the Contracting Authority within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of the Standing Offer, a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the insurance coverage and confirming that the insurance policy complying with the requirements is in force. Coverage must be placed with an Insurer licensed to carry out business in Canada. The Contractor must, if requested by the Contracting Authority, forward to Canada a certified true copy of all applicable insurance policies.

PART 7 - STANDING OFFER AND RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

A. STANDING OFFER

1. Offer

1.1 The Offeror offers to fulfil the requirement in accordance with the Requirement at Annex A.

2. Security Requirement

There is no security requirement applicable to this Standing Offer.

3. Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the Standing Offer and resulting contract(s) by number, date and title are set out in the *Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual* (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

3.1 General Conditions

2005 (2012-11-19) General Conditions - Standing Offers - Goods or Services, apply to and form part of the Standing Offer.

3.2 Standing Offer Reporting

The Offeror must compile and maintain records on its provision of goods, services or both to the federal government under contracts (Call-ups and equivalent electronic documents) resulting from the Standing Offer. All purchases paid for by a Government of Canada Acquisition Card must also be recorded.

The Offeror must provide this data in accordance with the Monthly Sales Reporting (MSR) requirements detailed in Annex "F", part 5. Monthly Sales Reporting. If some data is not available, the reason must be indicated. If no goods or services are provided during a given period, the Offeror must still provide a "NIL" report.

The MSR must be submitted on a monthly basis to the VC Standing Offer authority, no later than 21 calendar days after the end of the reporting period.

3.3 Standing Offer Product Updates

The Offeror must provide PWGSC with accurate and up to date product information as per the Standing Offer Product Update process defined in Annex "F", part 6. Quick Reference Product List - Product Updates. It is intended that PWGSC will perform a product update approximately every 6 months with the option of performing additional updates at PWGSC's discretion.

4. Term of Standing Offer

4.1 Period of the Standing Offer

The period for making call-ups against the Standing Offer is from _____ to _____.

4.2 Extension of Standing Offer

If the Standing Offer is authorized for use beyond the initial period, the Offeror offers to extend its offer for an additional one-year period, under the same conditions and at the rates and discounts specified in the Standing Offer.

The Offeror will be advised of the decision to authorize the use of the Standing Offer for an extended period by the VC Standing Offer authority 30 days before the expiry date of the Standing Offer. A revision to the Standing Offer will be issued by the VC Standing Offer authority.

5. Authorities

5.1 Standing Offer Authority

The VC Standing Offer authority is:

Brian Moore
Supply Specialist
Public Works and Government Services Canada
Acquisitions Branch
Logistics, Electrical, Fuel and Transportation Directorate
"HN Division"
7B3, Place du Portage, Phase III
11 Laurier Street
Gatineau, QC
K1A 0S5

Telephone: (819) 956-3625
Facsimile: (819) 953-4944
E-mail address: brian.moore@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

The VC Standing Offer authority is responsible for the establishment of the Standing Offer, its administration and its revision, if applicable. Upon the making of a call-up, as Contracting Authority, he is responsible for any contractual issues relating to individual call-ups made against the Standing Offer by any Identified user.

5.2 Project Authority

The Project Authority for the Standing Offer is identified in the call-up against the Standing Offer.

The Project Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work will be carried out pursuant to a call-up against the Standing Offer and is responsible for all the technical content of the Work under the resulting Contract.

5.3 Offeror's Representative

Name and contact information of the person responsible for:

Day to day call-ups and client product inquiries:

Name: _____
Telephone No. _____
Facsimile No. _____
E-mail address: _____

Standing Offer Management (main PWGSC contact for Standing Offer management)

Name: _____
 Telephone No. _____
 Facsimile No. _____
 E-mail address: _____

5.4 Offeror's Agents (if the Offeror is a Manufacturer)

The Offeror confirms that the Authorized Dealers listed in Annex "D" entitled Hourly Service Labour Rates and (if applicable) List of Authorized Dealers are authorized to act on its behalf as its agent for the purposes of performing the Work under Call-ups. The call-up must be in the Offeror's name, in care of the Authorized Dealer acting on behalf of Offeror.

Any payment made by Canada to an Authorized Dealers will be made to the Authorized Dealer acting on behalf of the Offeror and will be considered payment to the Offeror itself. This agency relationship (through which the Authorized Reseller performs contractual obligations on behalf of the Offeror) does not amend, diminish or modify any of the responsibilities of the Offeror under the Standing Offer or any resulting Call-ups. The Offeror agrees and understands that it is solely responsible for ensuring that all of its Authorized Resellers complete all Call-ups in accordance with their terms and conditions and that, if the Authorized Reseller fails to fulfill all the Call-up obligations, the Offeror must, upon written notification from the VC Standing Offer authority, immediately complete and fulfill those obligations directly at no additional cost to Canada. The Offeror agrees to inform the VC Standing Offer authority in writing of any changes in the list of its Authorized Resellers during the Standing Offer Period for a given Category and to remove any Authorized Reseller if requested to do so by the VC Standing Offer authority.

6. Identified Users

The Identified Users authorized to make call-ups against the Standing Offer include any government department, agency or Crown corporation listed in Schedules I, I.1, II, III, of the *Financial Administration Act*, R.S., 1985, c. F-11.

Note; Section 7 of the Financial Administrative Act removes the requirement for the Canadian Revenue Agency from the administrative contracting policies set by the Treasury Board. As a result, the Canadian Revenue Agency is not obligated to follow the procedures of the VC SO and may follow its own internal procurement procedures.

7. Guidelines for both Identified Users and Offerors

The PWGSC Standing Offer Index (SOI) web site will support, the following documents for each Offeror:

- Quick Reference Guide
- The Standing Offer agreement (and amendments) document
- Tombstone Data

The documents listed above are supplied for each Offeror and are made accessible by searching the SOI search engine through one of the following links:

<http://soi.pwgsc.gc.ca/app/index.cfm?Fuseaction=sim.search&altlang=-e>
<http://soi.pwgsc.gc.ca/app/index.cfm?Fuseaction=sim.search&altlang=-f>

To facilitate a SOI search, only input:

- Your department,
- Your region and,

- Standing Offer number: E60HN-13VCSO

This will provide the entire list of Offerors in your region. Select the Offeror of choice and then from the 4 tabs on the right you can select to view one of the 4 documents listed above.

Identified Users may access general VC SO information as well as the Quick Reference Product Lists at the following Acquisition Branch web site: (to be inserted at Standing Offer award)

Over the term of the VC SO, new web site tools may be made available.

8. Call-up Procedures

VC SO call-up procedures including sourcing suppliers and products, generating a 942 Call-up document, verifying quoted prices, the purchasing of main devices, accessories, incidentals and services, as well as travel related expenses are covered in detail in Annex "E".

8.1 Sourcing Suppliers and Products

Identified Users will use the Ranking Summary to source the Offeror that offer the best overall value. Offeror ranked number 1 should be contacted, to facilitate product selection and to determine the Standing Offer price of required VC SO solutions. Detailed guidelines for achieving best overall value when purchasing single items as well as integrated solutions are outlined in Annex "E", part 1. How to Use the Ranking Summary to Select a Supplier.

9. Environmental Considerations

The GoC commitment to green procurement supports Offerors who:

- Offer packaging that minimizes waste, is recyclable or is reusable;
- Have taken action to minimize transportation;
- Will take action to consolidate orders;
- Can provide inventory numbers for replacement parts when available;
- Participate in extended producer responsibility programs
- Provide all correspondence including (but not limited to) documents, reports and invoices in electronic format, or if correspondence is not provided in electronic format, double-sided printing in black and white is strongly encouraged, whenever possible.

Identified Users are encouraged to consider those Offerors by ranking who demonstrate the highest level of commitment to environmentally positive initiatives.

Environmental Handling Fees (EHF's) are applicable to various VC products purchased in some provinces. Please refer to Annex "E", part 4. Environmental Handling Fees for EHF guidelines.

10. Comprehensive Land Claim Settlement Agreements (CLCA's)

This Standing Offer is not to be used for deliveries within areas subject to Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements (CLCAs). Any requirement for deliveries within these areas will have to be treated as a separate procurement.

11. Call-up Instrument

The Work and/or services will be authorized or confirmed by the Identified user(s) using form PWGSC-TPSGC 942, Call-up Against a Standing Offer or equivalent departmental electronic document regardless of value.

Equivalent departmental electronic document defined as:

- being automatically generated from a form or template;
- having an automatically generated, traceable, unique identifier or requisition number;
- having both a funding signature and an approval signature;
- not being a self generated e-mail.

11.1 Government Acquisition Cards (Credit Cards)

Government Acquisition Cards (Credit Cards) must not be used to initiate a call-up. Using an approved PWGSC-TPSGC 942 Call Up Against a Standing Offer to issue a Call-up is a mandatory VC SO procurement procedure. Credit Cards are a method of payment that may be used only after VC SO procurement procedures have been followed. Credit Cards may be used, as an alternative method of payment, as identified within the Standing Offer.

12. Limitation of Call-ups

For a single requirement, a call-up against this Standing Offer must not exceed \$400,000.00, including Applicable Taxes and final travel related expenses.

Individually, VC SO defined Services with or without VC SO equipment may be purchased up to a maximum value of \$25,000, including Applicable Taxes as long as the \$400,000.00 single requirement limitation is not exceeded.

Installation labour will be permitted up to a maximum value not exceeding 100 percent of the pre-tax total value of all the equipment as long as the \$400,000.00 single requirement limitation is not exceeded.

