



Q&A #1

Date: February 27, 2014

Project: 01B46-13-0239- Installation of 4 cold rooms and 1 growth room

Bidders must make sure that their bids are based on the latest version of the tender documents published and take into consideration the following amendments and information, including any information provided on amendments or Q&As previously published for this project.

Bidders that do not comply with this requirement will be discarded.

Please note: In order to provide the integrity of the questions that AAFC has received from bidders, you will find in this document the questions in the language that they were asked.

Modifications :

1-Modification to the closing date as followed:

RFT Main page:

REPLACE:

" Tenders **must** be received **by: 2:00 PM**, Eastern Standard Time
On: March 7th, 2014 "

BY:

" Tenders **must** be received **by: 2:00 PM**, Eastern Standard Time
On: March 12, 2014 "

2-Modify RFT main document, section 3, Pre-Tender meeting, as followed:

REPLACE:

A pre-tender information meeting, followed by a site visit is scheduled **for 1:00 PM, February 25th, 2014 at the Southern Crop Protection and Food Research Centre located on 1391 Sandford Street, London, Ontario, N5V 4T3**. Tenderers are requested to be present at the reception desk at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting. No other pre-tender meeting will be scheduled during the tender process. Attendance by interested tenderers is **not mandatory**.

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Questions and answers:

1. **Question:** Is there any special training or clearance required prior to commencement of work?

Answer: Yes, the contractor will sign a request for access form and be issued a Contractor Pass for site access. He is responsible for his own crew while they are on site. AAFC will provide a contractor escort of the area of work



throughout operating hours. Afterhours access will require 24 hours' notice to allow AAFC to coordinate for a Commissionaire contractor escort. Failure to provide 24 hours' notice may impede the contractor's ability to work afterhours for the requested period as AAFC cannot guarantee the availability of a contractor Commissionaire escort on short notice.

2. **Question:** Existing room 1087 components are currently functional and operating?

Answer: The room is currently functional and operating. The contractor is responsible for confirming operation of all components to be relocated prior to removal and will notify AAFC of any malfunctioning components at such time. The contractor will include a \$5,000 cash allowance in their bid for non-functional equipment to be replaced. The cash allowance will only be used in the event that components are found to be non-functioning prior to their removal.

3. **Question:** When was room 1087 installed?

Answer: The room was installed in February of 2012 with a warranty ending one year later

4. **Question:** Will a TSSA inspection be required for the boiler pressure vessel components?

Answer: Yes, an inspection will be required.

5. **Question:** Will a second site visit be available?

Answer: A second non-mandatory site visit will occur on March 5th, 2014 at 2:00PM at the Southern Crop Protection and Food Research located on 1391 Sandford Street, London, Ontario. Additional questions may be asked at the second site visit.

6. **Question:** If a shutdown is required for panel 'BBE' will it have to occur after hours?

Answer: Provide 72 hours' notice to AAFC prior to shut down. The shutdown must occur immediately after sunset with an outdoor air temperature of at least 10 degrees Celsius. The shutdown shall not last longer than 4 hours. If the shutdown will be greater than 4 hours, AAFC will require 4 weeks' notice to prepare electrical back feed for essential high priority greenhouse infrastructure.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED