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July 22nd, 2014

**Subject: Request for Proposal No. FP802-140006
Heavy Lift Transport of Two Mid-Shore Patron Vessels to the Pacific Coast**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has a requirement for these services to be carried out in accordance with the **Statement of Work** attached hereto as **Appendix "C"**. The services are to be performed during the late fall and is to be completed approximately one and a half months later as detailed in the Statement of Work.

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS – There is no security requirement for this contract.

If you are interested in undertaking this project, your electronic proposal is to be sent by email to: Natasha.Blackstein@dfo-mpo.gc.ca must clearly indicate the title of the work and addressed to the undersigned **will be received up to 11:00 hours, (11:00a.m.) Ottawa local time on September 3rd, 2014.**

You are invited to submit one (1) electronic copy of a Technical and Financial Proposals which fulfills the requirements of this Request for Proposals. The electronic copy must be completed in accordance with Annex 1–Resulting Contract Clauses. Your proposal must be clearly identified, indicating on the transmittal package the words "Bid/Proposal", Request for Proposals No. **FP802-140006**, the title of the work and the name and address of your firm.

Proposals in response to this Request for Proposals shall be comprised of three (3) volumes (sections) as follows:

- a) CONTENT: VOLUME 1 – TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (MANDATORY) – one (1) electronic copy
- b) CONTENT: VOLUME 2 – FINANCIAL PROPOSAL (MANDATORY) – one (1) electronic copy

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- c) CONTENT: VOLUME 3 – CERTIFICATIONS (ATTACHED AT APPENDIX C-1) (MANDATORY) – one (1) electronic copy

Your proposal is required in sufficient detail to form the basis of a contractual agreement and shall address the elements enumerated below.

VOLUME 1: Technical Proposal (with no reference to price)

a) **ANNEX 1 –RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES**

b) **PROPOSAL-ANNEX2**

Your proposal must include:

1. An indication of an understanding of the requirement and objectives of the project;
2. An indication of previous projects of a similar nature successfully completed by the firm; technical information, including a listing and description of these projects with commencement and termination dates and for whom the work was performed;
3. A listing of personnel you propose to assign to carry out this work and resumes of each individual's qualifications and experience, particularly as it relates to this project, as per the evaluation criteria in Appendix "E";
4. A description of the firm's capability to carry out this Work.

VOLUME 2: Financial Proposal

1. Please complete a tendered price in Appendix B – Basis of Payment
2. A statement of the name under which the firm is legally incorporated and a Statement of the Canadian and/or foreign ownership of the firm. This can be found in Appendix B Number 10 under "Supplement Contractor Information." – Completed and Signed.

VOLUME 3: Certifications

Certifications attached hereto as Appendix "C-1" signed and dated.

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the Evaluation Criteria attached as Appendix "E".

OFFERS WHICH DO NOT CONTAIN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DOCUMENTATION OR WHICH DEVIATE FROM THE PRESCRIBED COSTING FORMAT WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE AND NON-RESPONSIVE AND SHALL BE REJECTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

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If additional information is required, you are requested to contact Natasha Blackstein, Contracting Officer, Procurement Hub, Ottawa Office at (613) 993-5741 or by email at natasha.blackstein@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

BIDDERS SHOULD NOTE THAT ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING, **NO LATER THAN August 22nd, 2014 @ 11:00 A.M. (OTTAWA TIME)** TO THE CONTRACT AUTHORITY. THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE UNABLE TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THAT DATE.

The Department will not necessarily accept the lowest or any proposal submitted.

Yours Truly,

Natasha Blackstein
Contracting Officer,
Procurement Hub, Ottawa Office

Attach.

APPENDICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL –

Heavy Lift Transport of Two Mid-Shore Patrol Vessels to the Pacific Coast

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ANNEX 1

RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR:

Heavy Lift Transport of Two-Mid Shore Patrol Vessels to the Pacific Coast

1. CONTRACT PERIOD

The Contractor hereby offers to perform the work commencing in late fall, 2014 and is to be completed approximately one and a half months later.

2. SECURITY CLEARANCE: There is no security requirement for this contract.

3. REPLACEMENT PERSONNEL

3.1 The Contractor shall provide the services of the persons named in the proposal which is referenced in the Statement of Work and any additional persons necessary to perform the work and provide the services required under this contract, unless the Contractor is unable to do so for reasons beyond the Contractor's control.

3.2 Should the Contractor, at any time, be unable to provide their services, the Contractor shall be responsible for providing replacements who shall be of similar ability and attainment and who shall be acceptable to the Departmental Representative. In such case the Contractor shall notify the Departmental Representative in writing and provide:

3.2.1 The reason for the removal of the named person from the project;

3.2.2 The name of the proposed replacement;

3.2.3 An outline of the qualifications and experience of the proposed replacement;

3.2.4 An accepted security clearance certificate, if applicable.

3.3 The notice shall be sent at least seven (7) days in advance of the date upon which the replacement is to commence work. Any change in the terms and conditions of this contract which result from a replacement of personnel shall be effected by a contract

amendment.

- 3.4 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor is required to perform the work and provide the services in accordance with the terms of this contract.

4. CRIMINAL CODE OF CANADA

- 4.1 The contractor certifies that the company has never been convicted of an offence under the following sections of the Criminal Code of Canada:

Section 121, Frauds on the government;
Section 124, Selling or purchasing office; or
Section 418, Selling defective stores to Her Majesty.

- 4.2 It is a term of this contract that the contractor and any of the contractor's employees assigned to the performance of the contract are in compliance with Section 748 of the Criminal Code of Canada which prohibits anyone who has been convicted of an offence under:

Section 121, Frauds on the government;
Section 124, Selling or purchasing office; or
Section 418, Selling defective stores to Her Majesty, from holding public office, contracting with the government or receiving a benefit from a government contract, unless the Governor in Council has restored (in whole or in part) these capacities to the individual or the individual has received a pardon.

5. INSPECTION/ACCEPTANCE

- 5.1 All the work performed under this contract shall be subject to inspection by the Departmental Representative, prior to acceptance. Should the work or any portion of the work not be in accordance with the requirements of the contract, the Departmental Representative shall have the right to reject it or require its correction.