The total value of a requirement is the sum of all VC products, VC services and final VC travel related expenses, to be purchase through the VC SO, including Applicable Taxes.

For this Limitation of Call-ups section, the definition of "requirement" is defined as a singular, documented, business or project need. Sourced from a single, approved formal document or initiative, it defines all the necessary attributes, the scope and the goals of the project.

13. Priority of Documents

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- a) the call-up against the Standing Offer, including any annexes:
- b) the articles of the Standing Offer;
- c) the general conditions 2005 (2012-11-19), General Conditions - Standing Offers - Goods;
- d) the general conditions 2010A (2013-04-25) - General Conditions - Goods, Services (Medium Complexity) and sections 05, 06, 16, 20 and 28 of 2010C (2013-06-27), General Conditions - Services (Medium Complexity) apply to and form part of the
- e) A - Requirement
- f) B - Equipment category Definitions
- g) C - Offeror Profile
- h) D - Hourly Service Labour Rates and (if applicable) List of Authorized Dealers
- i) E - Instructions and Procedures for Identified Users
- j) F - Instructions and Procedures for Offerors

- k) G - Instructions for Manufacturers
- l) H - Environmental Performance Considerations
- m) I - Quick Reference Product List - Building Submission
- n) the Offeror's offer (insert date of offer).

14. Certifications

14.1 Compliance

Compliance with the certifications provided by the Offeror is a condition of authorization of the Standing Offer and subject to verification by Canada during the term of the Standing Offer and of any resulting contract that would continue beyond the period of the Standing Offer. In the event that the Offeror does not comply with any certification or it is determined that any certification made by the Offeror in its offer is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, Canada has the right to terminate any resulting contract for default and set aside the Standing Offer.

15. Applicable Laws

The Standing Offer and any contract resulting from the Standing Offer must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Ontario.

B. RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from a call-up against the Standing Offer.

1. Requirement

The Contractor must provide the items detailed or perform the Work described in the call-up against the Standing Offer.

2. Standard Clauses and Conditions

2.1 General Conditions

2010A (2013-04-25) General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity) and sections 05, 06, 16, 20 and 28 of 2010C (2013-06-27), General Conditions - Services (Medium Complexity) apply to and form part of the Contract.

3. Term of Contract

3.1 Delivery Date

Delivery or the Work must be completed in accordance with the call-up against the Standing Offer.

4. Payment

4.1 Basis of Payment

For the Work described in sections 1.0, 1.1 and 2.1.1 of the "Requirement" in Annex "A" .

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid a "firm price" for the Main Device and accessories as defined by and discounted by Manufacturer/equipment category off MSRP, DDP Incoterms 2000 for the various delivery destinations within the six regions of Canada defined in Section 3.0 of Annex A excluding Applicable Taxes but including all other costs such as, but not limited to, fees of all sorts, customs duties, excise tax and freight charges to the point of delivery; and firm hourly service rates excluding Applicable Taxes.

For the firm price portion of the Work only, Canada will not pay the Contractor for any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work unless they have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work.

The Contractor will be reimbursed its authorized travel and living expenses reasonably and properly incurred in the performance of the Work, at cost, without any allowance for profit and/or administrative overhead, in accordance with the meal, private vehicle and incidental expenses provided in Appendices B, C and D of the National Joint Council Travel Directive and with the other provisions of the directive referring to "travellers", rather than those referring to "employees". All travel must have the prior authorization from the Identified User(s).

Special Pricing

In addition to the Standing Offer pricing provided, special prices due to year end surplus manufacturing runs, special job lots, sales, etc., are to be made available as they occur if they are lesser than the posted

Standing Offer price. This allowance is limited to Manufacturer/equipment categories of products from Offerors ranked # 1. Any additional discounts offered must be offered to all Identified Users.

4.2 Limitation of Price

SACC Manual clause C6000C (2011-05-16) Limitation of Price

4.3 Terms of Payment

SACC Manual clause H1000C (2008-05-12) Single Payment

4.3 SACC Manual Clauses

SACC Manual clause A9117C (2007-11-30) Direct Request by Customer Department

SACC Manual clause M3800C (2006-08-15) Estimates

4.4 Payment by Credit Card

The following credit card is accepted: _____.

OR

The following credit cards are accepted: _____ and _____.

Government of Canada Acquisition Cards (credit cards) are a payment method only. All procedures, terms and conditions of the VC SO must be followed prior to paying with the credit card.

5. Invoicing Instructions

1. The Contractor must submit invoices in accordance with the section entitled "Invoice Submission" of the General Conditions. The section reads as follows:

"Invoice Submission

1. Invoices must be submitted in the Contractor's name. The Contractor must submit invoices for each delivery or shipment; invoices must only apply to the Contract. Each invoice must indicate whether it covers partial or final delivery.

2. Invoices must show:

(a) the date, the name and address of the client department, item or reference numbers, deliverable and/or description of the Work, contract number, Client Reference Number (CRN), Procurement Business Number (PBN), and financial code(s);

(b) details of expenditures (such as item, quantity, unit of issue, unit price, fixed time labour rates and level of effort, subcontracts, as applicable) in accordance with the Basis of Payment, exclusive of Applicable Taxes);

(c) deduction for holdback, if applicable;

(d) the extension of the totals, if applicable; and

(e) if applicable, the method of shipment together with date, case numbers and part or reference numbers, shipment charges and any other additional charges.

3. Applicable Taxes must be specified on all invoices as a separate item. All items that are zero-rated, exempt or to which Applicable Taxes do not apply, must be identified as such on all invoices

4. By submitting an invoice, the Contractor certifies that the invoice is consistent with the Work delivered and is in accordance with the Contract."

2. In addition to the Invoice Submission requirements found in the General Conditions and reproduced above, the following information must also be shown on the invoices:

- i. Invoice number;
- ii. Contractor address;
- iii. Standing Offer number;
- iv. Work performed as services must be shown as a separate line item;
- v. Total value of invoice.

3. The original and one (1) copy of the invoice must be forwarded to the address shown in the "Ship to" block in the Call-up Against a Standing Offer for certification and payment.

6. Insurance Requirements

The Contractor must comply with the insurance requirements specified in Annex "H", Commercial General Liability Insurance. The Contractor must maintain the required insurance coverage for the duration of the Contract. Compliance with the insurance requirements does not release the Contractor from or reduce its liability under the Contract.

The Contractor is responsible for deciding if additional insurance coverage is necessary to fulfil its obligation under the Contract and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any additional insurance coverage is at the Contractor's expense, and for its own benefit and protection.

The Contractor must forward to the Contracting Authority within ten (10) days after the date of award of the Contract, a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the insurance coverage and confirming that the insurance policy complying with the requirements is in force. Coverage must be placed with an Insurer licensed to carry out business in Canada. The Contractor must, if requested by the Contracting Authority, forward to Canada a certified true copy of all applicable insurance policies.

7. SACC Manual Clauses

SACC Reference	Title	Date
B1501C	Electrical Equipment	2006-06-16
B7500C	Excess Goods	2006-06-16
D2000C	Marking	2007-11-30
D2001C	Labelling	2007-11-30
A9006C	DND only - Defence Contract	2012-07-16
A3000C	Aboriginal Business Certification	2011-05-16

7.1 Incomplete Assemblies

The Contractor must not ship incomplete assemblies unless the authorization for such shipment has been obtained before from the Project Authority.

8. Shipping Instructions - Delivery at Destination

Goods must be consigned to the destination specified in the Contract and delivered DDP Delivered Duty Paid (destination) Incoterms 2000 for shipments from commercial contractor.

Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation

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Amd. No. - N° de la modif.

Buyer ID - Id de l'acheteur

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Client Ref. No. - N° de réf. du client

File No. - N° du dossier

CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No/ N° VME

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8.1 Shipping Instructions - Multiple Delivery Destinations

Call ups using PWGSC 942 against the Standing Offer are for multiple delivery destinations within the six regions of Canada defined in Section 3.0 of annex A, except for locations within the Comprehensive Land Claim Settlement Areas (CLCSAs).

ANNEX "A"

REQUIREMENT

This Standing Offer is for the supply of Videoconferencing equipment. The Standing Offer will include hardware products and Videoconferencing services as identified in Annex A, Section 1.0 - Allowable Goods, Section 1.1 - Allowable Videoconferencing Services as well as Section 2.1.1 - Non-Allowable Goods - Exceptions.

The goods detailed in Section 2.0 - Non-Allowable Goods and Section 2.1 - Non-Allowable Services are prohibited from being purchased under any resulting Standing Offer.

Section 3.0 contains the geographic region definitions applicable to this Standing Offer.

Section 1.0 - Allowable Goods

Goods considered allowable must be Videoconferencing Main Device or proprietary accessory equipment, openly designed and marketed for VC specific uses, approved by PWGSC and clearly fall into the Categories listed below:

2013 VCSO - Equipment Categories

1) Integrated Videoconference Endpoints

2) System Infrastructure

3) CODECS and Add-on system devices

4) Videoconference Management

Please note that included in Section 2 - Non Allowable Goods, there are exceptions (additional allowable goods).

Proprietary Accessories:

Offerors are permitted to supply Proprietary Accessories at the Manufacturer suggested retail price minus percentage-off discount for accessories (proprietary) as supplied in the Ranking Summary spreadsheet available from the VC Standing Offer authority.

