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Proposal to: Public Works and Government Services Canada

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Propositions aux : Travaux publics et Services gouvernementaux Canada

Nous offrons par la présente de vendre à sa Majesté la Reine du chef du Canada, aux conditions énoncées ou incluses par référence dans la présente et aux annexes ci-jointes, les articles et les services énumérés ici et sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

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# Instructions: Municipal taxes are not applicable.

Unless otherwise specified herein by the Crown, all prices quoted are to be net prices in Canadian funds including Canadian customs duties, excise taxes, and are to be F.O.B, including all delivery charges to destination(s) as indicated. The amount of the Goods and Services Tax is to be shown as a separate item.

Les taxes municipales ne s'appliquent pas.

Sauf indication contraire, énoncée par la Couronne, dans les présentes, tous les prix indiqués sont des prix nets, en dollars canadiens, comprenant les droits de douane canadiens, la taxe d'accise et doivent être F.A.B, y compris tous frais de livraison à la (aux) destination(s) indiquée(s). La somme de la taxe sur les produits et services devra être un article particulier.

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Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of vendor (type or print) - Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur (caractère d'impression)					
Signature	Date				

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#### **PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### 1. Introduction

The bid solicitation is divided into seven parts plus attachments and annexes, as follows:

- Part 1 General Information: provides a general description of the requirement;
- Part 2 Bidder Instructions: provides the instructions, clauses and conditions applicable to the bid solicitation;
- Part 3 Bid Preparation Instructions: provides bidders with instructions on how to prepare their bid:
- Part 4 Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection: indicates how the evaluation will be conducted, the evaluation criteria that must be addressed in the bid, and the basis of selection:
- Part 5 Certifications: includes the certifications to be provided;
- Part 6 Security, Financial and Other Requirements: includes specific requirements that must be addressed by bidders; and
- Part 7 Resulting Contract Clauses: includes the clauses and conditions that will apply to any resulting contract.

The Annexes include the Statement of Work, Basis of Selection, Evaluation Criteria – Mandatory and Rated, Security Requirements Check List, Basis of Payment, Insurance Requirements and Language Certification.

# 2. Summary

Environment Canada operates an environmental monitoring station located in Goose Bay, Labrador. It is a research and monitoring station which forms part of Environment Canada's national network of CAPMoN stations. The primary focus of this monitoring station is the daily collection of precipitation sample and the measurement of hourly ground-level ozone. Data is collected via both automatic and manual samplers. A contract operator is required to attend the station to retrieve the precipitation samples, process them according to the CAPMoN Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's), and ship them for analysis to the CAPMoN National Laboratory located in Toronto, Ontario, once every two weeks. Other daily duties include reading and recording of various gauges, diagnostics, and regular servicing, troubleshooting, and minor repair of a variety of monitoring equipment.

#### 3. Debriefings

Bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the bid solicitation process. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority within 15 working days of receipt of the results of the bid solicitation process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

#### **PART 2 - BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS**

#### 1. Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the bid solicitation by number, date and title are set out in the <u>Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual</u> (https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada. Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract.

(2014-03-01) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

#### 2. Submission of Bids

Bids must be submitted only to Environment Canada (EC) Bid Receiving Unit (Mailroom) by the date, time and place indicated on page 1 of the bid solicitation.

Due to the nature of the bid solicitation, bids transmitted by facsimile to EC will not be accepted.

#### 3. Former Public Servant

Contracts awarded to former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension or of a lump sum payment must bear the closest public scrutiny, and reflect fairness in the spending of public funds. In order to comply with Treasury Board policies and directives on contracts awarded to FPS, bidders must provide the information required below before contract award. If the answer to the questions and, as applicable the information required have not been received by the time the evaluation of bids is completed, Canada will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to comply with Canada's request and meet the requirement within the prescribed time frame will render the bid non-responsive.

#### Definitions

For the purposes of this clause, "former public servant" is any former member of a department as defined in the *Financial Administration Act*, R.S., 1985, c. F-11, a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces or a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A former public servant may be:

- a. an individual;
- b. an individual who has incorporated;
- c. a partnership made of former public servants; or
- d. a sole proprietorship or entity where the affected individual has a controlling or major interest in the entity.

"lump sum payment period" means the period measured in weeks of salary, for which payment has been made to facilitate the transition to retirement or to other employment as a result of the implementation of various programs to reduce the size of the Public Service. The lump sum payment period does not include the period of severance pay, which is measured in a like manner.

