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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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This amendment #001 has been raised to:

- **Post the attendees list, the questions and answers and the presentation from the June 12, 2014 Bidders Conference**
- **Amend the specifications**

Attendees:

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Note: Questions and Answers, presentation materials related to the specifications, and changes to the specifications are in English only.

Questions and Answers Not Related to the Specifications:**Question 1**

The RFP document is not very clear on what the exact mandatory submission requirements are with the bid submission beyond the technical, management, AOC and price proposals. Would PWGSC be able to provide clarity around the expectations with respect to all other mandatory submission requirements pre and post bid closing, before official contract award?

Answer 1

Bidders are advised to read the Request for Proposal (RFP) cover to cover, paying particular attention to submission of the bid and what is required to be submitted with the bid, before contract award and at award. The onus to bid in accordance with the RFP is on the bidder.

Question 2

With respect to the contract security requirements, at what point in the project will PWGSC release the 20% of contract amount provided by way of letter of credit or bid bonds if that is what we provide?

Answer 2

For information regarding the bid security, as per the solicitation document, please refer to R2710T General Instructions - Construction Services - Bid Security, Section G108 (2013-04-25) Bid Security Requirements. The lapse or return of the Bid Security is covered under subsections 8 and 9.

As per the solicitation document, sections of clause R2710T are set out in Web site; <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisitions-clauses-and-conditions-manual/5/R>

For information regarding contract security, as per the solicitation document, please refer to General Conditions (GC) 9 - General Provisions - Contract Security and General Condition and (GC) 5 - Terms of Payment, Sections GC5.4 (2011-01-11) Progress Payment, GC5.5 (2008-05-12), Substantial Performance of the Work and GC5.6 (2008-05-12) Final Completion. As per the solicitation document, please refer to the following website:

<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/R5>

Question 3

Under 6.3 Sub-contractors/Suppliers there is a note that states: "if the Prime Contractor is an Aboriginal owned business, the total dollar value of the Aboriginal contracting shall also include the contractor's share of the remediation contract." Do non-Tlicho Aboriginal companies engaged in the project count towards the firm guarantee to use Aboriginal Contractors and Sub-Contractors?

Answer 3

No, non-Tlicho Aboriginal companies engaged in the project do not count towards the firm guarantee to use Aboriginal Contractors and Sub-Contractors. As per the solicitation document,

6. Aboriginal Opportunity Considerations (AOC) and 6.3, Sub-contractors/Suppliers, the Aboriginal Sub-Contractors for services or the procurement of supplies and equipment must come from the impacted area of the contract associated with the project, defined as *"..... partly within the Monfwi Gogha De Niitlee and proximate to the City of Yellowknife, the town of Hay River and communities of N'Dilo Dettah, Lutsel k'e and Fort Resolution"*.

Question 4

Reference to SI12 SELECTION METHOD - COMBINED MERIT 60%/COST 40%, Item 6. Aboriginal Opportunities Considerations (AOC): does "Aboriginal" mean "Tlicho"?

Answer 4

Yes. The solicitation document states *"...for Aboriginal people from the impacted area of the contract ..."* and "The area of contract is partly within the Monfwi Gogha De Niitlee and proximate to the City of Yellowknife, the town of Hay River and communities of N'Dilo Dettah, Lutsel k'e and Fort Resolution".

The Aboriginal Opportunities Considerations (AOC) offers a potential additional 125 points to the Technical, Management & Organizational bid.

Question 5

Reference Appendix 1, COMBINED PRICE FORM, HOURLY RATES: Industry best practice in NWT is Alberta Road Builders Association (ARA) rates plus 10%. Will PWGSC consider that?

Answer 5

These rates do not affect your financial bids, only potential future change orders. The % is open and up to the bidder. Canada may accept, reject and/or negotiate the rates offered.

Questions and Answers Related to the Specifications:**Question 6**

Is this presentation going to be made available to us?

Answer 6

Yes, the presentation will be made available on Buy and Sell as attachment 046 to this amendment.

Question 7

Reference GSL permitting discussion: Is the contractor to provide plans for sediment and erosion control, waste, spillage? Will the plans template be made available to bidders?