Proprietary Accessory - An item is a proprietary accessory when it is a subordinate or supplementary item intended specifically by its Manufacturer to be used together with the same Manufacturer's base device. All items indicated as an accessory, must be proprietary (made by the same Manufacturer) to a Main Device product or line of Main Device products.

Incidental Installation Materials (Incidentals):

Incidental Installation Materials are defined as bulk, consumable hardware products required to complete the installation of an integrated VC solution. Incidental Installation Materials items are generally of low (per unit) value and not sourced from the same Manufacturers included in the VC SO.

Incidental Installation Materials charges indicated on quotations or invoices must be itemized to the clients and/or PWGSC satisfaction. Breakdown of Incidental Installation Materials that are not properly detailed and approved by PWGSC or the Identified user, prior to invoicing, may generate a non-payment of the invoice.

Item types allowable as Incidental Installation Materials:

- Bulk audio/video/control/CAT5/fiber cable;
- Pre-molded audio/video/control/CAT5/fiber/power cable;
- Audio/video/control/CAT5/fiber connectors, jacks, couplers and adaptors;
- Mounting Hardware and Anchors (nuts, bolts, screws, tie wraps, threaded rod, pipes, flanges, ceiling plates, mud rings and aviation cabling);
- U-channel Mounting Hardware;
- Cable Management supplies (in rack, in room and external wall conduit, surface raceway, cable trays/boxes);
- Wall/face and cut-out plates and boxes;
- Custom Labels (cable, equipment, knob/button);
- Adhesives (electrical and double sided tape, Velcro);
- Power supplies (all types);
- Customized mounts, brackets and plates not exceeding \$250. each.

Items not allowable as Incidentals:

- Services of any kind;
- Items considered to be Accessories;
- Items covered the Audio Visual SO Main Device equipment sub-categories and product definitions;
- Items included in the "Non-Allowable Goods" list;
- Main device items of any kind.

Bundled Solutions:

Allowable bundled videoconference solutions must include all of the following attributes:

- They must be comprised solely of a firm list of proprietary components;
- They must be limited to and included only within the VC equipment category 1) Integrated Videoconference Endpoints;
- None of the bundles' individual components are to be listed separately within the 3 other VC equipment categories - (# 2 System Infrastructure, # 3 CODECS and Add-on system devices or # 4 Videoconference Management) or listed individually on the Manufacturer's price list;
- Each bundled solution must have only one unique part number listed on the Manufacturer's price list and be readily found in the products section of the Manufacturer's main web site.

Section 1.1 - Allowable Videoconferencing Services

The only services allowable for call-up on an Videoconferencing Standing Offer are the following:

- Preliminary Needs Consultation (equipment lists, upgrade recommendations, cost estimates, scope of Work determination, current system reviews)

- Project Management (manage the planning, logistical, personnel, communications, on-site issue resolution and equipment delivery/install scheduling aspects of a project)
- Systems CAD Drawings (formally generated CAD drawings and related documentation)
- Installation Labour (System set-up, configuration, integration into existing VC system/networks and testing)
- Systems Programming (Manufacturer certified systems programming)
- Systems Training (on-site end user training for VC SO systems)
- Systems Relocation (dismantle, move and reinstall)

Section 2.0 - Non-Allowable Goods

Any resulting VC SO will not allow for the procurement of the following products:

- Audio Visual equipment and all allowable equipment under the guidelines of the Audio Visual Standing Offer or any other Standing Offer or Supply Arrangement;
- Kits and bundles of any kind:

Items from various Manufacturers bundled and re-branded under the name of the Offeror, or any other company, Distributor or Manufacturer name; and/or items individually depicted on Manufacturer price lists combined to create kits, bundles or groups of items with a new part number; and/or any combination of the above;

- Security and surveillance systems and components;
- Computer-only monitors any size;
- Computers of any kind;
- Notebook, laptop, tablet computers;
- Workstation and Desktop computers;
- Computers and Software:
 - Boards and Cards;
 - Blank Cards and Accessories;
 - Card Programs;
 - Card Readers;
 - AM/FM/Data Receiver Cards;
 - PC or Desktop Video Production and Editing;
 - PC or Desktop Video Signal Management and Processing;
- Fire Wire Hubs;
- USB Hubs;
- KVM Devices;

All KVM devices and related KVM devices including desktop (PC) KVM Extenders and switches, KVM remote access devices, KVM server management devices; (see below for KVM exception)

- Mouse and Keyboard Combination Products;
- Wired and Wireless Keyboards, Mouse Controls;
- Desktop Computer Speakers;
- Non-proprietary: Desktop Communications, Pan Tilt Zoom and Network Cameras;
- Network/IP Camera systems and components;
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- Servers; (see below for Servers exceptions)
- Software; (see below for Software exception)
- Firmware; (see below for Firmware exception)
- Recording Media; (see below for Recording Media exception)
- Furniture, Consoles and Credenzas:
 - Audiovisual and Video (Mobile);
 - Components, Hardware and Accessories;
 - Media Storage Furniture Systems;
 - Multimedia Furniture, Workstations and Desks;
 - Podiums and Lecterns; (see below for Podiums and Lecterns exception)

- Customized products:

Including but not limited to, consoles, furniture related products, protective travel cases (see below for protective travel cases exception).

- Streaming Media and Web casting components and systems; (see below for Streaming Media and Web casting components exception)
- Dedicated audio or video public address, paging, messaging or security systems;
- In-car/mobile video systems and components;
- Easels, copy boards and flip charts;
- Non-electronic white boards or marker boards;
- Web-based Conferencing Systems;
- Motion Picture Projectors;
- Imaging Cameras (computer, medical and industrial);
- Photographic Equipment including still cameras and accessories;
- Overhead projector accessories;
- Audience or Classroom Response Systems; Handheld or portable personal use devices including digital recorders;
- Extended Warranties, service or maintenance agreements resulting in an extra charge or sold separately over and above the 1 year minimum that automatically comes with all goods purchased through this VC SO;
- Replacement parts (internal or externally attached sub components of main devices needing replacement for any reason);
- Permanent or portable Intercom systems and components;
- Radio dispatch and associated mobile communications systems and components;
- Dedicated digital signage network devices including media players (both hardware and software) and content management servers.

Section 2.1- Non-Allowable Goods - Exceptions

"Single use" item defined as a product designed and marketed for audio and/or videoconferencing applications.

KVM devices are prohibited except for the following:

- Allowable KVM devices must be hardware-based, Audio and/or Video endpoint KVM extenders or switches. Procurement of allowable KVM devices must be primarily for Audio and/or Video endpoint connectivity and not for PC-based data network applications.
- The maximum quantity of KVM devices per requirement is limited to twenty (20). For VC requirements needing a quantity of KVM devices greater than twenty (20), contact the VC Standing Offer authority for authorization to exceed the limit.
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Servers are prohibited except for the following:

- Allowable servers must be single use, proprietary components of currently qualified VC equipment lines that clearly and logically fall into RFSO VC Equipment Categories;

Software is prohibited except for the following:

- Allowable software must be a single use, proprietary accessory to components of currently qualified VC equipment lines that clearly and logically fall into RFSO VC Equipment Categories;

Firmware is prohibited except for the following:

- Allowable firmware must be a single use, proprietary accessory to components of currently qualified VC equipment lines that clearly and logically fall into RFSO VC Equipment Categories;

Recording Media are prohibited except for the following:

- Allowable recording media must be a single use, proprietary accessory to components of currently qualified VC equipment lines that clearly and logically fall into RFSO VC Equipment Categories;

Protective travel cases are prohibited except for the following:

- Allowable protective travel cases must be single use, proprietary components of currently qualified VC equipment lines that clearly and logically fall into RFSO VC Equipment Categories;

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Streaming Media and Web casting components and systems are prohibited except for the following:

- Allowable Streaming Media and Web casting components must be a single use, proprietary devices with full inter operability to all VC RFSO allowable components of VC equipment lines that clearly and logically fall into VC RFSO Equipment Categories;

Section 2.2 - Non-Allowable Services

The VC SO does not cover the rental of Videoconferencing equipment.

Shipping costs, repair costs, extended maintenance or any other service outside of those listed in Section 1.1 Allowable Services are strictly prohibited from being indicated on an Audiovisual Standing Offer call-up.

The services are limited to the VC services defined in Annex "A" and are not to be utilized for any other commodity type or service.

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Section 3.0 - Geographic Region Definitions

Region	Definition
Pacific	The entire province of British Columbia.
Western	The entire provinces of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.
Ontario	The province of Ontario with the exception of the National Capital Region.
National Capital	Bounded on the west by a north-south line running from, and including the cities of Petawawa to Kingston, as far north as Maniwaki, Quebec, on the east by the Ontario-Quebec border on the south by the St. Lawrence River (includes Gatineau-Maniwaki and Masson-Angers areas).
Quebec	The entire province of Quebec, excluding the National Capital Region and the settlement area of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement.
Atlantic	The entire province of Nova Scotia;
	The entire province of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island;
	The entire province of Newfoundland including Labrador, excluding the area of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement.

Annex "B" - Equipment Category Definitions**2013 VCSO - 4 Equipment Categories****1) Integrated Videoconference Endpoints**

"All-in-one endpoints" combining monitor, camera, codec, audio, and other hardware components necessary for Videoconferencing. Solutions covered could include equipment designed for:

- Personal and Small Room (1-5 user solutions)
- Midsize Room Solutions (up to 12 user solutions)
- Large Room Solutions (greater than 12 user solutions)
- Education, Training, Health Care, Movable and Dedicated Telepresence Room Systems

2) System Infrastructure

This category includes hardware devices such as Multi-point Control Units (MCU/bridge), gatekeepers, gateways, firewall traversal, Recording, Streaming and Archiving servers designed to support videoconference endpoint systems and control access to other networks.

