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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
DEMANDE DE PROPOSITION**

**Proposal To: Public Works and Government
Services Canada**

We hereby offer to sell to Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein, referred to herein or attached hereto, the goods, services, and construction listed herein and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefor.

**Proposition aux: Travaux Publics et Services
Gouvernementaux Canada**

Nous offrons par la présente de vendre à Sa Majesté la Reine du chef du Canada, aux conditions énoncées ou incluses par référence dans la présente et aux annexes ci-jointes, les biens, services et construction énumérés ici sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

Comments - Commentaires

Title - Sujet OPTICAL DEPTH FIELD MICROSCOPE	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation 31184-130941/A	Date 2013-12-16
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 31184-130941	
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$PV-940-64181	
File No. - N° de dossier pv940.31184-130941	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2014-01-27	Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Specified Herein - Précisé dans les présentes Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Hooper, Marlyn	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur pv940
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (819) 956-2702 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX (819) 956-3814
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction: NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL CANADA BLDG M7 1200 MONTREAL RD OTTAWA Ontario K1A0R6 Canada	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Vendor/Firm Name and Address

**Raison sociale et adresse du
fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur**

Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution

Scientific, Medical and Photographic Division / Division de l'équipement scientifique, des produits photographiques et pharmaceutiques
11 Laurier St./ 11 rue, Laurier
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Delivery Required - Livraison exigée See Herein	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

Item Article	Description	Dest. Code Dest.	Inv. Code Fact.	Qty Qté	U. of I. U. de D.	Unit Price/Prix unitaire FOB/FAM Destination	Plant/Usine	Del. Offered Liv. offerte
1	OPTICAL DEPTH FIELD MICROSCOPE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANDATORY TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN ANNEX A	31184	31184	1	Each	\$		See Herein

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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Security Requirement

There is no security requirement associated with this bid solicitation..

2. Requirement

The requirement is detailed under the "Line Item Detail".

3. Debriefings

Bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the bid solicitation process. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority within 15 working days of receipt of the results of the bid solicitation process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

PART 2 - BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the bid solicitation 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.

Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract.

The 2003 (2013-06-01) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

Subsection 5.4 of 2003, Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, is amended as follows:

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

1.1 SACC Manual Clauses

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2. Submission of Bids

Bids 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 bid solicitation.

3. Enquiries - Bid Solicitation

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than ten (10) calendar days before the bid closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Bidders should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the bid solicitation to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by bidders 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 the Bidder do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered with copies to all bidders. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all bidders may not be answered by Canada.

4. Applicable Laws

Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in the province of Ontario, Canada.

Bidders may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their bid, 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 bidders.

PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bid Preparation Instructions

Canada requests that bidders provide their bid in separately bound sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Bid (two (2) copies)
Section II: Financial Bid (one (1) copy)
Section III: Certifications (one (1) copy)

Prices must appear in the financial bid only. No prices must be indicated in any other section of the bid.

Canada requests that bidders follow the format instructions described below in the preparation of their bid:

- (a) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper;
- (b) use a numbering system that corresponds to the bid solicitation.

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, bidders should:

- 1) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper containing fibre certified as originating from a sustainably-managed forest and 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 Section I: Technical Bid

The following applies to the Requirement and bidders must provide the following information in the bid where applicable:

1.1.1 Training

On-site user training must be provided for up to four (4) users. All costs associated with the on-site training must be included in the price.

On-site training will be completed within _____ calendar days of installation. Provide complete details of training e.g. duration, scope, etc.,

1.1.2 Product(s) Offered

The Bidder must indicate the make and model number of the products offered (identify specific components which make up the system):

Name of Manufacturer: _____
Model/Part Number: _____
Literature attached: Yes (____) No (____)

1.1.3 Point of Manufacture/Shipping

The Bidder must state the point of manufacture/shipping of goods:

Location: _____
Postal Code: _____

1.1.4 Delivery

While delivery is requested by March 31, 2014, the best delivery that could be offered by the Bidder is _____.

1.1.5 Software

The Bidder must provide all software updates and new releases to the purchaser for a period of ten (10) year following the acceptance, at no additional cost.

Note: The word "updates" means all enhancements, extensions or other modifications to the software. The word "releases" means enhancements or modifications to the software or new modules or supplementary modules that function in conjunction with the software, that represent the next generation of software, and which the Contractor has decided to make available to its customers usually for an additional charge.

1.1.6 Contacts

Bidders are requested to provide the following: Information pertaining to Article 5.3 Contractor Representatives under Part 6, Resulting Contract Clauses.

1.2 Section II: Financial Bid

The bidder must quote a firm lot price all inclusive of supply, training and Manual, DDP (Ottawa, Ontario), the total amount of applicable taxes must be shown separately. Freight charges to destination and all applicable Customs duties and Excise taxes must be included.