Answer 7

Yes, the Contractor is to submit the required plans outlined in the specifications. AANDS has currently submitted interim waste management and spill contingency plans. These plans, including regulatory submission guidelines, are part of the supporting documents provided on Buy and Sell and will be made available in MSword format to the successful bidder.

Question 8

Reference Land Use Jurisdiction discussion: Is there a lot of vegetation in the area where the winter road will be put through?

Answer 8

Yes, there is existing vegetation along the historic winter road alignment. The Contractor will be allowed to clear the vegetation from the historic alignment in order to construct the winter road.

Question 9

Reference Health and Safety discussion: Is COR designation mandatory?

Answer 9

The Contractor's need to have COR or equivalent is a mandatory for this Contract.

Question 10

What is the anticipated completion date?

Answer 10

The anticipated completion date is July 31, 2016.

Question 11

Reference Outpost Island: Will the steel structure have to be removed?

Answer 11

Any exposed foundations are to be excavated and broken down to have a longest dimension of less than 600mm prior to placement into the Main Raise on Outpost Island. Clean concrete can be used to help armour the toe of the stockpile adjacent to the North Bay.

Question 12

Reference Copper Pass: Has there been any geotechnical investigation of Hamilton Bay, Staging location for the winter road between Great Slave Lake and Copper Pass.

Answer 12

No geotechnical investigations were completed at Hamilton bay.

Question 13

Reference Copper Pass: What is the water/dewater volume?

Answer 13

The total allowable water discharge is 100 m3/day. This volume includes camp waste, dust suppression, and trench dewatering.

Question 14

Reference Copper Pass: Are there any known unblasted/unexploded explosives or residuals?

Answer 14

There are no known unblasted/unexploded explosives (UXO) on site. AANDC will conduct a hazard assessment of all five sites to confirm this. The Contractor is still responsible for conducting remedial activities safely and should have health and safety procedures in place to deal with the discovery of any UXOs onsite.

Question 15

Are you going to identify where we can use foam for sealing the mine shafts?

Answer 15

Identified as:

Outpost

Shaft 1 - concrete

Shaft 2 - foam to re-furbish existing concrete or just foam whole cap (will need variance from WSCC)

Blanchet - foam is OK for adit (as per WSCC)

Copper Pass - adit (West showing) is not a true adit (as per WSCC) - no plug needed

Wilson and Waldron - a manual (hand tools) program (no LUP, no equipment other than ATV and trailer etc) so foam likely - will require variance from WSCC.

Question 16

Industry standard in NT is ARA +10% but the current RFP specifies only ARA. Can an incremental % be added?

Answer 16

Yes, the bid process allows the contractors to specify the % above ARA.

Question 17

Is a rock cover over the foam required?

Answer 17

There is an expectation that the standard procedures/designs for any alternate closure approaches be clearly defined and followed.

Question 18

Are the aboriginal groups aware that all structures are coming down?

Answer 18

Yes, the communities have participated in the decision-making and are aware / supportive of the decision to demolish structures.

Question 19

Reference Outpost Island: Will the silt curtain created be temporary?

Answer 19

The silt curtain at Outpost Island will only be used during remediation construction activities.

Question 20

If a sub contractor is proposed to take on a key role on our project execution team, may we include one of the sub contractor's related project profiles and client references as one of the three submitted? Would this project reference be considered as equivalent to the general contractor project references submitted?

Answer 20

This is acceptable.

Question 21

Can one individual be proposed to fill more than one key position on our organizational chart and project execution team?

Answer 21

Yes, however the company is exhibiting less capacity, depth, and experience to perform the work.

Question 22

Will the Federal Government be accepting the NWT's WSCC "Work Safe Advantage" certification as an equivalent to COR? If not what other equivalents are acceptable?