3) CODECS and Add-on system devices

This category includes various types of hardware CODECS and add-on system hardware components such as cameras, microphone and speaker extensions, video switches. All items must be unique to this VCSO, only directed to this category and proprietary.

4) Videoconference Management

This category includes proprietary software and hardware devices designed to allow departments to support their video conferencing environments, within 3 main functionality's:

- 1) Video network and endpoint monitoring, usage reporting and other management;
- 2) Scheduling videoconference meetings, endpoint devices, and people resources;
- 3) Videoconferencing call processing and control (launching and transfer of calls).

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Annex "C" - Offeror Profile

Full Offeror Business Name:

If public operating name is different from above please provide:

Offeror's PBN Number: _____

Offeror's main business address

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

Web site URL: _____ N/A _____

Offeror's authorized offer representative

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

E-mail: _____

Offeror's PWGSC/VC SO contact representative (if different from above)

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

E-mail: _____

Offeror's VC SO product/client department inquiry representative (if different from above)

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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Annex "D" - Hourly Service Labour Rates and List of Authorized Dealers (if applicable)

Offeror Business Name: _____

When the Offeror is a manufacturer with authorized dealers:

Duplicate from here down for multiple authorized dealers.

Authorized Dealer Business Name (if applicable): _____

Hourly Professional Services Labour Rate per Region

	Atlantic	Quebec	NCR	Ontario	West	Pacific
Preliminary Needs Consultation						
Project Management						
Systems CAD Drawings						
Installation Labour						
Systems Programming						
Systems Training						
Systems Relocation						

Annex "E" - Instructions and Procedures for Identified Users

1. How to Use the Ranking Summary to Select a Supplier

Identified Users will use the Ranking Summary (available via e-mail from the VC Standing Offer authority) to source an Offeror that offers the best overall value.

Using the Ranking Summary spreadsheet is the key to finding the correct VC Offeror for your VC requirements. The VC Offeror will work with you to determine which products and services you need and to provide VC SO pricing.

All Offerors have offered a different mix of VC Manufacturers. This means, each Offeror is capable of designing and quoting an VC requirement using a different mix of products. Demonstrating that best overall value has been achieved should be the goal for all requirements regardless of complexity.

To realize best overall value for a single or multiple product requirements, Identified Users can use the Ranking Summary to source and solicit multiple Offerors, each of whom offers the same type of product but from different Manufacturers. Identified Users are then able to compare and evaluate by cost and capability, similar products from different Manufacturers as well as the associated installation costs if needed.

By comparing and evaluating multiple quotes, Identified Users are then able to achieve the best possible value for their requirement.

1.1 Single Item Requirements

When the requirement is for 1 item (or multiple items from one only Manufacturer/equipment category), Identified Users must purchase that (or those) item(s) from the # 1 ranked Offeror.

Two basic scenarios on how to source one VC product:

1. If for one product, when the Identified user is comparing similar product(s) from multiple Manufacturers:

- Filter the Ranking Summary by region, then equipment category and then Offerors ranked # 1 to depict which Offerors are ranked # 1 for every Manufacturer who makes that same type of product.
- The Identified user should then solicit all the # 1 ranked Offerors in a simple batch e-mail describing the requirements of the product needed and requesting product options and pricing.
- The Identified user then evaluates the quotes and selects the preferred quote based on their own set of technical criteria.
- After the Identified user satisfies the VC SO call-up procedures, the preferred quote can be used to generate a call-up document to be issued to the Offerors who supplied the preferred quote.

2. If for one product, the Identified user already knows which Manufacturer makes the product required:

- Filter the Ranking Summary by region, equipment category and then Manufacturer to depict which Offeror is ranked # 1.
- The Identified user would then contact the # 1 ranked Offeror describing the requirements of the product needed and requesting product options and pricing.
- The Identified user then evaluates the quote to ensure it will fulfil the requirement based on the Identified user's own set of technical criteria.
- After the Identified user satisfies the VC SO call-up procedures the quote can be used to generate a call-up document to be issued to the Offerors who supplied the quote.

1.2 Multiple Item Requirements

When the requirement is for a solution of integrated products, Identified Users should use the Ranking Summary to find the Offerors who can provide a solution of products with the greatest overall value.

First step is to identify the item in the solution that is the most costly and/or most technically important to the overall requirement. Generally, when control and automation equipment is part of the requirement, this equipment will be the most significant in cost and functionality so it will be used in the example below.

**Note, the requirement could be for any single-dominant product set up, examples, projector, interactive whiteboard, television, etc.*

- Filter the VC SO Ranking Summary first by region (final product destination region), then by the equipment category of the product type considered most significant i.e. Control and Automation Systems.
- VC SO Ranking Summary will display a list of all the Offerors for all the Control and Automation Manufacturers, in your region. The Offerors contact information is depicted.
- The Identified user should contact all of the # 1 ranked Offerors of the Control and Automation Manufacturers in a simple batch e-mail outlining your requirement and requesting an estimate of products with VC SO prices. The quotes received will include the Control and Automation products as well as secondary VC products and applicable services.

The Identified user then evaluates the quotes and selects the preferred quote based on their own set of technical and best value criteria.

After the Identified user satisfies the VC SO call-up procedures, the preferred quote can be used to generate a call-up document to be issued to the Offerors who supplied the preferred quote.

1.3 Sourcing an Offeror for a Solution of Products without a List of Required Products

Identified Users will need to have an understanding of what VC products they require before they can use the Ranking Summary efficiently. When Identified Users need assistance to accurately document the products needed to meet a particular Videoconferencing requirement, there are two options. The first option is to utilize a service category in the VC SO called Preliminary Needs Consultation to source an Offeror for product determination assistance. This service can be used for determining the scope of VC products needed to fulfil your requirement. Additionally, Identified Users can build their formal Statement of Work (SOW) by utilizing the generic SOW template provided in part 6 of this annex. The second option is to issue a separate contract to an Videoconferencing engineering consultant, requesting a generic specification be written on your behalf to meet your needs.

1.4 General Guidelines for Using the Ranking Summary

The delivery destination of the requirement establishes the region and the resulting Ranking Summary results that must be used to source a SO holder. For example; a procurement officer in the National Capital Region has a requirement in Vancouver BC (VC SO Pacific Region). The Ranking Summary results for Offerors in the Pacific region must be utilized.

Even if the Offeror is not ranked # 1 for all products, to ensure that one Offeror is accountable for the total solution required, Identified Users are permitted to issue one call-up to just one Offeror as long as best overall value has been achieved and substantiated. Identified Users are requested to maintain on file, quotes from all other Offerors, and a note regarding the selection process.

Offeror rankings are the result of an openly tendered competition. For this reason Identified Users are strictly forbidden from requesting discounts greater than those posted on the Ranking Summary from Offerors ranked # 2, # 3, (or if applicable ranked # 4, # 5, # 6 or # 7).

Only Offerors ranked # 1 may offer discounts greater than those posted on the Ranking Summary. When more than one Offeror is ranked # 1, Identified Users may request further discounts from each of the Offerors ranked # 1.

Strategies for more complex requirements do exist. For direction on how to use the Ranking Summary for complex and multiple call-up solutions or requirements that include video conferencing, contact the VC Standing Offer authority.

1.5 Purchasing Ranked Main Device Videoconferencing Products

The Offeror rankings and the resulting product prices are the direct result of an open, competitive process. Both Offerors and Identified Users must uphold the ranking results for all requirements.

Offerors are ranked according to the discount percentages they offered for each Manufacturer/equipment category. Those ranked # 1 provide the greatest discount.

For detailed guidelines on how to source suppliers and products, see Annex "E", part 1. How to Use the Ranking Summary to Select a Supplier.

1.6 Purchasing Proprietary Accessories (PA's)

PA's can be purchased with either the Main Device they are an accessory to or on their own call-up document without a Main Device.

To purchase PA's through an VC SO call-up, the following conditions and procedures must apply:

- The PA must meet the definition of a PA as provided in Annex "A";
- The price of the PA is VC SO accurate. Refer to Annex "E", part 2. Verifying Quoted Items and Prices.

Verifying the price of a PA follows the same process as Main Devices but uses the Proprietary Accessory discount percentage indicated in the Ranking Summary spreadsheet. Offerors at any time may offer a lower than posted discount percentage for PA's.

Refer to Annex "A" for the VC SO definition of Proprietary Accessories.

1.7 Purchasing Incidental Installation Materials (Incidentals)

Incidentals can be purchased with or without Main Devices and/or Proprietary Accessories and/or professional services.

To purchase Incidentals through an VC SO call-up, the following conditions and procedures must apply:

- The Incidentals quoted (regardless of cost) must meet the definition of an Incidental as provided in Annex "A"

Due to the variable nature and low dollar value of Incidental Installation Materials, pricing for Incidental items are usually bundled on quotes.

Offerors will itemize Incidental charges on quotations or invoices to the Identified Users' satisfaction.

Refer to Annex "A" for the VC SO definition of Incidental Installation Materials.

1.8 Purchasing Videoconferencing Services (Services)

The intent of the VC SO is to allow for the procurement of Services for Videoconferencing requirements only. The VC SO may not be used to purchase Services for requirements that utilize products or solutions of products from other commodity groups and/or the goods or services listed as Non-Allowable within Annex "A". Offerors supplying services for requirements that utilize products indicated in Annex "A" as Non-Allowable Goods may have their Standing Offer set aside.

