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SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

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The purpose of this amendment is to:

1. Extend the closing date of the RFP to 31 January 2014 as per the associated notice; and
2. Respond to industry questions as per the following:

Questions Received from Industry as of 13 January 2014

- Q1. Given the covert nature of the operations, as implied by the requirements in Annex A - SOW, Para 7.5 CLIN 5: Covert Communication Headset for Portable 2-Way Radios, is there a requirement to have the voice radio communications encrypted?
- A1. Encrypted voice communication would be seen as an asset, but is not a requirement for this project.
- Q2. Does Environment Canada wish to buy Hardware (Radios and Accessories) or rent it?
- A2. The requirement is to buy Hardware (Radios and Accessories), however, Environment Canada intends to rent the Radio Communication Network services on monthly basis. A bid must offer both goods and services in order to be deemed responsive. See Annex B - Basis of Payment for clarification.
- Q3. Reference Part 3 of the RFP: Section 2.5, 2.5.3 Mandatory Items
- What are these mandatory requirements?
- A3. Bidders must submit a high-level narrative (plan) addressing how the maintenance and the on-going network support will be provided over the term of the contract. Bidder should provide telephone number for the customer service and other pertinent details in the event the customer requires support.

Bidders should identify where Intellectual property of the parts/component/hardware etc pertain to a third party. The narrative should clearly state if the bidder intends to propose a solution that entails third party hardware (Radios and Ancillaries). The bidder must list all third party proprietary hardware/ancillaries/components that will be used in the solution, specifically when the bidder is not an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the hardware.

Bidders should highlight if it is an authorized dealer/distributor etc of the hardware it has proposed. Long-lead items are the spares that take long time to procure for replacement purposes.

Q4. Reference Part 6 of the RFP: Section 4, 4.2 Option of Continuation of the Contract Year for Option 1 is defined as 1st April 2017 to March 31st, 2017 in the French version of the RFP. Shouldn't it be 1st April 2017 on March 31st, 2018?

A4. An error occurred in the French version of the Request for Proposal. The correct dates for Option Year 1 are here by amended as April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

Q5. Reference Annex A: Section 5: 5.2.1 - Desktop Radio Installations:

Desktop radios in Québec City and Montreal will require installation of antennas and cabling between the radio and the antenna.

5.1. Do you already know where the radios, antennas, and cabling routes will go and how long the cabling will need to be?

A. The general location for desktop radio installations has been established, but the final location will be determined based on bidders' proposal that will be subject to approval by the Technical Authority.

5.2 Will Canada allow a site visit prior to RFP closing in order to determine the level of effort and material requirements?

A. A site audit visit is planned and will take place as per the following details:

a. 105 McGill Street, Montreal, Québec - January 21, 2014 from 9.00 - 11.30 Hrs.

b. 1550, avenue D'Estimauville, Québec City, Québec - Jan 22, 2014 from 9.00 - 11.30 Hrs.

The Technical Authority and the Contracting Authority will be available on the sites to facilitate bidders in their site audit requirements.

Interested bidders must provide names and titles of the representative from their respective companies to the Contracting Authority by COB 17 January 2014, that will be in attendance for the site visit meeting.

Q6 Reference Section 5: Point 5.2.2 Mobile Radio Installation:

6.1. Which vehicle models are used in Montreal and Québec City?

A. A list of vehicle models is provided herewith as Annex A.

6.2. Are all the vehicles in one garage in Montreal and Québec City?

A. While all of the vehicles are located in 1 location in both Montreal and Quebec City, it should be noted that Environment Canada does not have the facility to perform the installations necessary. An installation location must be supplied by the Contractor and be agreeable to the Technical Authority.

6.3. On the installation day, will the all vehicles be at one place? Or will we have to go to different places depending on the availability of each vehicle?

A. Mobile radio installations will need to be planned to accommodate operational requirements. Delivery location of the vehicles will be mutually agreed upon by the Technical Authority and the Contractor after the contract has been awarded.

Q7. Reference Section 5: 5.4 - Ongoing Support and Service

There will be ongoing support and service for our communications sites (networks), but for the material goods, would you like a 3-year manufacturer's extended warranty for a total of 5 years?

A7. Environment Canada does not wish to extend the Hardware warranty period. Any repairs required after the expiry of the manufacturers warranty will be done by the contractor at the hourly labour rates proposed in section II: Financial Bid of the Request for Proposal.

Q8. Reference Section 7.1 CLIN 1: Portable Digital 2-Way Radio

How many groups would you like to have for your communications?

A8. It is expected that Environment Canada may use anywhere from 5-10 talk groups, depending upon its operational needs.

Q9 Point 7.2 CLIN 2: Mobile Digital 2-Way Radio for Vehicle Installation

The radio is designed to be installed in vehicles, but would it be possible to tell us what kind of installation you would like, since the level of effort will vary by type of installation. (Placement under the dashboard, integration into the dashboard, or other, depending on the type of vehicle)

A9. In the Environment Canada fleet, there is a mixture of vehicles that are marked with the Environment Canada logo, and those that remain unmarked, to perform covert operations. For the marked vehicles, the preferred installation location will be under the dash, near the center of the vehicle. For the unmarked vehicles the radios shall be installed in a hidden location, where the presence of a radio is not apparent from the exterior of the vehicle. Possible installation locations could be the inside of a center console or the inside of a glove box. Specific installation locations will be finalized based on contractor's recommendation subject to Technical Authority's approval.

Q10. Point 7.5 - CLIN 5: Covert Communication Headset for Portable 2-Way Radios
There is wide variety of headsets available. Can you provide a few more details such as photo, type or model?

A10. It is the responsibility of the contractor to provide a covert, or surveillance type communication headset that can be connected to the portable radios that you intend to propose. Until the contract award, Environment Canada cannot determine the model of radio/s that will be used, therefore additional details in this regard cannot be provided at this time.

Many options are available including wired or wireless, in-line PTT, etc. It will be the responsibility of the contractor to provide a solution that meets the requirements as defined in paragraph 7.5 of the Statement of Work.

Annex A

Vehicle listing for Quebec Region- Wildlife Enforcement Directorate

Office Location	Make	Model	Model Year	Special Notes
Montreal	Ford	F-150	2,008	Marked
Montreal	Ford	F-150	2,008	Unmarked
Montreal	Ford	F-150	2,008	Unmarked
Montreal	Dodge	Caravan	2,009	Unmarked
Montreal	Chevrolet	Express	2,009	Marked
Quebec	Ford	F-150	2,008	Marked
Quebec	Ford	F-150	2,008	Marked
Quebec	Ford	F-150	2,008	Marked
Quebec	Ford	Escape	2,008	Unmarked
Quebec	Toyota	Sienna	2,013	Unmarked

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Special Notes:

1. "Marked" indicates that the vehicle is labelled as an Environment Canada vehicle, and does not require any special installation of the mobile radio.
2. "Unmarked" indicates that the vehicle is primarily used for covert operations, and as such, the radio is required to be installed in a location where the view of the radio is obstructed from the exterior of the vehicle. An example of such a location could be inside the center console or inside the glove box.

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