1.2.1 Exchange Rate Fluctuation

C3011T Exchange Rate Fluctuation

2010-01-11

1.3 Section III: Certifications

Bidders must submit the certifications required under Part 5.

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

1. Evaluation Procedures

- (a) Bids will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the bid solicitation including the technical and financial evaluation criteria.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the bids.

1.1 Technical Evaluation

All proposals submitted must be completed in full and provide all of the information requested in the Request for Proposal (RFP) package to enable a full and complete evaluation. If the requirement is not addressed in the bidder's proposal, the proposal will be considered incomplete or non-responsive and will be rejected. The onus is on the bidder to provide all the information necessary to ensure a complete and accurate assessment.

Factors for Evaluation

1. PRICING BASIS (MANDATORY): Prices must be firm, DDP Delivered Duty Paid.
2. ABILITY TO MEET THE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENT (MANDATORY):

- a) For Items Defined by Specifications:

The bidder is requested to cross reference the mandatory technical criteria contained herein to their supporting technical documentation.

- b) Provision of Supporting Technical Documentation:

Supporting technical documentation for the stores offered must be provided with the bid at time of bid closing.

Technical brochures or technical data MUST be provided to verify compliancy to the technical mandatory specifications.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (MANDATORY)
4. Please note that the requirements of the Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity may apply - (see Part 5).

1.1.1 Mandatory Technical Criteria

See Annex A

1.2 Financial Evaluation

The lowest evaluated price will be established using the following criteria:

- a) prices will be evaluated in Canadian Funds including excise taxes, Canadian Customs Duty (if applicable) and applicable taxes excluded. For evaluation purposes, bids received in a foreign currency will be converted to Canadian funds using the appropriate rate of exchange using the rate quoted by the Bank of Canada as being in effect on date of bid closing.

b) prices will be evaluated on a DDP Ottawa, Ontario

2. Basis of Selection

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Basis of Selection -
Mandatory Technical Criteria Only

2010-08-16

PART 5 - CERTIFICATIONS

Bidders must provide the required certifications and related documentation to be awarded a contract. Canada will declare a bid non-responsive if the required certifications and related documentation are not completed and submitted as requested.

Compliance with the certifications bidders provide to Canada is subject to verification by Canada during the bid evaluation period (before award of a contract) and after award of a contract. The Contracting Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify bidders' compliance with the certifications before award of a contract. The bid will be declared non-responsive if any certification made by the Bidder 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 Contracting Authority for additional information will also render the bid non-responsive.

1. Mandatory Certifications Required Precedent to Contract Award

1.1 Code of Conduct and Certifications - Related documentation

1.1.1 By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder and its affiliates are in compliance with the provisions as stated in Section 01 Code of Conduct and Certifications - Bid of Standard Instructions 2003. The related documentation therein required will assist Canada in confirming that the certifications are true.

2. Additional Certifications Required with the Bid

Bidders must submit the following duly completed certifications with their bid.

2.1 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Bid Certification

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder, and any of the Bidder's members if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, is not named on the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/labour/index.shtml)" list (<http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/labour/index.shtml>) available from [Human Resources and Skills Development Canada \(HRSDC\) - Labour's website](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/labour/index.shtml).

Canada will have the right to declare a bid non-responsive if the Bidder, or any member of the Bidder if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, appears on the "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/labour/index.shtml)" list at the time of contract award.

PART 6 - RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

1. Security Requirement

There is no security requirement applicable to this contract.

2. Requirement

2.1 Requirement

The Contractor must provide the items detailed under the Line Item Detail.

2.2 Manuals

One complete set of user documentation in both English and French must be supplied.

2.3 Training

On-site user training must be provided for up to four (4) users.

2.4 Software Upgrades

The contractor must provide all software updates and new releases to the purchaser for a period of ten (10) year following the acceptance, at no additional cost.

3. Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the Contract 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

2010A (2013-04-25) General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity), apply to and form part of the Contract.

4. Term of Contract

4.1 Delivery Date

All the deliverables must be received on or before _____ **(to be filled in only at contract award)**.

5. Authorities

5.1 Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Marlyn Hooper
Public Works and Government Services Canada
Acquisitions Branch
Commercial Consumer Products Directorate
11 Laurier Street, 6A2, Phase III
Place du Portage, Gatineau, Quebec, K1A 0S5
Telephone: (819) 956-2702
Facsimile: (819) 956-3814
E-mail address: marlyn.hooper@pwgsc.gc.ca

The Contracting Authority is responsible for the management of the Contract and any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the Contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from anybody other than the Contracting Authority.

