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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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Title - Sujet Electric Height Adjustable Console		
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation M7594-143194/A		Amendment No. - N° modif. 005
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client M7594-143194		Date 2014-03-11
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$SPQ-424-64558		
File No. - N° de dossier pq424.M7594-143194	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME	
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2014-03-26		Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
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This amendment 005 is raised to answer questions, modify the Closing date of the Solicitation and the Request for Proposal:

1- QUESTIONS / ANSWERS :

Question 2:

The Request for Proposal for Solicitation # - M7594-143194/A - Electric Height Adjustable Console has a Mandatory Technical Criteria in section 1.1.1.B requiring that the consoles be Greenguard Certified.

Addendum # 2 also says - Requirement: All systems furniture introduced into the project space must have Greenguard Certification to meet the credit under Innovation in Design category.

We understand that the Federal Government requires that systems furniture be Certified as Greenguard as just about every room on every floor is filled with system furniture. However, console solutions of this type are required very infrequently and make up a negligible % of the furniture in most buildings.

In our case most of the components that make up our consoles are themselves Greenguard certified by the component's supplier.

We look forward to your comments.

Answer 2:

Please refer to modified Part 4, Section 1.1, Sub Section 1.1.1.B – Mandatory Environment Criteria (MEC) MEC1.1, Requirement and MEC1.2.

Question 3:

Looking further into this, the specifications used in this RFP match very closely to a particular manufacture that do not have consoles that are GreenGuard Certified however they state that their worksurface materials are GG certified. That means the entire console has not been certified but components are.

Like that manufacture, our worksurface materials, (laminates, adhesives and nosing), are GG certified too. Would that allow our submission to be considered since the product the spec was based upon isn't fully compliant either?

Answer 3:

Please refer to modified Part 4, Section 1.1, Sub Section 1.1.1.B – Mandatory Environment Criteria (MEC) MEC1.1, Requirement and MEC1.2.

Question 4:

Are you looking for product GG certification or component certification? This is a very important distinction and will affect most manufacturers ability to respond to the RFP.

Answer 4:

Please refer to modified Part 4, Section 1.1, Sub Section 1.1.1.B – Mandatory Environment Criteria (MEC) MEC1.1. Requirement and MEC1.2.

Question 5: Further, our company holds the ISO-14001 Environmental Certification? When working with a manufacturer that holds this certification, you can earn 1 to 10 LEEDS points from that process. We opted for an internationally recognized level of certification that is also in-line with our compliance to ISO-11064 standard for control room design.

Please clarify.

Answer 5:

Please refer to modified Part 4, Section 1.1, Sub Section 1.1.1.B – Mandatory Environment Criteria (MEC) MEC1.1. Requirement and MEC1.2.

Question 6 :

Please identify how many LEED points Canada intends to achieve in the “Innovation in Design” category via the use of systems furniture?

Answer 6:One (1) LEED point would be achieved in the “Innovation in Design” category via the use of systems furniture.

Question 7: Would Canada be willing to accept a manufactures offering that has been tested and passed ANSI/BIFMA X7.1 2011 FES Standards for low emitting materials (an industry accepted equivalent to Greenguard) where the manufacture is also offering additional benefits that potentially qualify for credits in the “Design in Innovation” category?

BIFMA (Business Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association) is the not-for-profit trade association for business and institutional furniture manufacturers. The association utilizes multi-attribute, sustainability standards via third-party certification program for the furniture industry. It provides the most open and transparent means of evaluating and communicating the environmental impacts of furniture products in the built environment.

Answer 7:

Please refer to modified Part 4, Section 1.1, Sub Section 1.1.1.B – Mandatory Environment Criteria (MEC) MEC1.1. Requirement and MEC1.2.

Question 8:

Regarding the 19" EIA rackmount described in Annex A-1, 9-i: How many (RU's) are required as this will determine the total height of the rack?

Answer 8:

Please refer to modified Annex A-1, Part 9-i.

Question 9:

Regarding the 19" EIA rackmount described in Annex A-1, 9-i: Can the racks be integrated into the CPU storage cabinets of the 90" wide consoles?

Answer 9:

No, the 19" EIA rackmount cannot be integrated into the CPU storage cabinets of the 90" wide consoles. " The 19" EIA rackmount must remain as indicated in Annex A-9, A-I.