Services can be purchased either on their own call-up document or on a call-up along with Main Devices and/or Proprietary Accessories and/or Incidental Installation Materials.

The VC SO is now a source of supply for Videoconferencing Services in the following categories:

- Preliminary Needs Consultation
- Project Management
- Systems CAD Drawings
- Installation Labour
- Systems Programming
- Systems Training
- Systems Relocation

Refer to Annex "A" for VC SO Service category definitions.

To purchase Services through an VC SO call-up, the following conditions must apply:

- The Service must meet the definition of a Service as provided in Annex "A",
- The Service must be for requirements utilizing Videoconferencing products defined as Allowable Goods in Annex "A",

Where an estimate of the cost of performing specific Work is required:

- ♦ The Identified user will provide the Offeror with a statement of the Work required,
- ♦ The Offeror must provide the Identified User with an estimate of the cost of performing the specified Work in accordance with the pricing provision of the Standing Offer,
- ♦ The Offeror must not undertake any of the specified Work unless and until a call-up is issued by the Identified User,
- ♦ The estimated ceiling cost stated in the call-up must not be exceeded without the specific written authorization of the Identified User.

Identified Users may request authority to exceed the maximum values of the installation labour or services by submitting a request to the VC Standing Offer authority for review for approval.

No costs incurred before the receipt of a signed call-up can be charged to a call-up.

No Services charges may be incurred or invoiced to Identified Users without prior written approval. Identified Users are not liable to pay for any Services for which they have not requested in writing and when provided a quote.

The Summary of Services Rates (SSR) spreadsheet will provide Identified Users with a tool to compare and confirm (against quoted labour rates and service categories) the VC SO hourly rates of Offerors. See Annex "E", 2., d, for more information about using the SSR spreadsheet.

The hourly rates for Videoconferencing Services indicated in the SSR are firm prices and as such, Identified Users are encouraged to compare the posted rates of the Offerors. For a single requirement, Identified Users are not bound to purchase Videoconferencing Services from the Offeror who supplied the

VC SO equipment and may issue a call-up for Videoconferencing Services without including equipment on the call-up document.

It is not mandatory to use the VC SO for buying VC services, Incidental Installation Materials or Travel Related Expenses. However, when purchasing goods or Proprietary Accessories in the 4 VC SO categories, using the VC SO is mandatory. If Identified Users choose to use the VC SO to purchase VC services, Incidental Installation Materials or Travel Related Expenses all terms and conditions of the VC Standing Offer must be enforced. If Identified Users choose not to use the VC SO to purchase any of the above items they must then follow their own departmental procurement procedures. If the value of the services, Incidental Installation Materials or Travel Related Expenses exceeds their delegated departmental spending limits or internal directives, a fully funded 9200 requisition should be forwarded to PWGSC Central Allocations for processing or their own internal processes would be followed.

1.9 Travel Related Expenses

Travel Related Expenses must be estimated, purchased and included on the same VC SO call-up document as the Main Devices and services.

To include Travel Related Expenses through an VC SO call-up, the following conditions and procedures must apply:

- All travel expenses incurred must be included in the overall cost of the requirement which must not exceed the Standing Offer call-up limit;
- The maximum value for travel expenses is \$10,000 per requirement;
- Pricing for Travel Related Expenses must be in accordance with the meal, private vehicle and incidental travel expenses provided in Appendices B, C and D of the National Joint Council Travel Directive.

The following links access the National Joint Council Travel Directive:

<http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/index.php?did=10&dlabel=travel-voyage&lang=eng&merge=2&slabel=index>

<http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/index.php?did=10&dlabel=travel-voyage&lang=fra&merge=2&slabel=index>

1.10 Procedure for purchasing non-listed VC SO products

Identified Users only may request in writing from the Standing Offer Authority a one-time authorization to purchase non-listed items once all of the following conditions and procedures have been satisfied:

- The required item must not be in any VC SO product catalogues;
- The required item must be clearly deemed allowable as per Annex "A";
- The required item must be from a Manufacturer currently included in the VC SO;
- For a requirement consisting of products from only one Manufacturer/equipment category, the number # 1 ranked Offeror only, must be contacted to generate a quote using the Offerors existing VCSO discount percentage.
 - For an integrated solution requirement consisting of more than one Manufacturer/equipment category of products, as long as the Offeror engineering the solution is ranked (any rank) for the required non-listed item, then that Offeror may be contacted to generate a quote using the Offerors existing VCSO discount percentage.
- The quote generated by the Offeror, electronically forwarded by the Identified User to the VC SO Authority as part of the request for authorization to purchase a non-listed VC item, must depict the following product pricing information:

$$\text{New item MSRP} \times \text{Offeror's existing VC SO \% discount} = \text{VC SO final price}$$

The authorizations are one time only use and a copy of the authorization must be maintained permanently in the file of the requirement.

Manufacturers not currently included in the VC SO and its products cannot be added during the term of the VC SO.

2. Verifying Quoted Items and Prices

By utilizing 4 simple documents, Identified Users will be able to verify that the products, services and prices quoted to them are SO accurate and can be sourced through the quoting Offerors SO:

- a. Ranking Summary spreadsheet
- b. Quick Reference Manufacturer Product Lists
- c. Quotes generated by Offerors
- d. Summary of Services Rates (SSR)

a. Ranking Summary Spreadsheet

Available directly from the VC Standing Offer authority, the filterable Ranking Summary spreadsheet not only indicates each Offerors ranking by region, Manufacturer and equipment category but it also provides the Main Device and the (unranked) Proprietary Accessory discount percentages.

b. Quick Reference Manufacturer Product Lists

The Manufacturer product lists are intended for verifying that products quoted to Identified Users are VC SO allowable, that the equipment categories are applicable to the Offerors SO, and that the product prices quoted have been discounted accurately.

Accessed through the PWGSC Publiservice web site:

<http://publiservice.gc.ca/services/icpsss-spicsn/index-e.html>, this collection of product lists will be organized alphabetically, by Manufacturer. The prices indicated will be Manufacturers suggested retail pricing (MSRP) in CDN currency.

Identified Users should not be using the Manufacturer product lists for products selection purposes as product descriptions are not included. Shopping for products should be done with the aid of the highest ranked Offeror and/or using the Manufacturers web site.

c. Quotes Generated by Offerors

For each product quoted, Offerors quotes are now mandated to include:

- ♦ the Offerors rank;
- ♦ the product MSRP;
- ♦ the Offerors discount percentage applicable to the equipment category.

By comparing the quote against the Ranking Summary spreadsheet, Identified Users will be able to verify that the product data (Manufacturers, equipment categories, rankings and discount percentages) quoted to them is applicable to the Offerors SO.

Offerors are required by the VC SO to indicate on their quotes the following 7 items:

- SO number:
 - Multiple Standing Offer numbers must be indicated if videoconferencing equipment or products from a Standing Offer that is held directly by the Manufacturer are also required;

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- Region:
 - May be specified per item or just once. The point of delivery establishes the region for a requirement;
 - Manufacturer:
 - Must be specified per item;
 - Model number:
 - Must be specified per item;
 - Rank:
 - May be specified per item or supplied as part of a summary statement listing each Manufacturer equipment category;
 - Discount Percentage:
 - May be specified per item (having its own column or as part of the [MSRP x discount % = SO price calculation] or supplied as part of a summary statement listing each Manufacturer equipment category;
 - MSRP:
 - Must be specified per item having its own column or as part of the [MSRP x discount % = SO price calculation]

Quotes supplied without the 7 mandatory items above should be immediately returned to the Offeror, amended and reissued back to the Identified user.

Once the products and services on the quote have been confirmed as meeting your requirement and the above listed 7 mandatory items have been supplied, then the data on the quote must be confirmed as VC Standing Offer accurate. It is the Identified Users responsibility to ensure that the data sourced from the quote used to generate a 942 call-up document is VC SO accurate. Only when the quote is validated as VC SO accurate should an approved 942 call-up document can be generated.

d. Summary of Services Rates (SSR)

Available directly from the VC Standing Offer authority, the SSR spreadsheet indicates each VC Offerors hourly rate by service type and region. The hourly rates are not ranked but SSR spreadsheet makes it easy for Identified Users to quickly compare Offerors.

2.1 Suggested Method for Verifying Quotes

Step 1 - Verify Offeror is ranked for the products quoted:

Filter the Ranking Summary first by the region indicated on the quote, and then filter by the Offerors name to verify the Offeror is ranked for all the Manufacturers and equipment categories quoted.

Step 2 - Verify the quoted discount percentages are accurate:

While doing step 1, confirm the discount percentages on the quote for Main Devices (and accessories if applicable) match each of the Manufacturer/equipment category discount percentages on the Ranking Summary.

Step 3 - Verify the model numbers and MSRP prices on the quote are accurate:

One Manufacturer at a time, using the Quick Reference Manufacturer Lists, locate and confirm that the model numbers and the MSRP prices on the quote match.

Step 4 - Verify the VC SO price on the quote has been calculated accurately:

Using the data on the quote, check that the MSRP x discount % = final VC SO price has been calculated correctly.

Step 5 - (If applicable) Verify quoted services are accurate:

Using the Summary of Services Rates (SSR) spreadsheet available from the VC Standing Offer authority, confirm, for the applicable region, the Offerors quoted hourly labour rates and service categories match the hourly labour rates and service categories on the SSR.