"pension" means a pension or annual allowance paid under the <u>Public Service</u> <u>Superannuation Act</u> (PSSA), R.S., 1985, c.P-36, and any increases paid pursuant to the <u>Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c.S-24 as it affects the PSSA. It does not include pensions payable pursuant to the <u>Canadian Forces Superannuation Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c.C-17, the <u>Defence Services Pension Continuation Act</u>, 1970, c.D-3, the <u>Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act</u>, 1970, c.R-10, and the <u>Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c.R-11, the <u>Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c.M-5, and that portion of pension payable to the <u>Canada Pension Plan Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c.C-8.

# Former Public Servant in Receipt of a Pension

As per the above definitions, is the Bidder a FPS in receipt of a pension? Yes () No ()

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information, for all FPS in receipt of a pension, as applicable:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service.

By providing this information, Bidders agree that the successful Bidder's status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports in accordance with <u>Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2</u> and the <u>Guidelines on the Proactive Disclosure of Contracts</u>.

# **Work Force Adjustment Directive**

Is the Bidder a FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of the Work Force Adjustment Directive? **Yes** ( ) **No** ( )

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. conditions of the lump sum payment incentive;
- c. date of termination of employment;
- d. amount of lump sum payment;
- e. rate of pay on which lump sum payment is based;
- f. period of lump sum payment including start date, end date and number of weeks;
- g. number and amount (professional fees) of other contracts subject to the restrictions of a work force adjustment program.

For all contracts awarded during the lump sum payment period, the total amount of fees that may be paid to a FPS who received a lump sum payment is \$5,000, including Applicable Taxes.

# 4. Enquiries - Bid Solicitation

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than five (5) calendar days before the bid closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Bidders should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the bid solicitation to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by bidders to explain each question in sufficient detail in order to enable Canada to provide an accurate answer. Technical enquiries that are of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked "proprietary" at each relevant item. Items identified as "proprietary" will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Canada may edit the question(s) or may request that the Bidder do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question(s) is eliminated and the enquiry can be answered to all bidders. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all bidders may not be answered by Canada.

#### 5. Applicable Laws

Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Nova Scotia.

Bidders may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their bid, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the bidders.

# 6. Basis for Canada's Ownership of Intellectual Property

Environment Canada has determined that any intellectual property rights arising from the performance of the Work under the resulting contract will belong to Canada, on the following grounds: 6.4.1 to generate knowledge and information for public dissemination

#### **PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS**

#### 1. Bid Preparation Instructions

Canada requests that bidders provide their bid in separately bound sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Bid (three hard copies)

Section II: Financial Bid (one hard copy)

Section III: Certifications (two hard copies)

Prices must appear in the financial bid only. No prices must be indicated in any other section of the bid.

Canada requests that bidders follow the format instructions described below in the preparation of their bid:

- (a) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper;
- (b) use a numbering system that corresponds to the bid solicitation.

In April 2006, Canada issued a policy directing federal departments and agencies to take the necessary steps to incorporate environmental considerations into the procurement process <u>Policy on Green Procurement</u> (http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ecologisation-greening/achats-procurement/politique-policy-eng.html). To assist Canada in reaching its objectives, bidders should:

- 1) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper containing fibre certified as originating from a sustainably-managed forest and containing minimum 30% recycled content; and
- 2) use an environmentally-preferable format including black and white printing instead of colour printing, printing double sided/duplex, using staples or clips instead of cerlox, duotangs or binders.

#### Section I: Technical Bid

In their technical bid, bidders should demonstrate their understanding of the requirements contained in the bid solicitation and explain how they will meet these requirements. Bidders should demonstrate their capability in a thorough, concise and clear manner for carrying out the work.

The technical bid should address clearly and in sufficient depth the points that are subject to the evaluation criteria against which the bid will be evaluated. Simply repeating the statement contained in the bid solicitation is not sufficient. In order to facilitate the evaluation of the bid, Canada requests that bidders address and present topics in the order of the evaluation criteria under the same headings. To avoid duplication, bidders may refer to different sections of their bids by identifying the specific paragraph and page number where the subject topic has already been addressed.

#### Section II: Financial Bid

**1.1** Bidders must submit their financial bid in accordance with the Annex E "Basis of Payment".

#### 1.2 SACC Manual Clauses

# Section III: Certifications

Bidders must submit the certifications required under Part 5.

#### PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

- (a) Bids will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the bid solicitation including the technical and financial evaluation criteria.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the bids.

#### 1.1 Technical Evaluation

- 1.1.1 Mandatory Technical Criteria
- 1.1.2 Point Rated Technical Criteria

#### 1.2 Financial Evaluation

Basis of Selection - See Annex "B"

#### **PART 5 - CERTIFICATIONS**

Bidders must provide the required certifications and associated information to be awarded a contract.

The certifications provided by bidders to Canada are subject to verification by Canada at all times. Canada will declare a bid non-responsive, or will declare a contractor in default in carrying out any of its obligations under the Contract, if any certification made by the Bidder is found to be untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, during the bid evaluation period or during the contract period.

The Contracting Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Bidder's certifications. Failure to comply and to cooperate with any request or requirement imposed by the Contracting Authority may render the bid non-responsive or constitute a default under the Contract.

# 1. Certifications Required Precedent to Contract Award

a) Former Public Servant Form.

# 2. Status and Availability of Resources

The Bidder certifies that, should it be awarded a contract as a result of the bid solicitation, every individual proposed in its bid will be available to perform the Work as required by Canada's representatives and at the time specified in the bid solicitation or agreed to with Canada's representatives. If for reasons beyond its control, the Bidder is unable to provide the services of an individual named in its bid, the Bidder may propose a substitute with similar qualifications and experience. The Bidder must advise the Contracting Authority of the reason for the substitution and provide the name, qualifications and experience of the proposed replacement. For the purposes of this clause, only the following reasons will be considered as beyond the control of the Bidder: death, sickness, maternity and parental leave, retirement, resignation, dismissal for cause or termination of an agreement for default.

If the Bidder has proposed any individual who is not an employee of the Bidder, the Bidder certifies that it has the permission from that individual to propose his/her services in relation to the Work to be performed and to submit his/her résumé to Canada. The Bidder must, upon request from the Contracting Authority, provide a written confirmation, signed by the individual, of the permission given to the Bidder and of his/her availability. Failure to comply with the request may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

# 3. Education and Experience

The Bidder certifies that all the information provided in the résumés and supporting material submitted with its bid, particularly the information pertaining to education, achievements, experience and work history, has been verified by the Bidder to be true and accurate. Furthermore, the Bidder warrants that every individual proposed by the Bidder for the requirement is capable of performing the Work described in the resulting contract.

#### PART 6 - SECURITY, FINANCIAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

# 1. Security Requirement

- 1.1. Before award of a contract, the following conditions must be met:
  - (a) The Bidder and the Bidder's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites must meet the security requirement as indicated in Part 7 Resulting Contract Clauses;
  - (b) the Bidder must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites;
- 1.2. Bidders are reminded to obtain the required security clearance promptly. Any delay in the award of a contract to allow the successful bidder to obtain the required clearance will be at the entire discretion of the Contracting Authority.
- 1.3 For additional information on security requirements, bidders should refer to the <u>Canadian Industrial Security Directorate (CISD)</u>, <u>Industrial Security Program of Public Works and Government Services Canada (http://ssi-iss.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/index-eng.html)</u> website.

# 2. Insurance Requirements

The Contractor is responsible for deciding if insurance coverage is necessary to fulfill its obligation under the Contract and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any insurance acquired or maintained by the Contractor is at its own expense and for its own benefit and protection. It does not release the Contractor from or reduce its liability under the Contract.

The Contractor freely accepts and fully assumes all risks, dangers and hazards associated with the performance of the work under this contract and the possibility of third party and personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting therefrom.

Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor releases Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, Her Heirs, successors, officers, employees, servants, contractors and agents from all liability, and do hereby waive as against Her Majesty all recourses, claims, causes of action of any kind whatsoever, in respect of all personal injuries or property losses which the Contractor may suffer arising out of or connected with my Work under the Contract.

#### **PART 7 - RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES**

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from the bid solicitation.

#### 1. Statement of Work – See Annex A

#### 2. Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the Contract by number, date and title are set out in the <u>Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual</u>(https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

#### 2.1 General Conditions

2035 dated 2014-03-01, General Conditions - Higher Complexity - Services, apply to and form part of the Contract.

# 3. Security Requirement

3.1 The following security requirement (SRCL and related clauses) applies and form part of the Contract – See Annex "D" Security Requirements Checklist

A Reliability Status with a need-to-know is required for access to Protected A or B information, assets or secured work sites regardless of the duration of an assignment. After 10 years a reassessment and renewal are required.

#### Verifications

- Personnel Screening, Consent and Authorization Form (TBS 330-23) completed by the contractor and CSO
- 5 years of verifiable background on the applicant
- Pre-screening by CSO
- Criminal Records Name Check by the RCMP

## May also require:

- Out-of-Country checks these can take years depending on the country
- Fingerprint check
- An interview by ISP
- Credit check
- Other supporting documents

The Reliability Status of an individual may be transferred between organizations, provided the following criteria have been met:

- The Reliability Status was not administratively cancelled more than two years ago;
- It is not due for an update; and
- The individual has stated that there have been no changes in their personal history regarding criminal convictions.

#### 4. Term of Contract

# 4.1 Period of the Contract

The period of the Contract is from August 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 inclusive.