6. AUTHORITIES

(a) Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Name:	Natasha Blackstein
Title:	Contracting Officer
Organization:	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Address:	200 Kent Street, Station 9W067

Telephone: (613) 993-5741
Facsimile: (613) 991-1297
E-mail address: Natasha.Blackstein@dfo-mpo.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.

(b) Technical Authority (To be provided at time of Contract award)

The Technical Authority for the Contract is:

Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Facsimile: _____
E-mail address: _____

The Technical Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the Technical Authority; however, the Technical Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of the Work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

(c) Contractor's Representative (To be completed by the contractor at the time of bid closing)

The Contractor's Representative for the Contract is:

Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Facsimile: _____
E-mail address: _____

7. CONDUCT OF THE WORK

7.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that:

- (a) it is competent to perform the Work;
- (b) it has everything necessary to perform the Work, including the resources, facilities, labour, technology, equipment, and materials; and
- (c) it has the necessary qualifications, including knowledge skill, know-how and experience, and the ability to use them effectively to perform the Work.

7.2 The Contractor must:

- (a) Perform the Work diligently and efficiently;
- (b) Except for Government Property, supply everything necessary to perform the Work;
- (c) use, as a minimum, quality assurance procedures, inspections and controls generally used and recognized by the industry to ensure the degree of quality required by the Contract;
- (d) Select and employ a sufficient number of qualified people;
- (e) Perform the Work in accordance with standards of quality acceptable to Canada and in full conformity with the Specifications and all the requirements of the Contract;
- (f) Provide effective and efficient supervision to ensure that the quality of workmanship meets the requirements of the Contract.

7.3 The Work must not be performed by any person who, in the opinion of Canada, is incompetent, unsuitable or has been conducting himself/herself improperly.

7.4 All services rendered under the Contract must, at the time of acceptance, be free from defects in workmanship and conform to the requirements of the Contract. If the Contractor must correct or replace the Work or any part of the Work, it will be at no cost to Canada.

7.5 Canada's facilities, equipment and personnel are not available to the Contractor to perform the Work unless the Contract specifically provides for it. The Contractor is responsible for advising the Contracting Authority in advance if it requires access to Canada's facilities, equipment or personnel to perform the Work. The Contractor must comply and ensure that its employees and subcontractors comply with all security measures, standing orders, policies or other rules in force at the site where the Work is performed.

- 7.6 Unless the Contracting Authority orders the Contractor to suspend the Work or part of the Work pursuant to section 37, the Contractor must not stop or suspend the Work or part of the Work pending the settlement of any dispute between the Parties about the Contract.
- 7.7 The Contractor must provide all reports that are required by the Contract and any other information that Canada may reasonably require from time to time.
- 7.8 The Contractor is fully responsible for performing the Work. Canada will not be responsible for any negative consequences or extra costs if the Contractor follows any advice given by Canada, unless the Contracting Authority provides the advice to the Contractor in writing and includes a statement specifically relieving the Contractor of any responsibility for negative consequences or extra costs that might result from following the advice.

8. SUSPENSION OF THE WORK

- 8.1 The Contracting Authority may at any time, by written notice, order the Contractor to suspend or stop the Work or part of the Work under the Contract for a period of up to one hundred eighty (180) days. The Contractor must immediately comply with any such order in a way that minimizes the cost of doing so. While such an order is in effect, the Contractor must not remove any part of the Work from any premises without first obtaining the written consent of the Contracting Authority. Within these one hundred eighty (180) days, the Contracting Authority must either cancel the order or terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, under section 38 or section 39.
- 8.2 When an order is made under subsection 1, unless the Contracting Authority terminates the Contract by reason of default by the Contractor or the Contractor abandons the Contract, the Contractor will be entitled to be paid its additional costs incurred as a result of the suspension plus a fair and reasonable profit.
- 8.3 When an order made under subsection 1 is cancelled, the Contractor must resume work in accordance with the Contract as soon as practicable. If the suspension has affected the Contractor's ability to meet any delivery date under the Contract, the date for performing the part of the Work affected by the suspension will be extended for a period equal to the period of suspension plus a period, if any, that in the opinion of the Contracting Authority, following consultation with the Contractor, is necessary for the Contractor to resume the Work. Any equitable adjustments will be made as necessary to any affected conditions of the Contract.

9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 9.1** In the event of a disagreement regarding any aspect of the Services or any instructions given under the Agreement:
- a) The Consultant may give a notice of disagreement to the Departmental Representative. Such notice shall be promptly given and contain the particulars of the disagreement, any changes in time or amounts claimed, and reference to the relevant clauses of the Agreement;
 - b) The Consultant shall continue to perform the Services in accordance with the instructions of the Departmental Representative; and
 - c) The Consultant and the Departmental Representative shall attempt to resolve the disagreement by negotiations conducted in good faith. The negotiations shall be conducted, first, at the level of the Consultant's project representative and the Departmental Representative and, secondly and if necessary, at the level of a principal of the Consultant firm and a senior departmental manager.
- 9.2** The Consultant's continued performance of the Services in accordance with the instructions of the Departmental Representative shall not jeopardize the legal position of the Consultant in any disagreement.
- 9.3** If it was subsequently agreed or determined that the instructions given were in error or contrary to the Agreement, Canada shall pay the Consultant those fees the Consultant shall have earned as a result of the change(s) in the Services provided, together with those reasonable disbursements arising from the change(s) and which have been authorized by the Departmental Representative.
- 9.4** The fees mentioned in subsection 3 shall be calculated in accordance with the Terms of Payment set out in the Agreement.
- 9.5** If the disagreement is not settled, the Consultant may make a request to the Departmental Representative for a written departmental decision and the Departmental Representative shall give notice of the departmental decision within fourteen (14) days of receiving the request, setting out the particulars of the response and any relevant clauses of the Agreement.
- 9.6** Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the written departmental decision, the Consultant shall notify the Departmental Representative if the Consultant accepts or rejects the decision.
- 9.7** If the Consultant rejects the departmental decision, the Consultant, by notice may refer the disagreement to Mediation.