If quoted data is found to be missing or inconsistent with the data found in the Ranking Summary, the Quick Reference Product Lists or the Summary of Services Rates, immediately question the quoting Offeror regarding the discrepancy. If a resolution is not found, then Identified Users should request clarification from the VC Standing Offer authority.

Once all Offerors quoting and all Identified user requirements (see Annex "E", 3., Call-up Procedures for Identified Users for more information) have been met, an approved 942 Call-up document can be issued directly to the Offeror.

3. Call-up Procedures for Identified Users

Identified Users will receive a quote for products and/or services from an Offeror as sourced in part 1 of this annex How to Use the Ranking Summary to Select an Offeror.

Before issuing a call-up, Identified Users must verify:

- The quoted rankings match the Offerors rankings on the VC SO Ranking Summary spreadsheet (for the corresponding region/Manufacturer/equipment category);
- The quoted discount percentages match the Offerors discount percentages on the VC SO Ranking Summary spreadsheet (for the corresponding region/Manufacturer/equipment category);
- All products are allowable according to "A" and are covered by the product definitions in Annex "B";
 - All Main Device and Proprietary Accessory items are applicable to Section 1.0, the 4 Equipment Categories;
 - No items are applicable to Section 2.0 - Non-Allowable Goods;
 - All Incidental Installation Material and Proprietary Accessory items meet the Section 1.0 definitions of Incidental Installation Materials and Proprietary Accessories.
 - All services are applicable to Section 1.1 - Allowable Videoconferencing Services
- The price of each product (Main Devices and Proprietary Accessories) is VC SO accurate; See Annex "E", part 2 Verifying Quoted Items and Prices, for details regarding price verification;
- The price of each Service hourly rate matches the Summary of Services Rates (SSR) spreadsheet for the applicable Offeror; See Annex E, 1.8, for details on purchasing Services;
- The estimated Travel Related Expenses are based on National Joint Council Travel Directives and are included on the call-up document. See Annex "E", 1.9, Travel Related Expenses for more information on Travel Expenses;
- The supplemental shipping costs are not included;
- That all Call-up procedures of the VC SO have been followed. See Annex "E", Instructions and Procedures for Identified Users.

The only binding terms are the Standing Offer terms and conditions and the Call-up document.

Once the above listed mandatory requirements have been fulfilled, an approved PWGSC 942 Call-up document can be generated by the Identified User and sent directly to the Offeror.

4. Generating a 942 Call-up Document

Once Identified Users have sourced VC SO products and/or VC SO services that fulfil their requirement, and before the approved 942 call-up document has been issued, the Identified Users must:

1. Ensure the products quoted clearly fall within Annex "A" definitions applicable to the VC SO. (See Annex "E", 3., Call-up Procedures for Identified Users);

If Identified Users are uncertain if a product is VC SO applicable or to which class (either Main Device, Proprietary Accessory, or Incidental Installation Materials) it belongs, it is the Offerors responsibility to document directly on the quote and/or to support in writing and/or with a copy of the MSRP price list, which Manufacturer/equipment category or to which class of product belongs;

2. Verify the rankings quoted by the Offeror match their rankings on the Ranking Summary;
3. Verify the final Standing Offer per unit price quoted, is accurately calculated using the data depicted on the quote. (See Annex "E", 2., Verifying Quoted Items and Prices).

Authorized call-ups against the Standing Offer must be made using the completed forms identified in Part 7, section 8 by methods such as facsimile, electronic mail or any other method deemed acceptable by both the Identified user and the Offeror. Call-ups are issued and sent to the Offeror only. The PWGSC VC Standing Offer authority does not receive or need a copy of VC SO call-ups.

For a copy of the PWGSC 942 Call-up document:

http://publiservice-app.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/forms/index.cfm?lang=e&listall=no&method=s&field=title_e&type=e&words=942

http://publiservice-app.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/forms/index.cfm?lang=f&listall=no&method=s&field=title_e&type=f&words=942

5. Generic Statement of Work for Identified Users

Generic STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)

For the
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STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)

(Enter Location of requirement of where the Work is to be done)

1. INTRODUCTION

Requirement:

The Department (enter department name) has a requirement to (reconfigure/upgrade, purchase and install, Install, program etc.) at location _____.

Scope:

Contractor must perform all required steps and must provide deliverables as described in the SOW.

Background:

Provide a small paragraph on background if applicable related to the requirement.

2. PROJECT AUTHORITIES

Listed below are the project authorities: (as applicable)

- a. Project Manager (PM)
- b. Technical Authority (TA)
- c. Procurement Authority

3. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

Quote any reference document, for example if a quote has been provided _____ and/or diagrams, etc.

4. Tasks

The following tasks lists must be performed:

Provide a step by step list of what needs to be done in the requirement as deliverables and/or services. This is also a good place to list the material required, where and what must be done for each install, relocate, or deliverable. For example:

- a. Video (If applicable, explain how video signals must flow through to the final destination(s) on a component by component basis be integrated into the final solution.)
- b. Audio (If applicable, explain how audio signals must flow through to the final destination(s) on a component by component basis be integrated into the final solution.)
- c. Control (If applicable, explain how control signals must flow through to the final destination(s) on a component by component basis be integrated into the final solution.)
- d. Identify any special or unique requirements such as mounting requirements, cabling requirements, testing requirement, electrical requirements, software etc.

e. Identify equipment that Canada is responsible to provide such as HD Cable receivers, media converters, etc

f. Identify Work that Canada needs to complete before the start of installation such as reinforcing walls, providing power, providing network, etc.

g. Identify any limitations in the system design such as the inability to display 1080p due to EDID parameters.

Conduct Acceptance or commission of the requirement (list the name of the requirement with user and Project Manager.

5. DELIVERABLES

List the items and/or services to be delivered upon completion of this Work such as commissioning and acceptance documents, as-built diagrams, manuals, custom control code, etc.

6. TRAINING

List training requirements, if applicable.

7. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Identify the project management process including scheduling, work hours, design changes and security clearances.

Annex "F" - Instructions and Procedures for Offerors

1) Generating VC SO Accurate Quotes

Since customized product catalogues containing VC SO pricing will no longer be made for each Offeror, Offerors quotes will be important tools for not only listing products for clients to purchase, but for product and price verification work done by departmental staff. To support this verification work, Offerors are now required by the VC SO to supply the required product data as indicated below in 2) Mandatory Information Required on Quotes.

Two Methods of Organizing Products and Services on the Quotes:

- 1 The first method is to group products not by Manufacturer, room or by any kind of technical or layout characteristic but rather by the following VC SO product type groupings:

Main devices (VC SO applicable);
 Proprietary Accessories;
 Incidental Installation Materials;
 Main devices and accessories found on other VC SO's;
 Services and Travel related expenses;
 Government Furnished Equipment (GFE);
 Non-VC SO applicable products.

The second method is to list products by any logical way you prefer but in doing so indicate each model number with the use of asterisks (*) applicable to the VC SO product type groupings. For example, either in the header or at the bottom of your quote, provide a list of VC SO product type groupings each with a different quantity of (*). For example:

Main devices (VC SO applicable) - most items are Standing Offer applicable Main
 Devices (*) not needed;

- 1 Proprietary Accessories;
- 2 Incidental Installation Materials;
- 3 Main devices or accessories found on other VC SO's, (when the Manufacturer holds the SO);
- 4 Services and Travel related expenses;
- 5 Government Furnished Equipment (GFE)
- 6 Non-VC SO applicable products.

2) Mandatory Information Required on Quotes

To facilitate departmental procurement staff responsibilities as well as the Standing Offer price verification process, the Offeror's quote must include the following on every quote:

- Offerors Standing Offer number;
- Delivery address so the applicable VC SO region can easily be determined;

As well as the above, for each Main Device or Proprietary Accessory the following must be indicated:

- Manufacturer name;
- Model or part number;
- VC SO Rank (applicable to the delivery region, products from the same Manufacturer/equipment category may be grouped together under a single rank);
- The MSRP x discount percentage = Final SO price calculation
 - Each of the 3 points in this calculation must be clearly indicated, however the format or the location on your quote is the choice of the Offeror. One option could be to have unique columns applicable to the three variables on your quote template. Another option is to include a full or partial calculation as part of the product description or model number fields.

Client department procurement staff will be verifying that the following data on quotes has been provided and is accurate:

- The region, Manufacturer and rank on your quote against the VC SO Ranking Summary;
- The accuracy of your item cost calculation;
- The discount percentage you quote against your offered discount percentage as presented on the VC SO Ranking Summary;
- The MSRP of the products you quoted as compared to the same product on the Quick Reference Product List for each Manufacturer;

Identified Users have the right to request at any time that Offerors indicate the equipment category of any item quoted.

Prior to providing the quote to the client, if you are uncertain if your quote conforms to mandatory requirements above, contact the VC Standing Offer authority to check it over and provide feedback.

3) Call-up Procedures for Offerors

Offerors must generate an VC SO accurate quote for all product and/or services requirements or inquiries.

All Quotes must be organized to reflect VC SO procurement needs and not just for technical end Users.

In addition to depicting the mandatory data required on every quote (listed below), the products quoted should be arranged, either by grouping or by representing in some way, as being:

- Main devices,
- Proprietary accessories,
- Incidentals,
- Government Furnished Equipment (GFE's)
- Available via another Standing Offer, (for example when a Manufacturer holds its own Standing Offer) or as;
- Non-VC SO applicable.

