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**AMENDMENT TO INVITATION TO  
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<b>Title – Sujet</b> DATA CENTRE CO-LOCATION SERVICES (DCCS)	
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**THIS SOLICITATION AMENDMENT IS ISSUED TO:**

Publish Canada's Responses to Respondents' questions.

NOTE: Respondents' clarification questions are numerically sequenced upon arrival at SSC. Respondents are hereby advised that questions and answers for this solicitation may be issued via BuyandSell out of sequence.

Respondent's Question 8	<p><u>ITQ Section 3.2.1 (b) and ITQ Annex C</u></p> <p>In reference to the ITQ Part 3 Response Preparation Instructions and the Annex C IT Products List, Respondents are being asked to include a complete list of all the hardware and software, hereafter referred to as "Product", that will be used in the solution. Please confirm that the products on the Products List are those dedicated to Canada only.</p>
Canada's Response to Question 8	<p>The Product List will identify the hardware and software products required to deliver the Data Centre Co-location Service (DCCS) to Canada, whether dedicated or not.</p>
Respondent's Question 12	<p>Closing Date Reference: Mandatory Experience Requirement M04 Page 13 of 37 and Form 2: ITQ Reference Project Form. Page 20 of 37</p> <p>We agree 100% that references are one excellent way to validate vendor claims. The information necessary to complete M04 &amp; Form 2 require 2 of our clients to release private information, as such we are requesting a 1 week extension of the closing date of the ITQ response to allow our clients adequate time to review the request and respond accordingly. Given the importance of the DCCS requirement we believe the additional time will result in a higher quality response from the vendors.</p> <p><i>Will Canada extend the deadline by a minimum of one (1) week to ensure more qualified responses from vendors?</i></p>
Canada's Response to Question 12	<p>The ITQ closing date will be extended to February 28, 2014.</p>
Respondent's Question 14	<p>Question #3 Supply Chain IT Security – Product List Reference: Appendix C</p> <p>Detailed product list mandatory at ITQ closing.</p> <p>We appreciate and support Canada's concern regarding security with specific reference to supply chain security. However, this does not relate to the details contained within the 4 (M01-M04) rated mandatory items and makes private knowledge publicly. Risk – see question #13 for detail. <i>What is the relevance within the ITQ phase of this kind of detailed information?</i></p>



Canada's Response to Question 14	The Supply Chain Integrity check is performed during the ITQ phase to ensure that qualified respondents will be using hardware and software products from vendors that pose no threat to the safeguarding of Canada's assets.
Respondent's Question 15A	<p>Section 3.2.1.b.ii states the following.</p> <p><b>Network Diagrams:</b> One or more conceptual network diagrams that collectively show the complete network proposed to be used to deliver the services, including all mechanical and electrical components, as described in the draft Statement of Requirement. The network diagrams must include, at a minimum, physical and logical network topology, which must depict the nodes and connections among nodes in the network, and showing third party connections, if applicable. The network diagrams are only required to include portions of the Respondent's network (and its subcontractor' network(s)) over which Canada's data would be transmitted in performing any resulting contract.</p> <p>Given that this is a Data Centre Colocation Service the provision of specific networks is not included within the scope of this ITQ. <i>Please clarify what specific network is referred to within this clause?</i></p>
Canada's Response to Question 15A	Network diagrams are required if there is a remote management capability for the mechanical and electrical components used to deliver the co-location service. Otherwise, there are no network diagrams required if the Respondent's network will not be used to transmit Canada's data.
Respondent's Question 15B	<p>Section 3.2.1.b.ii also makes reference to mechanical and electrical components.</p> <p><i>Please clarify the requirement for mechanical and electrical equipment as it relates to the out of scope network requirement?</i></p>
Canada's Response to Question 15B	The network is in scope if it is used to remotely manage the mechanical and electrical components of the co-location service.
Respondent's Question 16	<p>Page #9 Section 3.2.1 (b) i states: "<i>Respondents must submit, with their response on the ITQ closing date the following. IT Product List: an IT product list in accordance with Annex C</i>".</p> <p><b>CDS Question:</b> Could you please provide further clarification or examples for the IT product list? Would you be looking for a listing of products such as cabinets, cable trays, PDU etc or other? Could you please provide some additional examples specific to co-location.</p>
Canada's Response to Question 16	See answer to Q 15b. Examples for the IT product list are those mechanical and electrical components that are remotely managed over a network, such as: Generators, UPS and cooling units.



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Following is a summary of Attachments/Amendments issued to date to this solicitation:

<b>Document Tracking</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
Electronic Attachment	Buy and Sell	7-02-2014	Non PDF Version ITQ Annex C - IT SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY INFORMATION FORM_ EN.xlsx PDF Version ITQ Annex F Draft RFP Annex A
Amendment No. 001	Buy and Sell	13-02-2014	Canada's Response to Question 1
Amendment No. 002	Buy and Sell	14-02-2014	Canada's Response to Questions 2,4, 6, 7,9 and 10  Revision to ITQ Annex I