Answer 22

WSCC's Work Safe Advantage (WSA) program has no requirements for a formal safety program, manual, or training. The program is a financial incentive program offered by WSCC that dictates how much a company is charged based on their health and safety performance measured by the number of incidents within any given year. WSCC's WSA is not equivalent to COR. An equivalent to COR would be IS18001 or having a Health and Safety Program as described below:

A health and safety management system (HSMS) framework put in place by employers to manage risks, establish controls, and minimize the incidence of injury and illness to their workers. This is accomplished through identifying, assessing, and controlling risks to workers in all workplaces. The scope and complexity of the management system vary according to the type of workplace and the nature of business. Employers must be able to demonstrate to buyers of construction that their health and safety management system has been developed, implemented, and evaluated on an annual basis through comprehensive internal and external audits.

Statements

- The Sediment Control Plan, Waste Management Plan and Spill Contingency Plan are on the critical path for implementation of remedial works during the current construction season. The latter two have already been submitted in draft and serve as the basis for the contractor's plans. It is in the best interest of the contractors to complete these plans as early as possible for submission and board review.
- Critical that the available guidance for the submittals be followed as closely as possible.
- Water licence: Critical that a water licence not be triggered based on consumption at ALL sites. This includes de-watering at Copper Pass (approximately 1,200 m3 to be de-watered, maximum of 100 m3/day).
- Ore: for the purpose of this proposal, the Crown wants all bids to be based on off-site disposal. However, after contract award, consideration will be given to other options (e.g., processing of ore).
- Mine openings: Crown has had dialogue with Mine Safety and consideration will be given to alternate closure approaches (e.g., foam). Prior to implementation, all approaches must be approved by Mine Safety.
- Borrow: the main source for all sites is Blanchet.
- Recommend preservation of any organic substrate at all sites that could be used for future re-vegetation.

Bidders Conference Presentation

1. See attachment 046 for technical presentation.

2. Review of the RFP - key points:

- The Tender Document has a new look which is more in line with the current construction tender document.
- Bidders are advised to read the Request for Proposal (RFP) cover to cover, paying particular attention to submission of the bid and what is required to be submitted with the bid, before contract award and at award. The onus to bid in accordance with the RFP is on the bidder.
- There is now both Bid Security and Contract Security required.
- The General Instructions To Bidders R2710T, (including, for example, Bid Security Requirements and Integrity Provisions), are by reference only. Bidders are advised to access the website provided in the RFP to review the instructions.
- The Evaluation and Selection Method are detailed in sections SI11 and SI12. There is a minimum 50% pass mark for Section 4.1 of the Technical portion and a mandatory pass mark of 60% for both the Technical portion and Management & Organizational portion. An optional Aboriginal Opportunities Consideration (AOC) section is included.
- Pay particular to the full Insurance Requirement, which is non-negotiable. Although the Insurance Certificate is required only by the successful bidder at the time of award of a contract, all bidders should be aware of the six separate insurances required and the cost to them.
- The General Conditions and clauses of the Contract (including, for example, Contract Security and Terms of Payment) are by reference only. Bidders are advised to access the website provided in the RFP to review the contract terms and conditions.
- The Bid and Acceptance Form (BA) must be fully completed and submitted with the Financial Bid.
- The old Basis of Payment is replaced by a Combined Price Form which has a Lump Sum table and a Unit Price Table.
- Potential Additional Work (PAW) pricing has been replaced with Hourly Rates pricing (not part of the financial evaluation but used to negotiate possible additional work).
- If the bidder is participating in the Aboriginal Opportunities Considerations (AOC), Appendices 2 and 3 must be completed and submitted with the bid.
- Annex C, Cost Breakdown Table is to be filled out by the successful bidder only and is for information purposes only.
- 43 attachments were posted with the RFP. Attachment #001 is a directory of these attachments.

Amendment to the Specifications

Reference Section 01 35 32 and insert the following:

Section 01 35 32 (1.5.3) – Canadian Labour Code (CLC-II) applies to the Government of Canada and is information for the Contractor.

Delete Section 31 22 15 (1.6.3.1) in its entirety and insert the following:

Section 31 22 15 (1.6.3.1) The screening of existing waste rock to produce approximately 60 m³ of coarse aggregate (50 to 150 mm in size) to be placed up the face of the reworked tailings and waste rock stockpile as erosion protection.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SOLICITATION REMAIN THE SAME