- 9.8** If the disagreement is referred to Mediation, the Mediation shall be conducted with the assistance of a skilled and experienced mediator chosen by the Consultant from a list of mediators proposed by the Minister, and departmental Mediation procedures shall be used unless the parties agree otherwise.
- 9.9** Negotiations conducted under the Agreement, including those conducted during Mediation, shall be without prejudice.

10. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 10.1** The Contractor must keep confidential all information provided to the Contractor by or on behalf of Canada in connection with the Work and all information conceived, developed or produced by the Contractor as part of the Work. Information provided to the Contractor by or on behalf of Canada must be used solely for the purpose of the Contract and remains the property of Canada.
- 10.2** Subject to the Access to Information Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. A-1, and to any right of Canada under the Contract to release or disclose, Canada agrees not to release or disclose outside the Government of Canada any information delivered to Canada under the Contract that is proprietary to the Contractor or a subcontractor.
- 10.3** The obligations of the Parties set out in this section do not apply to any information where the same information:
- (a) is publicly available from a source other than the other Party; or
 - (b) is or becomes known to a Party from a source other than the other Party, except any source that is known to be under an obligation to the other Party not to disclose the information, or
 - (c) is developed by a Party without use of the information of the other Party.

11. APPROPRIATE LAW

The resulting contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws in the Province of Ontario.

12. NO EXPRESS COLLABORATION

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The Contractor warrants that there has been no express or implied collaboration, action in concert, arrangement, agreement or exchange of preferred information, which would in any way defeat the objectives of the tendering process between the Contractor, its officers, employees or agents and any other person, in respect of the proposal hereby submitted or the preparation of such proposal and the calculations and considerations on which such proposal was prepared and submitted, and the Contractor hereby agrees that, for the purposes of this Article alone, the Contractor shall stand in a fiduciary relationship to Her Majesty.

APPENDIX "A"

**GENERAL CONDITIONS
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

1. IN THE CONTRACT,

- 1.1** "Award Date" means the date of the award of the Contract by the Department to the Contractor.
- 1.2** "Contract" means the written agreement between the parties which incorporates these general conditions and every other document specified or referred to in the Contract, as such may be amended by the parties from time to time.
- 1.3** "Contractor" means the vendor and any other party to the Contract other than Her Majesty.
- 1.4** "General Conditions" means this document as amended from time to time.
- 1.5** "Intellectual Property" means any intellectual property right recognized by the law, including any intellectual property through legislation (such as that governing patents, copyright, industrial design, integrated circuit topography, or plant breeders' rights) or arising from protection of information as a trade secret or as confidential information.
- 1.6** "Invention" means any new and useful art, process, machine, manufacture or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof.
- 1.7** "Minister" means the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and any other person authorized to act on his or her behalf.
- 1.8** "Per Diem" means a period of 7.5 hours of actual work per day. Where actual hours worked are less than 7.5 hours per day, the amount to be paid will be pro rated accordingly.
- 1.9** "Person" includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any individual, partnership, firm, company, corporation, joint venture, syndicate, organization or any other form of entity howsoever designated or constituted, or any group, combination or aggregation of any of them.
- 1.10** "Prototypes" includes models, patterns and samples.

- 1.11** “Technical Documentation” includes designs, reports, photographs, drawings, plans, specifications, computer software, surveys, calculations and other data, information and material collected, computed, drawn or produced, including computer printouts.
- 1.12** “Work”, unless otherwise expressed in the Contract, means everything that is necessary to be done, furnished or delivered by the Contractor to perform the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract.
- 1.13** The headings introducing sections are inserted for convenience of reference only and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of such sections.
- 1.14** A cross reference to a section number is a reference to all its sub-sections.
- 1.15** Words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular.
- 1.16** Words imparting a gender include any other gender.

2. PRIORITY OF DOCUMENTS

- 2.1** In the event of discrepancies or conflicts between these General Conditions and anything in the other documents that together form the Contract, these General Conditions govern except that if there is a conflict between these General Conditions and the Articles of Agreement, the Offer of Services, or such similar document, then the Articles of Agreement, the Offer of Services, or such similar document, whichever may be the case, shall govern.

3. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

- 3.1** The Contract shall ensure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their lawful heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.

4. ASSIGNMENT, NOVATION AND SUBCONTRACTING

- 4.1** The Contract shall not be assigned without the prior written consent of the Minister. Any assignment made without that consent is void and of no effect.
- 4.2** No assignment shall relieve the Contractor of any obligation under the Contract or impose any liability upon Her Majesty or the Minister.
- 4.3** Any assignment by the Minister of Her Majesty’s interest in the Contract shall include

the novation of the Minister's assignee as a party to the Contract. The Contractor shall be obliged to accept the novation. The parties shall promptly execute and deliver all documents as are reasonably required to give effect to any novation.

- 4.4** Neither the whole nor any part of the Work may be subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the Minister. Every subcontract shall incorporate such terms and conditions of the Contract as may be reasonably applied thereto.

5. TIME OF THE ESSENCE

- 5.1** Time is of the essence of the Contract and every part thereof, except as may be otherwise provided.