#### 4.2 Option to Extend the Contract

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to extend the term of the Contract by up to two additional one year periods under the same conditions. The Contractor agrees that, during the extended period of the Contract, it will be paid in accordance with the applicable provisions as set out in the Basis of Payment.

Canada may exercise this option at any time by sending a written notice to the Contractor at least fifteen calendar days before the expiry date of the Contract. The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority, and will be evidenced for administrative purposes only, through a contract amendment.

#### 5. Authorities

#### 5.1 Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Name: Carole Daigle Title: Contracting Officer Environment Canada Procurement and Contracting, Finance Branch Address: 45 Alderney Drive

Dartmouth, NS B2Y 2N6

Telephone: 902-426-0935

are extra.

E-mail address: carole.daigle@ec.gc.ca

The Contracting Authority is responsible for the management of the Contract and any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the Contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from anybody other than the Contracting Authority.

5.2	?	Project Authority
Th	e Pr	oject Authority for the Contract is: (To be provided at contract award)
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bei cor Aut the	ng c nten thori Wo	oject Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is carried out under the Contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical tof the Work under the Contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the Project ity; however, the Project Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of irk. Changes to the scope of the Work can only be made through a contract amendment by the Contracting Authority.
5.3		Contractor's Representative – Contractor shall submit with bid
6.		Proactive Disclosure of Contracts with Former Public Servants
7.		Payment
7.1		Basis of Payment Annex "E"
7.2		Limitation of Expenditure
	1.	Canada's total liability to the Contractor under the Contract must not exceed \$(to be determined at contract award). Customs duties are excluded and Applicable Taxes

- 2. No increase in the total liability of Canada or in the price of the Work resulting from any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work, will be authorized or paid to the Contractor unless these design changes, modifications or interpretations have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work. The Contractor must not perform any work or provide any service that would result in Canada's total liability being exceeded before obtaining the written approval of the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must notify the Contracting Authority in writing as to the adequacy of this sum:
  - a. when it is 75 percent committed, or
  - b. four (4) months before the contract expiry date, or
  - c. as soon as the Contractor considers that the contract funds provided are inadequate for the completion of the Work, whichever comes first.
- 3. If the notification is for inadequate contract funds, the Contractor must provide to the Contracting Authority a written estimate for the additional funds required. Provision of such information by the Contractor does not increase Canada's liability.

# 7.3 Monthly Payment

Canada will pay the Contractor on a monthly basis for work performed during the month covered by the invoice in accordance with the payment provisions of the Contract if:

- an accurate and complete invoice and any other documents required by the Contract have been submitted in accordance with the invoicing instructions provided in the Contract;
- b. all such documents have been verified by Canada;
- c. the Work performed has been accepted by Canada.

#### 7.4 T1204 – Direct Request by Customer Department

- 1. Pursuant to paragraph 221 (1)(d) of the <u>Income Tax Act</u>, R.S. 1985, c. 1 (5<sup>th</sup> Supp.), payments made by departments and agencies to contractors under applicable services contracts (including contracts involving a mix of goods and services) must be reported on a T1204 Government Service Contract Payments slip.
- 2. To enable departments and agencies to comply with this requirement, the Contractor must provide Canada, upon request, its business number or Social Insurance Number, as applicable. (These requests may take the form of a general call-letter to contractors, in writing or by telephone).

# 8. Invoicing Instructions

The Contractor must submit invoices to the Project Authority on a monthly basis.

Invoices cannot be submitted until all work identified in the invoice has been completed and any reports related to the Work identified in the invoice have been received by the Project Authority.

# 9. Certifications

## 9.1 Compliance

The continuous compliance with the certifications provided by the Contractor in its bid and the ongoing cooperation in providing associated information are conditions of the Contract. Certifications are subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the Contract. If the Contractor does not comply with any certification, fails to provide the associated information, or if it is determined that any certification made by the Contractor in its bid is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, Canada has the right, pursuant to the default provision of the Contract, to terminate the Contract for default.

# 10. Applicable Laws

The Contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Nova Scotia.

#### 11. Priority of Documents

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- (a) the Articles of Agreement;
- the general conditions 2035 dated 2014-03-01 General Conditions Higher Complexity -Services;
- (c) Annex A; Statement of Work;
- (d) Annex B; Basis of Selection;
- (e) Annex C; Evaluation Criteria Mandatory and Rated);
- (f) Annex D; Security Requirements Checklist;
- (g) Annex E; Basis of Payment;
- (h) Annex F; Language Certification;

# 12. Insurance Requirements

SACC Manual clause G1005 (2008-05-12)

The Contractor is responsible for deciding if additional insurance coverage is necessary to fulfill its obligation under the Contract and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any additional insurance coverage is at the Contractor's expense, and for its own benefit and protection. It does not release the Contractor from or reduce its liability under the contract.

