

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AMENDMENT**

**RETURN BIDS TO:**

Environment Canada  
Procurement & Contracting  
867 Lakeshore Road  
P.O. Box 5050  
Burlington, Ontario  
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**Title: Collect Marsh Bird & Amphibian  
Community Data**

**Date: 13 February 2014**

**Request For Proposal No:KW405-14-0003  
Amendment Number: 002**

**Solicitation Closes**

**At: 14:00:00 HRS.  
On: 20 February 2014**

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**CONTRACTOR NAME & ADDRESS**

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I (We), the undersigned, hereby offer to sell to Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Environment, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein, referred to herein or attached hereto, the services and/or supplies listed herein and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefor.

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Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of vendor (type or print).

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**Signature**

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**Date**

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**Amendment No. 2 is being raised to provide questions and answers in regards to the requirement.**

- Q1. If macroinvertebrates have been sampled before at these wetlands and if so, will the coordinates will be provided?
- A1. Macroinvertebrates were sampled in 2013 and coordinates will be provided upon contract award.
- Q2. How many macroinvertebrates samples must be collected from each wetland?
- A2. Three macroinvertebrates samples are required from each site.
- Q3. What water quality parameters are to be collected (the SOP mentions a range of them from critical to supplementary)?
- A3. The study will focus on critical water quality parameters only.
- Q4. Can Environment Canada confirm whether the marsh bird survey protocol will require 3 surveys per wetland or 2?
- A4. Three surveys.
- Q5. Are the wetlands to be surveyed publically or privately owned? Does permission need to be sought, or special site visit arrangements made with landowners, prior to completion of any of the wetland site visits?
- A5. Site access is public or arranged by Environment Canada.
- Q6. Can Environment Canada recommend any public boat launch areas from which to access the selected wetland sites?
- A6. No but accessible sites were chosen as part as the study design.
- Q7. Can Environment Canada confirm whether the marsh bird survey protocol to be used requires morning-only, evening-only, or morning or evening surveys (maintaining consistent survey timing at a given wetland across site visits)?
- A7. Sites were surveyed in the past to maximize efficiency. Survey timing was morning or evening but within-site timing shall be consistent with past sampling.
- Q8. Will consultants be provided with a digital copy of the marsh bird call broadcast recording to be used during marsh bird surveys?
- A8. Yes, upon contract award.

Q9. Is there a page limit to the submitted proposal?

A9. No.

Q10. The Standard Operating Procedure for water quality assessment identifies "critical parameters" to be collected at wetlands sites, which include parameters to be measured from water samples in a laboratory (i.e. alkalinity, turbidity, soluble reactive phosphorus, [nitrate+nitrite]-nitrogen, ammonium-nitrogen, chlorophyll-a). The RFP does not state that water samples are to be submitted to Environment Canada for processing. Can Environment Canada clarify whether it is the proponent's responsibility to arrange for laboratory processing of these water quality parameters and/or whether these laboratory-based water quality measurements are required?.

A10. Only critical parameters are required. It is the proponents responsibility to arrange for laboratory processing.

Q11. The RFP does not include the Treasury Board Travel Direct Appendix A as referred to in the RFP. The RFP states that this appendix is to be referred to for current accepted travel rates.

A11. As indicated in Section 1.3, travel expenses are not applicable.