When Offerors are quoting products found on a Manufacturers Standing Offer, the quote must clearly indicate:

- "The quoting Offeror is an authorized dealer of XYZ Manufacture, AND;
- "The following product(s) is(are) not available using this Offerors Standing Offer", AND;
- "A separate call-up must be issued to the Manufacturers Standing Offer", AND;
- That price verification is found using the Manufacturers Standing Offer number.

4) General Procedures for Quoting

Offering lower than Standing Offer posted pricing is permitted only when the Offeror is ranked # 1 for the products. It is strictly prohibited for an Offeror with a # 2, # 3, (or if applicable # 4, # 5, # 6 or # 7) Manufacturer/equipment category ranking, to supply product at or quote pricing at any time, lower than Standing Offer posted pricing, unless approval by the VC Standing Offer authority has been granted.

Offerors must notify the Identified User in advance, in writing of all:

- VC SO services, if applicable.
- Estimated travel expenses, if applicable.

When quoting any items or services needed for a complete solution design that are not applicable to the Offerors SO, Offerors must clearly indicate that the products are to be purchased either via another VC SO or purchased outside of the VC SO.

Offerors are prohibited from quoting or supplying ranked Main Device items and classifying or identifying them as Accessories or Incidentals. This classification of products is not a means for Offerors to supply products that they did not rank or to supply products not available through the VC SO.

The regional VC SO rankings are the result of an openly competitive solicitation. Offerors are prohibited from fulfilling a Call-up based on the rankings of one region and delivering in a different region.

5) Monthly Sales Reporting

The following must be submitted electronically to the VC Standing Offer authority:

- The Monthly Sales Report (MSR)
- A PDF copy of all call-ups issued

Each month the MSR and the PDF call-ups documents must be submitted to the VC Standing Offer authority no later than 21 calendar days after the end of the reporting period. (i.e. by March 21st for the February reporting period)

The MSR consists of the following mandatory fields:

- i. Department
- ii. Client Name
- iii. Delivery Region
- iv. Call-up Number
- v. Call-up date
- vi. Total Cost of All Equipment on Call-up
- vii. Total Cost of All Services on Call-up
- viii. Total Call-up Value

The MSR must include all call-ups made to the VC SO (this includes requirements provided on forms equivalent to the mandatory use PWGSC 942 form) as well as all purchases of products and/or services paid for using Government of Canada Acquisition Cards. See Part 7, A, section 11. Call-up Instrument and section 11.1 Government Acquisition Cards (Credit Cards).

If there is no business in one month, simply indicate in the subject of the e-mail "sales in April were zero".

For each call-up number on the MSR, one PDF call-up document must be submitted. The call-up documents must be unprotected PDF's.

In addition to the mandatory monthly sales reports and PDF call-up documents, Offerors will be requested periodically, at the discretion of the VC Standing Offer authority, to supply Offeror quotes corresponding to specific call-ups issued.

Offerors MSR's, PDF call-up documents and quotes will be measured against all procedures, terms and conditions contained in the RFSO. Failure for Offerors to abide by any of the terms and conditions contained in the RFSO may result in PWGSC setting aside the Standing Offer and the application of vendor performance corrective measures.

6) Quick Reference Product List - Product Updates

The same Offeror who originally supplied the Quick Reference Product List for a particular Manufacturer will have the responsibility to provide PWGSC with updated product lists.

It is intended that PWGSC will perform a product update about every 6 months with the option of performing additional updates at PWGSC's discretion.

Offerors will be given a minimum of 2 weeks notice in advance of an update request. At the time of the update request, the Offeror will receive data input instructions, a copy of the existing product lists and a mandatory submission deadline.

During product updates, the Offerors selected will update their price lists with the following product information:

- MSRP price changes;
- Remove obsolete items;
- Add newly introduced models with pricing;
- Update the Environmental criteria status if a change has occurred since the last update.

For each product update, all MSRP prices must be in Canadian dollars.

Offerors providing product data found to be inaccurate, not following the terms and conditions of the RFSO, or not conforming to the guidelines of Annex "A" may have its Standing Offer set aside and/or all products of the applicable Manufacturer pulled from the manufacturer product lists.

7) 2013 Offer Submission Table Instructions

Offerors must submit a 2013 Offeror Submission Table as per the following instructions:

- Region and Equipment Category fields will have drop-down lists and must be used to accurately reflect the region(s) and equipment category(ies) indicated by the Manufacturer on your Manufacturer letter.
- Manufacturer names supplied in the "Offeror Submission Table" must be identical for all applicable rows within the table and identical to the Manufacturer name supplied in Box # 1 of the Manufacturer authorization letter. A drop-down list of Manufacturer names will not be provided. Electronic Offeror Submission Table percentage discount offers with Manufacturer names not matching the Manufacturer name supplied in Box # 1 of the Manufacturer authorization letter will not be evaluated.
- Device percentage discount field is available for Offerors to offer a discount percentage for Main Devices corresponding to the Manufacturer/equipment category of the particular Manufacturer. Offerors are permitted to provide percentage discounts up to 2 decimal places;
- Accessory percentage discount field is available for Offerors to offer a discount percentage for Proprietary Accessories corresponding to the Manufacturer/equipment category of the particular Manufacturer. This discount percentage will not be used for Offeror evaluation purposes.
- Price list version or issue date field is available for Offerors to indicate the Price list version or issue date of the Manufacturers MSRP price list;
- Offerors must complete all fields of the spreadsheet;

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- Offerors must not change the format of the spreadsheet in any way. At the time of Offer evaluation, if the spreadsheet or the contents of the drop-down lists have been reformatted or modified, the offer for the Manufacturer/equipment category(ies) affected will be found non-responsive;
 - The spreadsheet submission file named "Offeror Submission Table.xls" must not be renamed.

Annex "G" - Instructions for Manufacturers

1. Manufacturer Authorization Letters for Dealers

The Manufacturers role in accurately reflecting its products lines in the VC SO equipment category structure.

When Manufacturers correctly indicate on the authorization letters they provided to dealers, which equipment categories their products should be included; a more accurate Quick Reference Product List will result. This makes it easier to quickly locate products.

However, some Manufacturers are selecting too many equipment categories based on two major issues:

Limiting category selection to Main Devices

Manufacturers must select categories only for their Main Devices, not for all their types of accessories.

Other impacts of creating unnecessary equipment categories:

- The list of Manufacturers ranked in a particular equipment category, includes Manufacturers that do not supply Main Devices for this equipment category;
- The ranking summary is much more complex and difficult for clients to use or PWGSC to maintain;
- Increased workload for Offerors at RFSO submission time and during the product list building stage;
- Increased workload for PWGSC during RFSO evaluation, VC SO issuing and product list building stages.

Limiting to just one equipment category

For Manufacturers that have devices (or lines or systems of products) with features that are covered by more than one equipment category, it would be beneficial to limit the equipment categories selected to just one where ever it makes sense.

When a device (or a product line or system of devices) from one Manufacturer can perform tasks associated with multiple categories, Manufacturers must select just one equipment category that best suits the device or line of devices.

Whenever it makes sense for multiple products that perform similar tasks or a list of products clearly designed as one system to perform one overall task they should be consolidated into one equipment category.

Intent of the above; When an equipment category is selected it should be done so on the knowledge that the Manufacturer has Main Device products that clearly belong in that category. Within each equipment category, the list of qualified Manufacturers listed must supply Main Devices (or if applicable a proprietary system of devices that perform one overall task) that are in direct competition with each other.

PWGSC is requesting that all Manufacturers and solely authorized Canadian Distributors take the time to reduce the number of categories they indicate for their products wherever it makes sense to do so.

Quick Reference Product List Submission - Manufacturer Instructions

As part of the new VC SO approach of not generating detailed custom product catalogues for each Standing Offer, one Offeror representing each Manufacturer will be required to build a Quick Reference Product List of VC SO allowable products. For each Manufacturer, all of the VC SO qualified dealers will use the same product list to sell to Canada. Manufacturers will indicate on the dealer authorization letters whether the Offeror is capable of generating and updating a comprehensive list of products both accurate to Canadian Government demand and applicable to all other potential Offerors authorized by the Manufacturer. For this reason, Manufacturers should indicate as capable, only those dealers who have the technical knowledge to build a comprehensive list of products that represent the Manufacturers entire line of VC SO allowable products and clearly understand which products all of the potential VC SO Offerors sell to Canada. Manufacturers can select more than one Offeror. When more than one Offeror is selected as capable or no Offeror has been indicated as capable, PWGSC will select the Offeror who ranked # 1 for the greatest number of regions (in the event of a tie, one dealer will be randomly selected). Regardless of the Offeror selection process, the product list generated by the Offeror selected will be final and used by all the authorized dealers (in all 6 regions).

3. General:

There are 4 letter templates and each one has a specific use:

- Template 1 - Manufacturer authorizes dealer. To be completed by the Manufacturer when the standard and direct authorized dealer/Manufacturer relationship exists.

Templates 2 and 3 must be provided together when a nationally recognized, solely authorized Canadian Distributor is in place representing the Manufacturer in Canada.

- Template 2 - Distributor authorizes Offeror. To be completed by the one and only Canadian Distributor certifying the Offeror as an authorized dealer of the Manufacturer.
- Template 3 - Manufacturer authorizes Distributor. To be completed by the Manufacturer certifying that the Distributor is the sole and exclusive representative of the Manufacturer in Canada.
- Template 4 - Manufacturer is the Offeror. To be completed by the Manufacturer when the Offeror and the Manufacturer are the same.