6. FORCE MAJEURE

- 6.1** A delay in the performance by the Contractor of any obligation under the Contract which is caused solely by an event that:
- 6.1.1** was beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor;
 - 6.1.2** could not have reasonably been foreseen;
 - 6.1.3** could not have reasonably been prevented by means reasonably available to the Contractor; and
 - 6.1.4** occurred without the fault or neglect of the Contractor, may, subject to subsections 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 constitute an "excusable delay" provided that the Contractor invokes this subsection by giving notice pursuant to subsection 6.4.
- 6.2** If any delay in the Contractor's performance of any obligation under the Contract is caused by delay of a subcontractor, such a delay may constitute an "excusable delay" by the Contractor, only if the delay of the subcontractor meets the criteria for an "excusable delay" by the Contractor pursuant to this section and only to the extent that the Contractor has not contributed to the delay.
- 6.3** Notwithstanding subsection 6.1 any delay caused by the Contractor's lack of financial resources or an event that is a ground for termination pursuant to section 9 or any delay by the Contractor in fulfilling an obligation to deliver a bond, guarantee, letter of credit or other security relating to performance or payment of money shall not qualify as an "excusable delay."
- 6.4** The Contractor shall not benefit from an "excusable delay" unless the Contractor has:
- 6.4.1** used its best efforts to minimize the delay and recover lost time;

- 6.4.2** advised the Minister of the occurrence of the delay, or of the likelihood of a delay occurring, as soon as the Contractor has knowledge of the occurrence of or likelihood of the delay;
 - 6.4.3** within fifteen (15) working days of the beginning of the delay or of the likelihood of a delay coming to the attention of the Contractor, advised the Minister of the full facts or matters giving rise to the delay and provided to the Minister for approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, a clear work-around-plan that details the steps the Contractor proposes to take in order to minimize the impact of the event causing the delay or the likely delay. The work-around-plan shall include alternative sources of materials and labour, if the event causing the delay or likely delay involves the supply of them; and
 - 6.4.4** carried out the work-around-plan approved by the Minister.
- 6.5** In the event of an “excusable delay”, any delivery date or other date that is directly affected shall be postponed for a reasonable time not to exceed the duration of the “excusable delay.” The parties shall amend the Contract, as appropriate, to reflect any such change in the dates.
- 6.6** Notwithstanding subsection 6.7, if an “excusable delay” has continued for fifteen (15) working days or more, the Minister may, in his sole discretion, terminate the Contract. In that event, the parties agree that neither of them will make any claim against the other for damages, costs, expected profits or any other loss arising out of the termination or the event that gave rise to the “excusable delay.” The Contractor agrees to immediately repay to Her Majesty, the portion of any advance payment that is unliquidated at the date of the termination. Subsections 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6 apply in the event of termination under this subsection.
- 6.7** Except to the extent that Her Majesty is responsible for the delay for reasons of failure to meet an obligation under the Contract, Her Majesty shall not be liable for any costs or charges of any nature incurred by the Contractor or any of its subcontractors or agents as a result of an “excusable delay.”

7. INDEMNIFICATION

- 7.1** The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless Her Majesty and the Minister from and against all claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, expenses, actions and other proceedings, by whomsoever made, sustained, brought, prosecuted, or threatened to be brought or prosecuted, in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributable to:

7.1.1 any injury to or death of a person or damage to or loss of property arising from any wilful or negligent act, omission or delay on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor's employees or agents in performing the Work or as a result of the Work;

7.1.2 any lien, attachment, charge, encumbrance or similar claim upon any property vested in Her Majesty under the Contract; and

7.1.3 the use of the invention claimed in a patent, or infringement or alleged infringement of any patent or any registered industrial design or any copyright resulting from the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the contract, and in respect of the use of or disposal by Her Majesty of anything furnished pursuant to the contract.

7.2 The Contractor's liability to indemnify or reimburse Her Majesty under the Contract shall not affect or prejudice Her Majesty from exercising any of Her Majesty's other rights.

8. NOTICES

8.1 Any notice, request, direction or other communication required to be given under the Contract shall be in writing and is effective if delivered by registered mail, facsimile or other electronic means that provides a paper record of the text of the notice and confirmation of its receipt by the person at the address stipulated in the Contract. Any notice, request, direction or other communication shall be deemed to have been given if by registered mail, on the date upon which the postal receipt is signed by the recipient; if by facsimile or other electronic means, on the date on which it was successfully transmitted, and if in person, on the date of delivery.

9. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

9.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Contract, the Minister may, at any time prior to the completion of the Work, by giving notice to the Contractor (termination notice), terminate the Contract as regards all or any part of the Work not completed. Upon a termination notice being given, the Contractor shall cease work in accordance with and to the extent specified in the notice, but shall proceed to complete such part or parts of the Work as are not affected by the termination notice. The Minister may, at any time or from time to time, give one or more additional termination notices with respect to any or all parts of the Work not terminated by any previous termination notice.

9.2 In the event of a termination notice being given pursuant to subsection 9.1, the Contractor shall be entitled to be paid, to the extent that costs have been reasonably and

properly incurred for purposes of performing the Contract and to the extent that the Contractor has not already been so paid or reimbursed by Canada:

- 9.2.1** on the basis of the Contract Price, for all completed work that is inspected and accepted in accordance with the Contract, whether completed before, or after and in compliance with the instructions contained in the termination notice;
 - 9.2.2** the Cost to the Contractor plus a fair and reasonable profit thereon, for all work terminated by the termination notice before completion, the Cost to the Contractor being determined in accordance with the terms of the Contract; and
 - 9.2.3** all costs of and incidental to the termination of the Work or part thereof, but not including the cost of severance payments or damages to employees whose services are no longer required by reason of the termination except wages that the Contractor is obligated by statute to pay them and except for reasonable severance payments or damages paid to employees hired to perform the Contract whose hiring was expressly required by the Contract or approved in writing by the Minister for the purpose of the Contract.
- 9.3** The Minister may reduce the payment in respect of any of the Work to the extent that, upon inspection, it is deficient in meeting the requirements of the Contract.
- 9.4** Notwithstanding anything in subsection 9.2, the total of the amounts to which the Contractor is entitled under paragraphs 9.2.1 and 9.2.2, together with any amounts paid or due or becoming due to the Contractor under other provisions of the Contract, shall not exceed the Contract Price or the portion thereof that is applicable to the part of the Work that is terminated.
- 9.5** In the procuring of materials and parts required for the performance of the Contract and in the subcontracting of any of the Work, the Contractor shall, unless otherwise authorized by the Minister, place purchase orders and subcontracts on terms that will enable the Contractor to terminate the same upon terms and conditions similar in effect to those provided in this section, and generally, the Contractor shall co-operate with the Minister and do everything reasonably within its power at all times to minimize the amount of Canada's obligations in the event of a termination under this section.
- 8.6** The Contractor shall have no claim for damages, compensation, loss of profit, allowance or otherwise by reason of, or directly or indirectly arising out of, any action taken or termination notice given by the Minister under this section, except to the extent that this section expressly provides.