5.2 Technical Authority (to be filled in only at contract award)

The Technical Authority for the Contract is:

Name: _____
Telephone: (____) _____
Facsimile: (____) _____
E-mail address: _____

The Technical Authority named above is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the Technical Authority, however the Technical Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of the Work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

5.3 Accounts Payable Contact:

Name: Susan Larocque
Telephone: 613-993-1158
E-mail address: susan.larocque@cnrc-nrc.gc.ca

5.4 Contractor's Representative (**fill in**)

The telephone number of the person responsible for:

General enquiries

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

Delivery Follow-up

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

6. Payment

6.1 Basis of Payment - Firm Price

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid a firm lot price, as specified in the contract for a cost of \$ _____ (**to be filled in only at contract award**). Customs duties are included and Applicable Taxes are extra.

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.

6.2 SACC Manual Clauses

H1000C Single Payment

2008-05-12

. Invoicing Instructions

1. The Contractor must submit invoices in accordance with the section entitled "Invoice Submission" of the general conditions. Invoices cannot be submitted until all work identified in the invoice is completed.
2. Invoices must be distributed as follows:
 - (a) The original and one (1) copy must be forwarded to the address shown on page 1 of the Contract for certification and payment.
 - (b) One (1) copy must be forwarded to the Contracting Authority identified under the section entitled "Authorities" of the Contract.
 - (c) Invoices and order confirmations can be sent via e-mail to:

frontdesk-22@nrc.gc.ca

- (d) To facilitate the payment process, it is important that the Contractor quote the contract number on all the invoices, shipping bills and packing slips. Failure to do so will delay payment and the date used for calculating interest on overdue accounts.

8. Certifications

8.1 Compliance

Compliance with the certifications and related documentation provided by the Contractor in its bid is a condition of the Contract and subject to verification by Canada during the term of the Contract. If the Contractor does not comply with any certification, provide the related documentation or if it is determined that any certification made by the Contractor in its bid is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, Canada has the right, pursuant to the default provision of the Contract, to terminate the Contract for default.

9. Applicable Laws

The Contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in the province of Ontario, Canada.

10. Priority of Documents

If there is a discrepancy between the wordings 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 Articles of Agreement;
- (b) 2010A (2013-04-25) General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity);
- (c) Annex A, Mandatory Specifications;
- (d) the Contractor's bid dated (to be filled in at contract award) .

11. SACC Manual clause

B1501C	Electrical Equipment	2006-06-16
A9068C	Government Site Regulations	2010-01-11
A2000C	Foreign Nationals (Canadian Contractor)	2006-06-16
A2001C	Foreign Nationals (Foreign Contractor)	2006-06-16

12. Shipping Instructions - Delivery at Destination

1. Goods must be consigned to the destination specified in the Contract and delivered:

Delivered Duty Paid (DDP) Ottawa, Ontario Incoterms 2000 for shipments from a commercial contractor.

2. The Contractor will be responsible for all delivery charges, administration, costs and risk of transport and customs clearance, including the payment of customs duties and taxes.

ANNEX A

MANDATORY SPECIFICATIONS

Optical Depth Field Microscope

Vendors must cross reference the mandatory technical criteria in a concise format by using page, paragraph(s) & sub-paragraphs as applicable to their supporting technical documentation.

1.0 The microscope must have a motorized XY stage

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

2.0 The microscope's Z-axis must have the ability to incline up to 90 degrees for all magnifications

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

3.0 The microscope must have motorized Z-axis stage with an optional Z height indicator

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

4.0 The microscope's console must have the ability to serve as the singular controller for the XYZ stage.

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

5.0 The microscope must have 3D imaging and measurement capabilities

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

6.0 The microscope must have a light attachment to control the angle of light incidence

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

7.0 The microscope must have a handheld capability for the purpose of non-destructive observation of large samples

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

8.0 The microscope must have the capability of measuring surface roughness

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

9.0 The microscope must have an LED or Halogen light source

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

10.0 The microscope must have an optical depth of field greater or equal to 34mm at 20x magnification

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

11.0 The microscope must have a working distance greater or equal to 85mm at 500x magnification

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

12.0 The microscope must have polarizer and diffuser light attachments

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

13.0 The microscope must have the ability to function as both a portable or stationary work station

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

14.0 The microscope must have an integrated monitor with a capacity greater than 1000 TV lines

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

15.0 The microscope must have an image resolution of greater or equal to 54MPixels with greater than 1000 TV lines

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

16.0 The microscope must have 2D/3D stitching capability

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

17.0 The microscope system must have all software pre-installed and free upgrades for ten (10) years.

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

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ANNEX B

**COMPLETE LIST OF AFFILIATES
(As per Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions Part 2)**

Name

Position
