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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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Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation T8125-130010/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 004
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client T8125-130010	Date 2014-03-11
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File No. - N° de dossier 066ss.T8125-130010	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2014-03-20	
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This amendment is raised to reflect an extension to the closing date, to make revisions to Part 2, Part 6 and Annex A of the Request for Proposal, as well as, to respond to questions from Industry.

1) At page 1 of 2, Request for Proposal, Solicitation Closes:

DELETE: 2014-03-17

INSERT: 2014-03-20

2) At page 5 of 44, Part 2 – Bidder Instructions, article 1, Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions, paragraph 3:

DELETE: The 2003 (2013-06-01) Standard instructions – Goods or Services – Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

INSERT: The 2003 (2014-03-01) Standard instructions – Goods or Services – Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

3) At page 17 of 44, Part 6 – Resulting Contract Clauses, article 2.1, General Conditions:

DELETE: 2040 (2013-06-27) General Conditions - Research & Development, apply to and form part of the Contract.

INSERT: 2040 (2014-03-01) General Conditions - Research & Development, apply to and form part of the Contract.

4) At page 23 of 44, Part 6 – Resulting Contract Clauses, article 10, Priority of Documents, bullet (b):

DELETE: The general conditions 2040 (2013-06-27) General Conditions - Research & Development;

INSERT: The general conditions 2040 (2014-03-01) General Conditions - Research & Development;

5) At page 37 of 44, Annex A Statement of Work, article 4.3.1:

DELETE: in its entirety.

INSERT: 4.3.1 Based on information obtained through the consultations, the Contractor must provide various possible commercially available solutions that meet the criteria established in article 4.2 and could include, non-structural station based solutions, mobile ramps, on-board ramps and lifts to board passengers using mobility aids at unstaffed train stations, where the station/stop platform is not level with the car floor.

6) At page 38 of 44, Annex A Statement of Work, article 4.4.1:

DELETE: in its entirety.

INSERT: 4.4.1. The Contractor must provide a detailed test plan with budget, timelines and tasks. This detailed test plan must take into consideration the findings of article 4.2. The Technical Authority will coordinate access to VIA Rail facilities to carry out the tests. Locations of the tests will be determined by the Technical Authority and will take place at one or more unstaffed VIA Rail Stations, possibly Columbia. In the event that the Contractor's Test Plan identifies subjects, Transport Canada will recruit participants in requirements of the Test Plan from the Committees Passenger Consultation.

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described in article 3.1

7) At page 38 of 44, Annex A Statement of Work, article 4.5.2:

DELETE: in its entirety.

INSERT: 4.5.2. The Contractor must report the results of the test in the Milestone Report described at article 4.5.3 and in the Final Technical Report described in article 4.6 to ensure that the provided solutions meet the passenger travel and operational needs.

8) At page 38 of 44, Annex A Statement of Work, article 5:

INSERT: The Milestone Report must be prepared in accordance with Transport Canada's TP929 standards (available at the following web address:
<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/innovation/tdc-publication-tp929e-menu-838.htm>).

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9) The following Questions have been received with regard to the Solicitation. Answers follow each of the questions.

Q7. Is the Contractor to provide three (3) project descriptions or four (4), as per pg. 30 of 44?

A7. Point Rated Criteria R2.2b found on Page 30 of 44 awards points by demonstrated project for the Project Manager's experience. The maximum points available will be awarded for three demonstrated projects over and above the thirty-six (36) months of experience provided by the Bidder in response to Mandatory Criteria M1

Q8. There is no test plan described in section 4.1.1. Can you provide this to the Bidders?

A8. Article 4.1.1 on page 37 of 44 does not reference a test plan. The reference to Article 4.1.1 in Article 4.4 on page 38 of 44 has been removed accordingly.

Please refer to the revision made at page 38 of 44, Article 4.4.1.

Q9. Is the Contractor to recruit test subjects, or is this part of Transport Canada's scope of work?

A9. Based on the requirements of the Contractor's test plan, if necessary, Transport Canada will recruit potential test subjects.

Please refer to the revision made at page 38 of 44, Article 4.4.1.

Q10. What is the format of the report in section 4.5.2?

A10. The results should be included in the applicable Milestone Report and the Final Technical Report.
The Milestone Report and the Final Technical Report must be prepared in accordance with Transport Canada's TP929 standards (available at the following web address: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/innovation/tdc-publication-tp929e-menu-838.htm>)

Please refer to revisions made at page 38 of 44, article 4.5.2 and article 5.

Q11. Is there an established format to the milestone reports that you would like the Contractor to follow?

A11. The Milestone Reports must prepared in accordance with Transport Canada's TP929 standards (available at the following web address: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/innovation/tdc-publication-tp929e-menu-838.htm>)

Please refer to the revision made at page 38 of 44, Article 5.

Q12. Does the Request for Proposal application still apply even if the Bidder has a proposed product that meets the need and has been used internationally as well as in Canada?

A12. Yes.

Q13. Would the Bidder be in a conflict of interest to complete the work described in articles 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 of the Statement of Work if it were a manufacturer of an existing boarding technology for passengers using mobility aids at railway stations where the station platform is not level with the car floor?

A13. According to article 18 (2012-03-02) **Conflict of Interest - Unfair Advantage** of 2003 Standard instructions – Goods or Services – Competitive Requirements, “the experience acquired by a bidder who is providing or has provided the goods and services described in the bid solicitation (or similar goods or services) will not, in itself, be considered by Canada as conferring an unfair advantage or creating a conflict of interest.”

A manufacturer of an existing technology would not be in a conflict of interest to submit a bid. That being said, the intent of articles 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 of the Statement of Work is to identify various possible solutions to address the work described in the Statement of Work.

Please refer to the revision made at page 37 of 44, article 4.3.1.

Q14. Mandatory Technical Criteria M2, states; "Principal Researcher must have a minimum of sixty months experience completed prior to the date of bid closing...." Point Rated Technical Criteria R2.1b, Principal Researcher, states; "The Bidder should demonstrate the proposed resource has participated in up to four relevant research projects in excess of that defined in Mandatory Technical Criteria M2." It is not clear what is meant by the term "in excess". Does that mean that the projects above the sixty (60) months may be included in both the Mandatory and Point Rated Technical Criteria? Could you please clarify?

A14. In response to Point Rated Criteria R2.1b the Bidder should demonstrate the proposed resource's participation in projects in addition to the experience provided to demonstrate compliance with Mandatory criteria M2. Experience provided to demonstrate the proposed resource's compliance with Mandatory Criteria M2 should not be provided in response to Point Rated Criteria R2.1b.

Q15. With regard to Mandatory Technical Criteria M2 and M3, can the sixty (60) months experience of the Principal Researcher provided to comply with the Mandatory Technical Criteria M2 also be used to demonstrate Bidder's experience to comply with the Mandatory Technical Criteria M3 when the Principal Researcher is from the Bidder's organization?

A15. If the Bidder and the Principal Researcher have the same experience, the Bidder may demonstrate its experience in the conduct of research related to transportation accessibility in response to Mandatory Technical Criteria M3 using the same experience provided to demonstrate the Principal Researcher's experience in response to Mandatory Technical Criteria M2.