10. TERMINATION DUE TO DEFAULT OF CONTRACTOR

10.1 The Minister may, by notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of the Work if:

10.1.1 the Contractor becomes bankrupt, or insolvent or a receiving order is made against the Contractor, or an assignment is made for the benefit of creditors, or an order is made or resolution passed for the winding up of the Contractor, or if the Contractor takes the benefit of any statute for the time being in force relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors; or

10.1.2 the Contractor fails to perform any of its obligations under the Contract, or in the Minister's view, so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of the Contract in accordance with its terms.

10.2 If the Minister terminates the Work in whole or in part under this section, the Minister may arrange, upon such terms and conditions and in such manner as the Minister deems appropriate, for the Work to be completed that was so terminated, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Minister for any excess costs including additional costs relating to the completion of the Work.

10.3 Upon termination of the Work under subsection 10.1 the Minister may require the Contractor to deliver and transfer title to the Minister, in the manner and to the extent directed by the Minister, in any finished Work which has not been delivered and accepted prior to such termination and in any materials or work-in-process which the Contractor has specifically acquired or produced for the fulfilment of the Contract. The Minister shall pay the Contractor for all such finished Work delivered pursuant to such direction and accepted by the Minister, the cost to the Contractor of such finished Work plus the proportionate part of any fee fixed by the Contract and shall pay or reimburse the Contractor the fair and reasonable cost to the Contractor of all materials or work-in-process delivered to the Minister pursuant to such direction. The Minister may withhold from the amounts due to the Contractor such sums as the Minister determines to be necessary to protect the Minister against excess costs for the completion of the Work.

10.4 The Contractor shall not be entitled to be reimbursed any amount which, taken together with any amounts paid or becoming due to the Contractor under the Contract, exceeds the Contract price applicable to the Work or the particular part thereof.

10.5 If after the Minister issues a notice of termination under 10.1, it is determined by the Minister that the default of the Contractor is due to causes beyond the control of the Contractor, such notice of termination shall be deemed to have been issued pursuant to

9.1 and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be govern by section 9.

11. RECORDS TO BE KEPT BY CONTRACTOR

- 11.1** The Contractor shall keep accounts, invoices, receipts, vouchers, records and all other documents of the cost of the Work and of all expenditures or commitments in a manner and to the extent sufficient for audit purposes to the satisfaction of the Minister. Such accounts, invoices, receipts, vouchers and all other documents shall be open to audit and inspection by the Minister who may make copies and take extracts there from.
- 11.2** The Contractor shall provide facilities for audit and inspection purposes and shall provide the Minister with such information as requested by the Minister for those purposes.
- 11.3** The Contractor shall not dispose of any such accounts, invoices, receipts, vouchers, records or other documents without the prior written consent of the Minister and shall preserve and keep them available for audit and inspection by the Minister to his satisfaction, for a six (6) year period plus current year, following completion, termination or suspension of the Work.
- 11.4** The awarding of this contract does not include the authority to safeguard sensitive information on the Contractor's premises. Such information shall be retained upon the premises of the Department's facility unless otherwise authorized to be removed.

12. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND POST-EMPLOYMENT CODE

- 12.1** It is a term of this contract that no individual, for whom the post-employment provisions of the Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code for Public Office Holders (1994) or the Values and Ethics Codes for the Public Services (2003) apply, shall derive a direct benefit from this contract unless that individual is in compliance with the applicable post-employment provisions.
- 12.2** It is a term of this contract that during the term of the contract any persons engaged in carrying out this contract shall conduct themselves in compliance with the principles in the Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code for Public Office Holders (1994) which are the same as those in the Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code for the Public Service (1985), with the addition that decisions shall be made in the public interest and with regard to the merits of each case. Should an interest be acquired during the life of the contract that would cause a conflict of interest or seem to cause a departure from the principles, the Contractor shall declare it immediately to the Minister.

- 12.3** It is a term of this contract that any persons engaged in the course of this contract and subsequent to it shall conduct themselves in manner such that there is not and will not be any conflict arising from competing or opposing interests of other clients of the Contractor. Should an interest be acquired during the life of the contract that would cause a conflict of interest, the Contractor shall declare it immediately to the Minister.

13. CONTRACTOR STATUS

- 13.1** This is a Contract for services and the Contractor is an independent contractor for the sole purpose of providing services under the Contract. Neither the Contractor nor any of its personnel, including but not limited to its officers, agents, employees or sub-contractors is engaged under the Contract as an employee, servant or agent of Her Majesty and entry into the Contract does not result in the appointment or employment of the Contractor or its personnel as an officer, agent or employee of Her Majesty.
- 13.2** The Contractor shall be entitled only to those benefits and payments specified in the Contract.
- 13.3** The Contractor shall comply with all federal, provincial and municipal legislation applicable to the Work.
- 13.4** The Contractor shall be wholly responsible for any payments and/or deductions and the submission of any applications, reports, payments or contributions required by law to be made or deducted by the Contractor, including but not limited to those under the Canada or Quebec Pension Plans, Employment Insurance, Workman's Compensation, Income Tax, Goods and Services Tax, and the Harmonized Sales Tax. The Minister shall not be charged for any costs of the Contractor for the Contractor's doing anything required under this section; such costs having been taken into consideration and included in the Contractor's rates of payment specified in the Contract.

14. WARRANTY BY CONTRACTOR

- 14.1** The Contractor warrants that it is competent to perform the Work and has the required qualifications knowledge, skill and ability to perform the Work.
- 14.2** The Contractor warrants that it shall provide a quality of service at least equal to generally accepted industry standards for a competent contractor in a like situation.

15. MEMBER OF HOUSE OF COMMONS

15.1 No member of the House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part of the Contract or to any benefit to arise there from.

16. AMENDMENTS AND WAIVER

16.1 No amendment to the Contract or waiver of any of the terms shall be valid unless effected in writing and signed by all of the parties.

16.2 No increase in the total liability of the Minister or in the price of the Work resulting from any change, modification or interpretation of the Contract shall be authorized or paid to the Contractor unless such change, modification or interpretation has received the prior written approval of the Minister.

17. HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE

17.1 The Contractor acknowledges the responsibility of the Minister to ensure, for its employees, a healthy work environment, free of harassment. A copy of the Treasury Board policy named "Policy on the Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Workplace" is available at the following address: http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pubs_pol/hrpubs/hw-hmt/hara_e.asp.

17.2 The Contractor shall not, either as an individual, or as a corporate or unincorporated entity, through its employees or sub-contractors, harass, abuse, threaten, abuse their authority towards, discriminate against or intimidate any employee, contractor or other individual employed by, or under contract with, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans or appointed by the Minister.

17.3 The Contractor accepts, by signing this contract, that every person described in section 17.2 has a right to be treated with respect and dignity and a responsibility to treat others the same way.

17.4 The Contractor shall comply with all requests by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to participate in an internal complaint process, including dispute resolution. If one is initiated to resolve any complaints, informal or formal, arising out of matters described in section 17.2.

17.5 The Contractor shall be advised in writing of any complaint referred to in section 17.2 and shall have a right to respond in writing.

- 17.6** Once a complaint is made against a Contractor, the Project Authority shall provide information to the Contractor on the process to be followed by the Department.
- 17.7** If the complaint is found to be well founded against a Contractor as described in section 17.2, this is sufficient to be a default for purposes of termination of the contract in section 9.
- 17.8** If dispute resolution or an investigation is undertaken, the Department may decide to suspend the operation of the contract and reimburse the Contractor, in accordance with section 9.
- 17.9** The Contractor's obligation, as described in section 17.2 is deemed to be part of the performance of the Contractor in carrying out the Statement of Work described in the contract.
- 17.10** The Contractor shall comply with all laws applicable to the performance of the Work, or any part thereof, as described in section 17.2.

18. PAYMENT BY THE MINISTER

18.1 Applicable when the Terms of Payment specify PROGRESS Payments.

18.1.1 Payment by the Minister to the Contractor for the Work shall be made:

- i) in the case of a progress payment other than the final payment, within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of receipt of a duly completed progress claim, or
- ii) in the case of a final payment, within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of receipt of a duly completed final progress claim, or within thirty (30) calendar days following the date on which the Work is completed, whichever is later.

18.1.2 The Minister shall notify the Contractor of any objections to the form of the progress claim within fifteen (15) calendar days of its receipt. "Form of the claim" means a claim that contains or is accompanied by such substantiating documentation as requested by the Minister. Failure by the Minister to notify the Contractor of the objection within the fifteen calendar (15) days period will only result in the date specified in subsection 18.1.1 to apply for the sole purpose of calculating interest on overdue accounts.

18.2 Applicable when the Terms of Payment specify payment on COMPLETION.

18.2.1 Payment by the Minister to the Contractor for the Work shall be made within:

- i) thirty (30) calendar days following the date on which all of the Work has been completed and delivered in accordance with the Contract, or
- ii) thirty (30) calendar days following the date on which an invoice and substantiating documentation are received by the Minister in accordance with the Contract, whichever is later.

18.2.2 The Minister shall notify the Contractor of any objections to the form of the invoice within fifteen (15) calendar days of its receipt. "Form of the invoice" means an invoice, which contains or is accompanied by such substantiating documentation as requested by the Minister. Failure by the Minister to notify the Contractor within the fifteen (15) calendar day period will only result in the date specified in subsection 18.2.1 to apply for the sole purpose of calculating interest on overdue accounts.

19. PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

19.1 For the purposes of this Section:

"Average Rate" means the single arithmetic mean of the Bank Rates in effect at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) each day during the calendar month that immediately precedes the calendar month in which payment is made;

"Bank Rate" means the rate of interest established from time to time by the Bank of Canada as the minimum rate at which the Bank of Canada makes short term advances to members of the Canadian Payments Association;

"Date of Payment" means the date of the negotiable instrument drawn by the Receiver General of Canada and given for payment of an amount due and payable;

"Due and payable" means an amount due and payable in accordance with the Contract; and

"Overdue" means an amount that is unpaid on the first day following the day upon which it is due and payable.

19.2 The Minister shall be liable to pay the Contractor simple interest at the average rate plus 3 per cent per annum on any amount that is overdue from the date that such amount

becomes overdue until the day prior to the date of payment, inclusive. Interest on an overdue amount will not be payable or paid if the payment is overdue less than fifteen (15) calendar days unless the Contractor requests payment of interest.

19.3 The Minister shall not be liable to pay interest if the Minister is not responsible for the delay in payment.

19.4 The Minister shall not be liable to pay interest on overdue advance payments.

20. SCHEDULE AND LOCATION OF WORK

20.1 If the Work is performed in the offices of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), the Contractor will, for better co-ordination with DFO operational needs, follow the same time schedule as employees of DFO.

20.2 If the Work is performed at locations other than DFO's offices, the time schedule and location of Work shall be in accordance with the Contract.

21. MINISTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

21.1 The Minister will provide support, guidance, direction, instruction, acceptances, decisions and information as required under the Contract.

22. CERTIFICATION - CONTINGENCY FEES

22.1 The Contractor certifies that it has not directly or indirectly paid, and covenants that it will not, directly or indirectly pay, a contingency fee for the solicitation, negotiation or obtaining of the Contract to any person other than a person acting in the normal course of the person's duties for which a contingency fee is paid.

22.2 All accounts and records pertaining to payments of such contingency fees shall be subject to this section.

22.3 If the Contractor's certification under this section is false or otherwise erroneous, or if the Contractor does not comply with its covenants under this section, the Minister may, at his sole option, either terminate the Contract for default in accordance with section 9 or recover the full amount of the contingency fee from the Contractor by way of reduction to the Contract price or otherwise or by set off against any monies owing by Her Majesty to the Contractor under the Contract.