# ANNEX A STATEMENT OF WORK

# CAPMoN Observations and Other Services - Goose Bay, NL

#### Overview of the work to be performed:

Environment Canada operates an environmental monitoring station located in Goose Bay, Labrador. It is a research and monitoring station which forms part of Environment Canada's national network of CAPMoN stations. The primary focus of this monitoring station is the daily collection of precipitation sample and the measurement of hourly ground-level ozone. Data is collected via both automatic and manual samplers. A contract operator is required to attend to the station to retrieve the precipitation samples, process them according to the CAPMoN Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's), and ship them for analysis to the CAPMoN National Laboratory located in Toronto, Ontario, once every two weeks. Other daily duties include reading and recording of various gauges, diagnostics, and regular servicing, troubleshooting, and minor repair of a variety of monitoring equipment.

## Details of the services to be provided CAPMoN Program Sampling

- 1. Precipitation Sampling:
  - a. The contract operator (hereinafter referred to as either the 'operator' or 'contractor') will be responsible for servicing the Precipitation Collector daily between 7:00 and 9:00 AM, Local Standard Time (sample collection times do not revert to day light saving times). This includes replacing the precipitation sample bag, sealing and refrigerating the sample, reading the rain and snow gauge and filling out the CAPMoN Sample History Form.
- 2. Continuous Ground Level Ozone Measurements:
  - a. Once a week the operator is required to service an ozone analyzer. This includes replacing the inlet filter, entering data on a sample history form and sending the sample history form to CAPMoN. The operator has the option of scanning and emailing the form to CAPMoN.
  - b. The operator is responsible for Sample History Form mailing expenses.
  - c. The operator is required to conduct ongoing simple equipment maintenance and minor repairs at the sampling site. The operator will notify CAPMoN personnel prior to making repairs for approval.
- On-site training will be provided. After thirty days the contractor will be required to pass certification by the CAPMoN Authority. Failure to pass certification will result in the termination of the contract.

#### **Deliverables**

 The operator will be responsible for packaging and shipping by courier to the CAPMoN National Laboratory in Toronto, Ontario. The precipitation samples are packaged in coolers and shipped every two weeks. The operator is also responsible for picking up empty shipping containers at the closest Canada Post outlet.

The operator will be supplied with preprinted manifests but will be responsible for ensuring the samples are delivered to or picked up by the designated courier. The operator is not responsible for shipping expenses.

- 2. First level maintenance, diagnosis of problems, and minor repairs to equipment is often required of the operator. This may include, but is not limited to:
  - a. Cleaning of equipment
  - b. Replacement of Defective parts
  - c. Resetting or rebooting electronic systems
  - d. Replacement and setup of operational unit with backup unit
  - e. Checking and readjustment of various parts or software parameters as needed.
  - f. The operator is responsible for the physical shipping and receiving of replacement equipment as required. The shipping costs are covered by Environment Canada.
- 3. The operator is responsible for some of the routine site maintenance including keeping the sample hut clean, clearing the snow off the sampling hut stairs and deck, and grass cutting to keep the vegetation within the fenced or designated compound area at an acceptable height. The general cleanliness of the immediate sampling location is the responsibility of the contractor, including the removal of garbage/waste from the site.

These tasks must be carried out in proximity of sensitive and expensive research and monitoring equipment, and it is essential that the Contractor understand the need to avoid adverse effects on the data.

- 4. The operator must have knowledge of daily local weather conditions. That knowledge is usually acquired by living in the immediate area.
- 5. The site operator is required to report by phone once per month to the Inspector Designate. The site operator will be supplied with a phone number and name for emergencies. Solely CAPMoN staff shall make any and all changes to the sampling program. All changes shall be made know to the contractor, either orally or in writing, or both.

#### Requirements

- 1. The contractor must supply at least two people (to a maximum of four people), a Primary and a Back-up operator. The back-up operator(s) is required to service the measurement site at least once per month.
- 2. The Primary operator and Back-up Operator(s) must be proficient in English, both written and oral.
- 3. All site operators (including the designated backup(s)) must make themselves available for two inspections each year as well as for certifications as required. The inspections will be during normal sample collection periods and should take less than 2 hours each.
- 4. All operators will be required to have a personal security screening check with Environment Canada. This is a requirement to enter government facilities and use the equipment supplied by the government. The security check could mean that further checks with the local police authorities may be required. Fingerprinting costs will be the responsibility of the contractor.
- Smoking is not permitted within 500 meters of the compound. Vehicles shall not approach closer than the designated parking area. The Contractor shall not enter the building with contaminated clothing or footwear.
- 6. The Contractor shall not bring toxic or contaminating compounds such as oil based products, soaps, disinfectants, or insect repellents to the CAPMoN station. No paints, solvents or glues shall be used onsite or in the vicinity of the compound.
- The Contractor shall clean and wash the interior of the building when required using only
  distilled or de-ionized water as supplied by Environment Canada and dust shall be swept or
  vacuumed.
- 8. The Contractor shall contribute to the security of the site by adhering to the use of locks where applied. Any suspicious activity or tampering of the site equipment shall be reported to

the regional inspector, as should any event or activity that may compromise the sampling integrity.