Question 10:

Regarding the 19" EIA rackmount described in Annex A-1, 9-i: Is it desirable to access the racks (all 8) from 2 sides (the front and the back)? If so...is it possible to eliminate the rotation requirement...this would eliminate the need for excess slack cables and render the connections more secure...it would also save space and money?

Answer 10:

No it, is not possible to eliminate the rotation requirement. We require a 19" EIA rotating sliding rail system pulls out and rotates 90 degrees that allows convenient rear user side access to wiring and components.

Question 11:

Regarding the work surface described in Annex A-1, 8-d: How should the 1/8" (3mm) solid wood flat edge banding" be finished...stained and lacquered? What is the wood species?

Answer 11:

Please refer to modified Annex A-1, Part 8-d.

Question 12:

Regarding the floor plan included in Annex A-2 drawing # F9.01-01: Is it required to have a fabric panels on each end of each console module? Can the quantity be reduced to one divider panel between consoles...this will provide more space with which to accommodate access to the back of the 2 centrally located racks?

Answer 12:

Intent is to have one fabric divider panel shared between consoles and one fabric end panel at each end of the console row. Reference Page 18, Section 5, Panels.

Question 13: Our lift mechanism supplier is currently 8-10 weeks out. With Bid asking for 12 week period from award to install, including 2 weeks for shop drawing approval, we respectfully ask for an additional 2 weeks to produce project.

Answer 13:

Please refer to modified Part 6, Section 4, subsection 4.1 - Delivery and Installation Schedule.

Question 14:

Re: 19" EIA Rack Cabinet:

- a. Does client prefer 125 lb or 250 lb weight capacity?
- b. Is 12 space (12U) sufficient? (note power bar will take up one space and two shelves will take up two more. Shelves cannot be placed in bottom 5 slots. Taller than 12 U unit will not fit under worksurface.
- c. Is 6 outlet or 9 outlet power distribution prefer?

Answer 14:

Re: 19" EIA Rack Cabinet:

- a. Please refer to modified Annex A-1, Part 9, subsection I - Accessory Items.
- b. Please refer to modified Annex A-1, Part 9, subsection I - Accessory Items.
- c. Please refer to modified Annex A-1, Part 9, subsection I - Accessory Items

Question 15:

We draw to scale on 11" x 17" paper. Plans are 1/4" to 1'-0" and Details are 1 1/2" to 1'-0". Is this sufficient?

Answer 15:

Yes, this is sufficient.

Question 16:

Mandatory Environmental Criteria - We are not leed/greenguard certified. We service a large part of the USA Market and have never been discounted because of this. If we do not have these certificates will are submission be disqualified?

Answer 16:

Please refer to modified Part 4, Section 1.1, Sub Section 1.1.1.B – Mandatory Environment Criteria (MEC) MEC1.1. Requirement and MEC1.2.

Question 17:

Mandatory Certifications - We agree to USA versions for military/government so to ensure we have not missed anything please confirm what certifications are mandatory?

Answer 17:

Please refer to modified Part 4, Section 1.1, Sub Section 1.1.1.B – Mandatory Environment Criteria (MEC) MEC1.1. Requirement and MEC1.2.

Question 18:

Regarding Annex A-1, Section 1. C:

“Base building services are located in an access floor. Console equipment must be direct plug into base building services. Voice, power and data receptacles must be provided in the console”

What type of direct plug is required? Are the service connections in the access floor standard (NEMA 5-15), or any other variety, such as locking (NEMA L-15)?

Answer 18:

Yes, the service connections in the access floor are standard (NEMA 5-15).

2- MODIFICATIONS:

At Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin.

DELETE: on - le 2014-03-17

INSERT: on - le 2014-03-26

At Part 4, Section 1.1, Sub Section 1.1.1.B – Mandatory Environment Criteria (MEC):

DELETE: Sub-section 1.1.1.B – Mandatory Environment Criteria (MEC), in it's entirety.