Note: the Manufacturer name submitted into [Box # 1] of any of the 4 letters is very important and must be accurate. Offerors must match this name only, as the specific Manufacturer name in their electronic offer. If Offerors offer a different name from the one provided in [Box # 1] the offer will be deemed non-compliant.

Manufacturer authorization letters must be completed entirely by the Manufacturer or solely authorized Canadian Distributor only. Offerors are prohibited from completing any part of the letter.

Accessories will be included in the Quick Reference Product List and will be depicted on call-ups as accessories as described in the call-up procedures.

Excluding the name of Offeror, the Manufacturer (if it has multiple division names), the region(s) selected and the Quick Reference Product List authorization, all information provided in the letters must be identical for all like-authorized Offerors. Letters with inconsistent information or signing authorities will be deemed non-responsive.

Manufacturers have the right to remove the authorization of any of its Offerors at any time. The remaining Offerors authorized for the Manufacturer move up the ranking order. No new Offerors can be added to the ranking list. Once removed from the list, the Offeror may not be added back into the ranking list.

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Notification of the removal of an Offeror must be done in writing and supplied to the VC Standing Offer authority.

Annex "H" - Commercial General Liability Insurance

Commercial General Liability Insurance

The Contractor must obtain Commercial General Liability Insurance, and maintain it in force throughout the duration of the VC SO, in an amount usual for a contract of this nature, but for not less than \$2,000,000 per accident or occurrence and in the annual aggregate.

The Commercial General Liability policy must include the following:

(a) Additional Insured: Canada is added as an additional insured, but only with respect to liability arising out of the Contractor's performance of the VC SO. The interest of Canada should read as follows: Canada, as represented by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

(b) Bodily Injury and Property Damage to third parties arising out of the operations of the Contractor.

(c) Products and Completed Operations: Coverage for bodily injury or property damage arising out of goods or products manufactured, sold, handled, or distributed by the Contractor and/or arising out of operations that have been completed by the Contractor.

(d) Personal Injury: While not limited to, the coverage must include Violation of Privacy, Libel and Slander, False Arrest, Detention or Imprisonment and Defamation of Character.

(e) Cross Liability/Separation of Insureds: Without increasing the limit of liability, the policy must protect all insured parties to the full extent of coverage provided. Further, the policy must apply to each Insured in the same manner and to the same extent as if a separate policy had been issued to each.

(f) Blanket Contractual Liability: The policy must, on a blanket basis or by specific reference to the Contract, extend to assumed liabilities with respect to contractual provisions.

g) Employees and, if applicable, Volunteers must be included as Additional Insured.

(h) Employers' Liability (or confirmation that all employees are covered by Worker's compensation (WSIB) or similar program)

(i) Broad Form Property Damage including Completed Operations: Expands the Property Damage coverage to include certain losses that would otherwise be excluded by the standard care, custody or control exclusion found in a standard policy.

j) Notice of Cancellation: The Insurer will endeavour to provide the Contracting Authority thirty (30) days written notice of policy cancellation.

(k) If the policy is written on a claims-made basis, coverage must be in place for a period of at least 12 months after the completion or termination of the Contract.

(l) Owners' or Contractors' Protective Liability: Covers the damages that the Contractor becomes legally obligated to pay arising out of the operations of a subcontractor.

Annex "I" - Environmental Performance Considerations

(for reading purposes only, the RFSO submission form is a separate Word format attachment)

Canada will use a star rating system (0-3) to assess an Offerors environmental initiatives and include this information into the resulting Standing Offers. This will provide Identified Users with the option to choose a greener supplier.

The star rating for each Offeror will be identified in each successful Offeror's Standing Offer as well as on a Government web site. It will then be up to each Offeror to market to Identified Users their green star rating. GC plans to identify to Identified Users, the Offerors green star rating on our internal web site. The maximum total points are 26. Two points are awarded for each performance criteria correctly attained.

- No star will be given to an Offeror if it does not provide adequate information into this section, or it obtains zero (0) point.
- One (1) star will be given to an Offeror that obtains any points up to 9 points.
- Two (2) stars will be given to an Offeror that obtains more than 10 points and up to 18 points.
- Three (3) stars will be given to an Offeror that obtains more than 19 points and up to 26 points.

Offerors will provide details and examples to demonstrate how they comply with the elements below.

Offerors Business Practices:

1. Evidence of an Environmental Management System (EMS) (e.g., International Organization for Standardization (ISO 14001))
2. Have an Environmental Policy in place
3. Demonstrate commitment to voluntary environmental initiatives or community-based environmental projects
4. Member of national industry organization pursuing extended producer responsibility including, but not limited to, reuse & recycle (specify name/organization)

Products:

5. Offer ENERGY STAR equipment
6. Offer products that meet WEEE (Waste and Electrical Electronic Equipment)
7. Offer products that are Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) certified
8. Offer products that are TCO Certified.
9. Audio Video equipment is equipped with sleep/power-down mode

Packaging:

10. Manufacturer uses recyclable packaging
11. Manufacturer uses reusable packaging

Disposal:

12. Offer take-back programs for products
13. Manufacturer offers recycling of audio video systems/components

Annex "J" - Quick Reference Manufacturer Product List - Building Submission

For this RFSO, Manufacturers will indicate on the Manufacturer authorization letters whether the Offeror is capable of generating and updating a comprehensive list of products applicable to all VC SO Offerors authorized by the same Manufacturer in all regions of Canada.

Manufacturers may select more than one Offeror. When more than one capable Offeror qualifies for an VC SO, or in the occurrence that among the VC SO qualified Offerors no Offeror is indicated as capable, Canada will select the Offeror who ranked # 1 for the greatest number of regions (in the event of a tie, one dealer will be randomly selected). The product list generated by the Offeror selected will be final, used by all the authorized dealers (in all regions) and will not be amended until a product update is done.

Offerors will receive a summary spreadsheet outlining which region(s), equipment categories and Manufacturers for which they have ranked. PWGSC will cross-reference the Offerors ranking results against whether the dealer was selected by the Manufacturer and then indicate on the summary spreadsheet, for which Manufacturer/equipment categories the Offeror will be responsible to generate a product list.

Offerors will simply transpose from the Manufacturers most recent MSRP price list, Main Device product numbers applicable to the equipment categories found on the Manufacturers authorization letter onto an Excel template supplied by PWGSC. Proprietary accessories will also be included. No product descriptions will be required.

Manufacturer name, equipment category, model or part number, MSRP price (in Canadian funds) and if the item is classified as environmentally friendly will be the only fields required. Electronically submitted, the completed spreadsheets for will be forwarded to the VC Standing Offer authority. A submission deadline will be supplied at the time of request.

It is highly recommended that Manufacturers or the authorized Canadian Distributor be directly involved in the accurate allocation of its products to ensure accuracy.

1. Offerors must enter the required data in an electronic format using a supplied Excel Line Item Template spreadsheet;
2. Offerors must complete all fields for each line item in the spreadsheet. Any line items with incomplete or blank fields will be rejected;
3. Offerors must not change the format of the Line Item Template spreadsheet in any way. At the time of line item product submissions, if the spreadsheet has been reformatted or modified, the products provided in the submission will be rejected;
4. Offerors must simply rename the Line Item Template spreadsheet file with the name of the Manufacturer;
5. One template may be used for multiple Manufacturer submissions.

Quick Reference Product List content:

Individual product information to be supplied will consist of the following mandatory fields:

- Manufacturer Name - Must match the Manufacturer name indicated in [Box # 1] on Manufacturer letter;
- Equipment Category - A drop-down list will be provided. Each item must be selected into the most appropriate equipment category and limited to the equipment categories indicated on the Manufacturer letter; For accessories, select the Accessory category.
- Model or Part Number - No spaces before the number, cutting and pasting into this cell from the Manufacturers PL (or any other source) must NOT change the formatting of the template

- cell. If this occurs, the template will be returned to you for you to type-in model numbers individually;
- Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price - from the most recent Manufacturers price list must be in Canadian funds;
 - Environmentally Friendly - Items will be classified as either meeting or not meeting one or more defined environmental attributes. See below for attributes.

Offerors will receive an electronic version of the template in Excel upon notification by PWGSC of a positive Audiovisual Standing Offer qualification for being selected to complete the Template.

It will be at PWGSC's discretion to verify if the products submitted conform to Annex "A" and Annex "B" allowable products definitions. PWGSC has the right to delete any or all products or services from the submitted lists or to set aside the Offerors VC SO at any time if they provide products that do not conform to Annex "A" and Annex "B" guidelines. Offerors submitting products equivalent to or covered by the Non-Allowable Products or Non-Allowable Services lists in Annex "A" will have that Manufacturer's products and rankings eliminated from their VC SO and/or their VC SO set aside.

VC SO Environmental Equipment Certification

Products will be flagged with a "Yes" to indicate if the item has any of the following third party certifications.

- Product is ENERGY STAR
http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=find_a_product.
- Product is Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) certified - Silver Level
<http://www.epeat.net/>
- Product is Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) certified - Gold Level
<http://www.epeat.net/>
- Product meets WEEE (Waste and Electrical Electronic Equipment) specifications
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/weee/legis_en.htm
- Product is Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) certified
<http://www.rohs.eu/english/index.html>
- Product is TCO Certified
<http://www.tcodevelopment.com/>
- Product is equipped with sleep/power-down mode.