### **Details of Work to be Performed:**

# 1. Precipitation Sampling, Shipping, and Maintenance Instructions:

1.1. The instruction outlined in the statement of work for this contract is of a general nature. All sampling, shipping, and maintenance shall be performed in accordance with the Site Operations Reference Manual - Precipitation, CAPMoN, April 1985; the CAPMoN Precipitation Sampling Standard Operating Procedures; and in accordance with any amendments to the aforementioned manual. The daily routine may involve additional collectors, passive samplers and various climatological and meteorological instruments.

# 2. Precipitation Sample Collection Procedure:

- 2.1. The contractor will walk to the CAPMoN site from the designated parking area, which is between 50 and 100 meters from the instrument compound.
- 2.2. Sampling from the daily collectors will be done on a daily basis, and the procedures will be followed regardless of whether precipitation has occurred during the past 24 hours or not. The sample history forms are to be completed every day. Prior to making a daily sample change, a clean plastic bag must be placed in the spare collector buckets in the sample handling hut using the procedures outlined in the CAPMoN SOP's.
- 2.3. The site will be visited daily between 0700 and 0900 hours Eastern Standard Time (all functions and records remain on EST all year long). Upon arrival at the sampling site, even if precipitation is presently occurring, the following procedure is to be followed:
  - a) Check all precipitation collectors for normal functioning.
  - b) Remove collector buckets containing the past 24-hour's sample from the collectors.
  - c) Removes bucket lids from new collector buckets and place these on the collector buckets containing the last 24 hours sample.
  - d) Install the new collector buckets onto the precipitation collectors.
  - e) Measure the amount of precipitation (rain, snow, or mixed) in the appropriate precipitation gauge and record that amount.
- 2.4. Upon returning to the storage building the following procedures will be followed to prepare the samples for storage and later shipment:
  - a) Remove the bucket lids from the collector buckets and discard the used lid bags.
  - b) Using clean disposable gloves, remove the sample bags from the collector buckets while avoiding unfolding the top of the sample bags.
  - c) Place the sample bags, whether dry or containing precipitation in the heat sealer.
  - d) Remove all the air from the bags and seal them close to the top of the sample. Large samples (500 grams or more) shall be partitioned as per CAPMoN SOP's to prevent breakage and loss during shipment.
  - e) Affix correct numbered label to the outside of the bags.
  - f) Check the weighing scale with the 200-gram reference weight and record indicated weight on the sample history form.
  - g) Place the sealed sample bags on the scale and record its weight on the sample history form.
  - h) Place the sample bags, whether dry or containing precipitation into a plastic container and store in the refrigerator.
  - i) Complete all required entries on the sample history form using appropriate codes, and using one line for each day.

#### 3. Precipitation Collector Maintenance

- 3.1. The contractor shall perform routine maintenance to ensure that the CAPMoN collector is functioning properly, is kept clean, and (in winter) is kept free of ice and snow. On a daily basis the Contractor shall ensure that:
  - a) Sensor grids are checked, cleaned with water as required, or replaced as required.
  - b) Snow and ice is removed to prevent a build up that would obstruct the proper operation of the collector.
  - c) The underside of the lid cover is lined with a clean gasket; the contractor will check daily for damage, condensation and dirt, and will replace as necessary. The lid cover gasket is normally changed on the first Tuesday of every month.
  - d) The lid movement is checked daily for proper operation of the electric motor drive, smooth motion and proper start/stop switching.
  - e) The Contractor will perform other maintenance or repair as directed by the designated CAPMoN Authority (hereinafter referred to as the CAPMoN Authority or Inspector Designate).
- 3.2. If the CAPMoN collector or associated equipment is found to be operating abnormally, or ceases to operate completely, the Contractor shall contact the assigned "Inspector Designate" for further advice or action.
- 3.3. Unless specifically instructed so, the Contractor should not have to open the motor drive cover of the collector to perform maintenance. This will normally be carried out by the "Inspector Designate" on a periodic basis, or as required when called by the Contractor.
- 3.4. Equipment failures or supply shortages shall be reported immediately to the "Inspector Designate".
- 3.5. The Contractor and secondary observer will be available to accompany an Inspector on site for maintenance and training for a total not exceeding 10 additional hours throughout the year.
- 3.6. Every second Tuesday the samples are placed in the sample shipping boxes provided and sent that day, via courier, to the CAPMoN Laboratory using the following procedures:
  - a) Pack the plastic containers containing the sample bags into the shipping boxes.
  - b) When there are too few samples available to fill the shipping box use empty
  - c) Pack a number of frozen ice packs in the side of each shipping box.
  - d) Pack two copies of the sample history form in a zip-lock bag and place on top of the containers.
  - e) Insert a foam-insulating lid into the box and tape the box shut.
  - f) Complete a Courier Bill of Lading and take, or arrange for pick up, for shipment to:

CAPMoN Precipitation Samples Environment Canada 4905 Dufferin Street Toronto, ON, M3H 5T4

#### 4. Ground Level Ozone Measurements

The instrumentation includes a station ozone analyzer, a calibration unit, a computer, a modem, a remote calibration controller, an uninterruptible power supply, inlet tubing and filter assembly.

- 4.1. On a weekly basis the ozone instrumentation must be checked for:
  - a. Power on and pumps running
  - b. Reasonable ozone values according to site normal range
  - c. No kinks or abrasions to the inlet line
  - d. Computer is powered on and running
  - e. The remote calibration controller's (Black Box) green light is illuminated and its display reads 'CAPMoN ozone now waiting'.

- 4.2. The sample history form (SHF) fields must be completed for the current visit. Additional form information is located on the back of the pink copy.
- 4.3. The sample inlet filter must be changed once a week and the relevant data documented on the Ozone SHF in the weekly check list section. Following the filters' replacement, confirm correct installation by reviewing the analyzer flow rates. They should be very close to the flow rate observed prior to the filter change.
- 4.4. If the analyzer is in alarm mode, press the button under the ALARM heading. Scroll down to see which parameter is in alarm mode. Once the alarm parameter has been established, call CAPMoN headquarters with the alarm information. Record alarm conditions in the field comments section of the Ozone SHF.
- 4.5. If the analyzer and remote calibration controller are operating well, no further action is required until the next visit by the site operator.
- 4.6. Sample History Form Management Mail the white and Canary copies to CAPMoN weekly. The pink copies are retained in a file at the site. The operator may also fax or email the SHF.

## **General Servicing**

- 4.7. In the event of an instrument alarm or malfunction of any of the components of the ozone system, the operator may be instructed by phone to try some simple corrective actions such as rebooting equipment or checking fuses.
- 4.8. Should the on-site corrective actions fail the operator may be asked to replace components, which will be sent to the site ASAP by courier. The operator will return malfunctioning equipment via a pre-paid shipping manifest.

# ANNEX B BASIS OF SELECTION

Any proposal not meeting the mandatory requirements will be considered non-responsive and will be given no further consideration.

A contract will be awarded based on best value taking into account technical merit and price for those proposals meeting the mandatory requirements.

The technically responsive proposal that obtains the highest combined rating of technical merit and price (e.g. adding the technical score with the financial score to result in a Total Score) will be recommended for award of a contract.

The total possible technical score is 60% while the total financial score is 40%. Where two or more proposals achieve the identical highest combined technical (60%) and financial (40%) score, the proposal with the lowest **total price** will be recommended for award of a TA Contract.

# For each proposal:

**Calculation of Technical Score:** the technical score is calculated by prorating the technical score obtained by the proposal against the total possible score of 60.

TECHNICAL SCORE = Bidder's TECHNICAL SCORE X 60 points
Total Possible TECHNICAL SCORE

Calculation of Financial Score: the financial score is calculated by giving full points (40) to the lowest priced responsive proposal (based on the proposal's Total Estimated Cost) and prorating all other responsive proposal financial scores accordingly.

The calculation used to determine points for all other Bidders (other than the lowest) will be Lowest TOTAL ESTIMATED COST (\$) divided by Bidder's TOTAL ESTIMATED COST, multiplied by 40 points, as follows:

FINANCIAL SCORE = Lowest TOTAL ESTIMATED COST (\$) X 40 points Bidder's TOTAL ESTIMATED COST (\$)

#### **Calculation of Total Score:**

[Bidder's **TECHNICAL SCORE** (out of 60 points)] + [Bidder's **FINANCIAL SCORE** (out of 40 points)]

= Bidder's **TOTAL SCORE** (out of 100 points).