22.4 In this section:

22.4.1 “contingency fee” means any payment or other compensation that is contingent upon or is calculated upon the basis of a degree of success in soliciting or obtaining a federal government contract or negotiating the whole or any part of its terms;

22.4.2 “person” includes, but is not limited to an employee, agent or assign of the Contractor, an individual or group of individuals, a corporation, a partnership, an organization or an association and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes any individual who is required to file a return with the registrar pursuant to section 5 of the Lobbying Act R.S. 1985 c. 44 (4th Supplement) or as may be amended.

23. PRICE CERTIFICATION

23.1 The Contractor certifies that the price/rate shown in the Contract has been computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to all like products/services sold by the Contractor, that such price/rate is not in excess of the lowest price/rate charged anyone else including their most favoured customer for like quality and quantity of the service, and does not include any provision for discounts or commissions to selling agents.

24. LUMP SUM PAYMENT – WORK FORCE REDUCTION PROGRAMS

24.1 It is a term of the Contract that:

24.1.1 the Contractor has declared to the Minister any lump sum payment he received pursuant to any work force reduction program, including but not limited to the Executive Employment Transition Policy, which have been implemented to reduce the public service;

24.1.2 the Contractor has informed the Minister of the terms and conditions of such work force reduction program pursuant to which the Contractor was made a lump sum payment and the rate of pay on which the lump sum payment was based.

25. INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS

25.1 Persons and companies in Canada are bound by economic sanctions imposed by Canada by regulations passed pursuant to the United Nations Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. U-2, the Special Economic Measures Act, S.C. 1992, c. 17, or the Export and Import Permits Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. E-19. As a result, the Government of Canada cannot

accept delivery of goods or services that originate, either directly or indirectly, from the countries subject to economic sanctions. At the time of contract award, the following regulations implement economic sanctions can be found at: <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/trade/sanctions-en.asp>.

25.2 It is a condition of the Contract that the Contractor shall not supply any goods or services to the Government of Canada that are subject to economic sanctions as described in subsection 26.1.

25.3 If, during the performance of the Contract, the addition of a country to the list of sanctioned countries or the addition of a good or service to the list of sanctioned goods or services cause an impossibility of performance of the Contract by the Contractor, the situation will be treated by the parties as an excusable delay. The Contractor shall forthwith inform the Minister of the situation and the procedures applicable to section 6 shall then apply.

26. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

26.1 Services and communications provided by the Contractor in performance of the Work shall be provided in both Official Languages as required by Part IV of the Official Languages Act as amended from time to time.

27. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

27.1 This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties respecting the subject matter of the Contract and supersedes all previous negotiations, communications and other agreements relating to it unless they are expressly incorporated by reference into the Contract.

28. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

28.1 Whenever practical and economically feasible, submissions, contract reports or written communication will be made on recycled, double-sided paper or on disk where appropriate.

28.2 Preference will be given to goods and services considered to be environmentally superior within the bounds of established technology and economic capability. Selection of goods and services will be based on their efficient use of energy and natural resources, potential to re-use or recycle, and safe means of disposal.

28.3 Every effort should be made to purchase products that bear other environmental certification, or use their best judgment to obtain products with the least harmful

impact on the environment.

- 28.4 Contractors performing work under this contract must comply fully with the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, the Fisheries Act and regulations such as the Arctic Wavers Pollution Prevention Regulations and with all Department of Fisheries and Ocean's Standing Orders, Policies and Procedures relating to environmental protection.
- 28.5 Contractors will be fully aware of their obligations as defined under the Act "Canadian Environment Protection Act, 1999" which requires that "A person must take practicable and reasonable steps to prevent or minimize environmental harm or environmental nuisance caused, or likely to be caused, by their activities".
- 28.6 Anything done or omitted to be done by the Contractor or its employees which compromises the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in relation to environmental legislation may result in immediate termination of the Contract. Any fines, costs or expenses imposed on the Minister as a result of breaches of the "Canadian Environment Protection Act, 1999" caused by the Contractor or his employees will be fully recovered from the Contractor.

29. HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 29.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for the health and safety of all persons involved in the performance of the Work and shall comply with all federal, provincial and municipal legislation, policies and procedures respecting health and safety, whichever may be the more stringent, applicable to the performance of the Work.

30. CONFIDENTIALITY - SECURITY AND PROTECTION OF THE WORK

- 30.1 The Contractor shall keep confidential all information provided to the Contractor by or on behalf of Canada in connection with the Work, including any information that is confidential or proprietary to third parties, and all information conceived, developed or produced by the Contractor as part of the Work where the Intellectual Property in such information (except a license) vests in Canada under the Contract. The Contractor shall not disclose any such information to any person without the written permission of the Minister, except that the Contractor may disclose to a subcontractor authorized in accordance with section 4 information necessary for the performance of the subcontract, on the condition that the subcontractor agrees that it will be used solely for the purposes of such subcontract. Information provided to the Contractor by or on behalf of Canada shall be used solely for the purpose of the Contract and shall remain the property of Canada or the third party, as the case may be. Unless the Contract otherwise expressly provides, the Contractor shall deliver to

Canada all such information, together with every copy, draft, working paper and note thereof that contains such information, upon completion or termination of the Contract or at such earlier time as the Minister may require.

- 30.2 Subject to the Access to Information Act, and to any right of Canada under this Contract to release or disclose, Canada shall not release or disclose outside the Government of Canada any information delivered to Canada under the Contract that is proprietary to the Contractor or a Subcontractor.
- 30.3 The obligations of the Parties set out in this section do not apply to any information where the same information: (a) is publicly available from a source other than the other Party; or (b) is or becomes known to a Party from a source other than the other Party, except any source that is known to be under an obligation to the other Party not to disclose the information, or (c) is developed by a Party without use of the information of the other Party.
- 30.4 Wherever practical, the Contractor shall mark or identify any proprietary information delivered to Canada under the Contract as "Property of (Contractor's name), permitted Government uses defined under Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Contract No. **FP802-140006** and Canada shall not be liable for any unauthorized use or disclosure of information that could have been so marked or identified and was not.
- 30.5 When the Contract, the Work, or any information referred to in subsection 30.1 is identified as TOP SECRET, SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL, or PROTECTED by Canada, the Contractor shall at all times take all measures reasonably necessary for the safeguarding of the material so identified, including those set out in any PWGSC policy respecting security and any other instructions issued by the Minister.
- 30.6 Without limiting the generality of subsections 30.1 and 30.2, when the Contract, the Work, or any information referred to in subsection 1 is identified as TOP SECRET, SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL, or PROTECTED by Canada, the Minister shall be entitled to inspect the Contractor's premises and the premises of a subcontractor at any tier for security purposes at any time during the term of the Contract, and the Contractor shall comply with, and ensure that any such subcontractor complies with, all written instructions issued by the Minister dealing with the material so identified, including any requirement that employees of the Contractor or of any such subcontractor execute and deliver declarations relating to reliability screenings, security clearances and other procedures.