INSERT: Sub-section 1.1.1.B – Environment Criteria

It is desirable that the Offeror submit their environmental attributes associated to the proposed systems furniture product corresponding with:

- Greenguard Component Certification;
- ANSI/BIFMA X7.1 FES version 2005 or 2011 Standards certification that has been accepted by LEED;
- The product offered is listed on the Environment Choice Program to CCD-033 Criteria Certification Document for Office Furniture and Panel Systems; and
- Manufacturers offering additional benefits that potentially qualifies for credits in the "Design in Innovation" category. ANSI/BIFMA X7.1 that has been accepted by LEED

LEED Environmental Information

The new Niagara Office Administration Facility building is pursuing **LEED®** certification. The **LEED®** (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) green building rating system was developed to provide a recognized standard for the construction industry to assess the environmental sustainability of building designs. **LEED®** is a point-based rating system where credits are earned for building attributes considered environmentally beneficial in one of six categories; Sustainable Site, Water Efficiency, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials & Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation in Design. One of the credits being pursued for this project deals with systems furniture. This credit falls under the Innovation in Design category.

Intent:

Reduce the quantity of indoor air contaminants that are odorous, potentially irritating and/or harmful to the comfort and well-being of installers and occupants.

Definitions:

Systems furniture: defined as either a panel-based workstation comprised of modular interconnecting panels, hang-on components and drawer/filing components or a freestanding grouping of furniture items and their components or meeting tables that have been designed to work in concert

At Part 6, Resulting Contract Clauses, Section 4, subsection 4.1.

DELETE: Canada will endeavour to give the Contractor two to six weeks lead time for the delivery and installation of the furniture, however, Canada may need to vary the lead times and the final dates will be confirmed in the contract.

Expected contract award date: April 2, 2014.

INSERT: Canada will endeavour to give the Contractor two to fourteen weeks lead time for the delivery and installation of the furniture, however, Canada may need to vary the lead times and the final dates will be confirmed in the contract

Expected contract award date: April 11, 2014.

DELETE: The shop drawing must be approved two (2) weeks from date of contract. The Delivery and Installation must be completed twelve (12) weeks from date of Contract.

INSERT: The shop drawing must be approved two (2) weeks from date of contract. The Delivery and Installation must be completed fourteen (14) weeks from date of Contract.

At Annex A-1, Part 8, Work Surfaces, subsection D.

DELETE: Work surfaces must be constructed of 1 1/4" – 1 1/2" (31.75mm-38mm) thick particle board covered with a high pressure laminate and backer sheet. User side and remaining three (3) sides must be 1/8" (3mm) solid wood flat edge banding. Work surfaces to be totally encapsulated with provisions for metal inserts. Reinforcement bars must be provided on runs that exceed 48" (1219mm) as required for support.

INSERT: Work surfaces must be constructed of 1 1/4" – 1 1/2" (31.75mm-38mm) thick particle board covered with a high pressure laminate and backer sheet. User side and remaining three (3) sides must be 1/8" (3mm) stained and lacquered on solid maple wood flat edge banding. Work surfaces to be totally encapsulated with provisions for metal inserts. Reinforcement bars must be provided on runs that exceed 48" (1219mm) as required for support.

At Annex A-1, Part 9, Accessory Items, subsection I.

DELETE: Single one (1) bay standard 19" (483mm) EIA rack must be provided within the built-in cabinet located under the work surfaces and between consoles as identified in Annex A2, plan drawing F9-01-01 and labeled as Q10. Provide power bar, grounding lug connection, wire management and ventilation system with thermostatically controlled exhaust fan within each cabinet. Access door must be solid, hinged and lockable. The Rack must have a depth of 19" (483mm) and be able to slide and rotate. Rack must have four (4) posts and two (2) removable shelves.

INSERT: Single one (1) bay standard 19" (483mm) EIA rack must be provided within the built-in cabinet located under the work surfaces and between consoles as identified in Annex A2, plan drawing F9-01-01 and labeled as Q10. Provide a 9 outlet power distribution with the orientation of the plugs vertical versus horizontal is preferred, grounding lug connection, wire management and ventilation system with thermostatically controlled exhaust fan within each cabinet. Access door must be solid, hinged and lockable. The Rack must have a depth of 19" (483mm) and be able to slide and rotate. Rack must have four (4) posts and two (2) removable shelves. The rack must have height of 12 RU. The rack must have minimum weight capability of 125 lbs.

All other terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal will remain the same.