# ANNEX C MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

Yes/No

# Mandatory Criteria

1.	Proof of a valid Nova Scotia (or provincial equivalent) driver's license.	
2.	A backup operator is required and must be identified in the bid. All proposed operators must be identified.	
3.	Signed certification, ANNEX G that both the contractor and back-up are fluent in English, oral and written	

# ANNEX C MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA Page 2

Rated Criteria Points

1.	Previous experience collecting environmental samples or an acceptable combination of education and/or experience. Points will be awarded as follows:	(Max. 20)
	Experience collecting CAPMoN or other environmental samples (20 pts)	
	Experience collecting samples (not environmental) (15 pts)	
	Technical certification combined with work experience requiring routine standard procedures (10 pts)	
	Work experience requiring routine standard procedures (5 pts)	
	No work experience (0 pts)	
2.	Two reference letters of previous clients who would be familiar with the quality of work and reliability of the contractor are required.	(Max. 10)
	0-10 pts maximum of 5 points per reference.	
3.	The contractor must be able to document local weather conditions, as part of the SOW.	(Max. 15)
	Contractor resides within 10km from site (15 pts)	
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	Contractor resides more than 15 km -25 km from site (9 pts)	
	Contractor resides more than 25 km from site (6 pts)	
4.	Contractor's working along procedures or plan.	(Max. 15)
	Addresses working alone with detailed documented plan (15 pts)	
	Addresses working alone with no details (10 pts)	
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# ANNEX D SECURITY REQUIREMENTS CHECK LIST

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ANNEX E BASIS OF PAYMENT

This contract is for 8 months from August 1, 2014-March 31, 2015 with the two options to extend in 12 month intervals to a maximum end date of March 31, 2017

- 1.1 The maximum budget for this contract is as follows:
  - \$12,000.00 for the period August 1, 2014 March 31, 2015
  - \$18,000.00 for the period April 1, 2015 March 31, 2016 if option year is exercised
  - \$18,000.00 for the period April 1, 2016 March 31, 2017 if option year is exercised

Proposals exceeding the maximum budget, (including all labour, associated costs and travel will not be considered. (Applicable taxes are not included.)

The price proposal should indicate a detailed breakdown of the total quoted price. The price proposal should address each of the following as applicable:

- (a) Labour:
- (b) Equipment:
- (c) Supplies:

Quotation for the Purpose of Submitting a Bid:

The Bidder is to supply a per day charge which includes all requirements as set out in the Statement of Work.

The daily charge should reflect all expenses related to the contract for each year quoted (total yearly expenses/365 days). The Bidder is to submit a monthly invoice which reflects the number of days for which service were delivered in each month upon completion of those services. The annual total will include the following:

- a. Travel expenses to and from the CAPMoN site paid in accordance with the private vehicle allowances specified in <a href="http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive">http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive</a> and the rates published in <a href="http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/travel-voyage/td-dv-a2-eng.php">http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/travel-voyage/td-dv-a2-eng.php</a>.
- b. Expenses related to the bi-weekly delivery of samples and pick-up of shipping containers to the nearest Post Office or Purolator Courier agent location.
- c. Expenses related to compensation for labour
- d. All other expenses.

Contractors should consider all costs in their Financial Proposal.

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# 1. Travel

- (a) The Contractor will be paid its authorized travel expenses, reasonably and properly incurred in the performance of the Work, at cost, without any allowance for overhead or profit, in accordance with the private vehicle allowances specified in <a href="http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive">http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive</a> and the rates published in <a href="http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/travel-voyage/td-dv-a2-eng.php">http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/travel-voyage/td-dv-a2-eng.php</a>
- (b) All travel must have the prior authorization of the Project Authority. Travel requirements are to be discussed once per month. All payments are subject to government audit.

Year 1: August 1, 2014 up to and including March 31, 2015		
	Total estimated cost for CAPMoN Observations per year	\$
	Total estimated travel	\$
	TOTAL ESTIMATED (RATES AND TRAVEL)	\$

(Option Period 1) Fo	r the Period April 1, 2015 up to and including	March 31, 2016
	Total estimated cost for CAPMoN Observations per year	\$
	Total estimated travel	\$
	TOTAL ESTIMATED (RATES AND TRAVEL)	\$

(Option Period 2) For the Period April 1, 2016 up to and including March 31, 2017		
	Total estimated cost for CAPMoN Observations per year	\$
	Total estimated travel	\$
	TOTAL ESTIMATED (RATES AND TRAVEL)	\$

Important notes:

- Contract will be awarded based on total estimated cost for year one plus option years. The cost per observation for the additional observations and for the service work in addition to the minimum work required and quoted above cannot exceed the values provided for the basis of payment.

TOTAL ESTIN	MATED COST \$	(Taxes are extra.)

# **ANNEX F**

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