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Title - Sujet RFI - DIGITAL PRESS	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8474-146835/A	Date 2014-04-24
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W8474-146835	GETS Ref. No. - N° de réf. de SEAG PW-\$\$HN-363-65032
File No. - N° de dossier hn363.W8474-146835	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2014-06-13	
Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Specified Herein - Précisé dans les présentes Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Pilote, Benoit	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur hn442
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (819) 956-3529 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX () -
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction: MCE 360 LEBRETON STREET OTTAWA ON K1A 0E9 CANADA	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée See Herein	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

Destination Code - Code destinataire	Destination Address - Adresse de la destination	Invoice Code - Code bur.-comptable	Invoice Address - Adresse de facturation
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 Public Works and Government Services Canada		Travaux publics et Services gouvernementaux Canada		Document No.W8474-146835/A		Part - Partie 1 of - de 2 See Part 2 for Clauses and Conditions Voir Partie 2 pour Clauses et Conditions			
Item Article	Description	Dest. Code Dest.	Inv. Code Fact.	Qty Qté	U. of I. U. de D.	Unit Price/Prix unitaire FOB/FAM Destination Plant/Usine		Delivery Req. Livraison Req.	Del. Offered Liv. offerte
1	LITHOGRAPHIC OFFSET PRINTING PRESS	D - 1	W8474	1	Each	\$	\$	See Herein	

PART 1 - INTRODUCTION

A request for information (RFI) is used when detailed information and feedback are required from industry. Such requests might outline a potential requirement and request suppliers to describe their ability to satisfy the requirement.

The Department of National Defence (DND) is embarking on a project to replace their existing lithographic offset printing press used at the Mapping and Charting Establishment (MCE) with a digital printing press. The press will be used to print maps for the Canadian Forces (CF) and its allies and replace the plot on demand function at the MCE Map Depot.

It requested to provide any technical information according to the Statement of requirement and a detailed price estimate for the furniture, installation and delivery of the press in the National capital region.

Canada does not intend to award a contract on the basis of this notice or otherwise pay for the information solicited. Responders may submit commercial-in-confidence documents/information/data collected and the Government of Canada reserves the right to use the information submitted to assist in preparing technical and contractual plans/requirements and budgetary estimates for DND.

It is understood and agreed that PWGSC and DND shall, during and after the period of the RFI treat as confidential and not divulge, unless authorized in writing by the Respondent, any information obtained from the Respondent that has been identified by Respondents as "confidential" or "proprietary", within their written response to this LOI.

This is not a bid solicitation. A contract will not result from this activity.

This LOI will not necessarily result in any procurement action. This LOI is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a commitment by Canada. Responses to this LOI will not constitute a commitment from the industry provider. Canada will not reimburse any expenses incurred for the preparation of responses to this LOI.

PART 2 - RESPONDENT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Responses must be submitted to the PWGSC Bid Receiving Unit:

LOI no. W8474-146835/A
Bid Receiving - PWGSC
11 Laurier Street, Place du Portage, Phase III, Core 0A1
Gatineau, Québec K1A 0S5
Tel.: (819) 956-3366

2. Due to the nature of the RFI, it is requested that responses are not submitted by facsimile (fax) or electronic mail (email), but rather only in hardcopy format, submitted to the Bids Receiving Unit address above.

3. Any response submitted will become the sole property of Canada and will not be returned to the supplier. The response will be used to assist Canada in further analyzing the presented requirement and, as such, may be used in the development of a future solicitation process to be posted on Buy and sale.

4. Response required by:

2:00 PM on May 30, 2014.

5. Inquiries

Please address all inquiries about this LOI to the Contracting Authority:

Benoit Pilote
Public Works and Government Services Canada
Acquisitions Branch
Logistics, Electrical, Fuel and Transportation Directorate
"HN" Division
7B3, Place du Portage, Phase III
11 Laurier Street
Gatineau, QC, K1A 0S5
Telephone : (819) 956-3529
E-mail : Benoit.pilote@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca

PART 3 - PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS

The key objectives of this RFI are to:

1. Collect information on market readiness and industry capabilities specific to Lithographic Offset Press
2. Receive technical data of the product meeting or requirement (see below) and/or alternate product that can fulfill our need;
3. Received a estimated detail cost, an delivery lead time and instalation constraint;
4. Received any recommendation that could help us to better understand where the technologie of this industry is going.

INTRODUCTION

1. Mapping and Charting Establishment (MCE) has a requirement to replace its existing lithographic offset printing press with a digital printing press. The press will be used to print maps for the Canadian Forces (CF) and its allies and replace the plot on demand function at the MCE Map Depot.

BACKGROUND

2. There is a need to expand the functional capability because the current press and Computer to Plate (CTP) equipment is dated technology with limited upgrade capability. With the ever-increasing commitment to operations, MCE is now printing roughly 1 million maps annually in support of the CF, Canada's Allies and Other Government Departments (OGD)'s.

REQUIREMENTS

3. MCE requires a fully automated digital press that is capable of replacing the current press and the Plot On Demand (POD) function at the CF Map Depot. The new press must be capable of updating software and hardware components to stay current with improving technologies

STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENT

1. Physical Requirements. The digital press must be:
 - a. able to fit and operate the press with the required work area within the parameters of the proposed site: 60 ft x 120ft x 13ft (size of the room. The configuration of the digital press must also take into consideration the work area needed to function with support equipment to print on large format media and the manoeuvrability of personnel;

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- b. CSA approved and meets the Canadian Electrical Code; and
- c. capable of connecting to a Windows network/remote server based environment for troubleshooting and file sharing through a proper network cable or USB port.
2. Functional Requirements. The digital press must :
- a. be fully automated (Feed System) and able to print single or multiple sheets up to a size of 60 inches. The feed section must be able to precisely position each sheet for registration especially for double sided printing;
- b. print at different resolutions from a minimum of 1200 x 1200 dpi;
- c. be able to dry all the printed media types to allow for immediate use;
- d. be able to use a minimum of 4 colours (CYMK: Cyan, Yellow, Magenta and Black);
- e. be able to print text at a minimum size of 4 points. It must be able to print images without any visible banding;
- f. be able to accept a minimum of the following file formats (Eps, Pdf and Tiff) into their RIP (Raster Image Processing) software. The digital Press must come equipped with a computer built into or attached to the press system and have the proper software to process the aforementioned file formats; and
- g. be capable of handling all types of media such as coated/uncoated paper, map bond paper, boards, vinyl, etc. with a minimum thickness of 0.10 mm/0.004 inches. The vacuum system must be able to handle all media types.
3. Output Quality Requirements. A test file product is available. The press must have the ability to produce the test file products for the evaluation by MCE for standard of quality which includes:
- a. the ability to scan and read a bar code with a bar code scanner on the test print maps;
- b. be able to clearly identify fine features on the map face from the printed test maps;
- c. printed test maps must be red-light readable;

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- d. colour of test map must match MCE's test file colours;
 - e. water resistant inks;
 - f. ability to be folded with no image loss;
 - g. have the ability to print a minimum of 150 sheets of 40"x 60" media per hour.
(3 sheets x 50 cycles per hour).

PUBLIC WORKS and GOVERNMENT SERVICES CANADA

PWGSC requires knowing from industry the pricing and availability of various lithographic digital printing presses that would satisfy the above-mentioned requirement and/or various lithographic digital printing presses that would come close to satisfying the above-mentioned requirement.

At this time, no contractual document will ensue from this Request for Information/Price and Availability. Canada's intent is to use the information provided by industry to better forecast and plan the acquisition of a lithographic digital printing press sometime in the future.