30.7 Any proposed change in the security requirements after the effective date of the Contract that would involve a significant increase in cost to the Contractor shall require an amendment to the Contract under the provisions of section 16.

31. THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PROCUREMENT

31.1 The Contractor confirms that it has read the Code of Conduct for Procurement and agrees to be bound by its terms.

31.2 For further information, the Contractor may refer to the following PWGSC site:

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/cndt-cndct/contexte-context-eng.html>.

APPENDIX “B”

BASIS OF PAYMENT

1. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The Contractor will be paid in accordance with the Basis of Payment detailed in this Appendix “B” for Work performed pursuant to the Contract.

2. IRREVOCABLE OFFER

The Contractor submits the Total Estimated Tendered Price listed on the full understanding that this Total Estimated Tendered Prices represents an irrevocable offer by the Contractor. Furthermore, the Contractor hereby certifies that the tendered prices are based on the Contractor's most preferred rates.

3. DEFINITION OF A DAY/PRORATION

A day is defined as 7.5 hours exclusive of meal breaks. Payment will be for days actually worked with no provision for annual leave, statutory holidays and sick leave. Time worked which is more or less than a day will be prorated to reflect actual time worked in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Hours worked} \times \text{applicable firm per diem rate}}{7.5 \text{ hours}}$$

4. GST/HST

- i. All prices and amounts of money in the contract are exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), as applicable, unless otherwise indicated. The GST or HST, whichever is applicable, is extra to the price herein and will be paid by Canada.
- ii. The estimated GST or HST to the extent applicable will be incorporated into all invoices and progress claims and shown as a separate item on invoices and progress claims. All items that are zero-rated, exempt, or to which the GST or HST does not apply, are to be identified as such on all invoices. The Contractor agrees to remit to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) any amounts of GST and HST paid or due.

- 5.** The Crown will not accept any travel and living expenses incurred by the Contractor as a consequence of any relocation required to satisfy the terms of the Contract.

(e) Hold back at 10%, if applicable.

8.1.3 Each invoice is accompanied by supporting documents (original invoices, prepaid bills, time sheets etc.), as applicable; and

8.1.4 Each invoice and supporting documentation, if applicable, are properly and accurately completed.

8.2 Pursuant to paragraph 221 (1)(d) of the *Income Tax Act*, payments made by departments and agencies under applicable service contracts (including contracts involving a mix of goods and services) must be reported on a T1204 supplementary slip. To comply with this requirement, the Contractor is required to provide the following information on each invoice:

- (a) **The legal name of the Contractor**, *i.e.* the name associated with the Social Insurance Number (SIN) or Business Number (BN), as well as the address and the postal code;
- (b) The status of the Contractor, *i.e.* individual, unincorporated business, or corporation;
- (c) For individuals and unincorporated businesses, the Contractor's SIN and, if applicable, the BN;
- (d) For corporations, the BN. If there is no BN or GST/HST number, as per section B4.1.2(c), the T2 Corporation Tax number must be shown; and
- (e) The following certification signed by the Contractor or an authorized officer:

“I certify that I have examined the information contained in this invoice, including the legal name, address and Canada Revenue Agency identifier, and that it is correct and complete, and fully discloses the identification of this Contractor.”

8.3 Invoices submitted by the Contractor that do not comply with the requirements of sections B4.1 and B4.2 shall be returned to the Contractor for correction and re-submission.

8.4 Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of an invoice, the Departmental Representative shall notify the Contractor of any objection to the form of the invoice and the nature of the objection. Failure to act within fifteen (15) days will only result in the date specified in section B3.2 being used for the sole purpose of calculating interest on overdue accounts.

9. INTEREST ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

9.1 For the purposes of this clause:

- (a) **“average rate”** means the simple arithmetic mean of the bank rates in effect at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time each day during the calendar month which immediately precedes the calendar month in which payment is made, where the "bank rate" means the rate of interest established from time to time by the Bank of Canada as the minimum rate at which the Bank of Canada makes short term advances to members of the Canadian Payments Association;
- (b) **“Date of payment”** means the date of the negotiable instrument drawn by the Receiver General for Canada and given for payment of an amount due and payable;
- (c) an amount is **“due and payable”** when it is due and payable by Her Majesty to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the contract; and
- (d) an amount becomes **“overdue”** when it is unpaid on the first day following the day upon which it is due and payable.

9.2 Her Majesty shall be liable to pay to the Contractor simple interest at the average rate plus three (3) percent per annum on any amount that is overdue, from the date such amount becomes overdue until the day prior to the date of payment, inclusive. Interest shall be paid without notice from the Contractor except in respect of payment which is less than 15 days overdue. No interest will be payable or paid in respect of payment made within such 15 days unless the Contractor so requests after payment has become due.

9.3 Her Majesty shall not be liable to pay interest in accordance with this clause if Her Majesty is not responsible for the delay in paying the Contractor.

9.4 Her Majesty shall not be liable to pay interest on overdue advance payments.

10. **SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACTOR INFORMATION**

Pursuant to paragraph 221 (1)(d) of the Income Tax Act, payments made by departments and agencies under applicable services contracts (including contracts involving a mix of goods and services) must be reported on a T4-A supplementary slip.

To enable the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to comply with this requirement, the Contractor hereby agrees to provide the following information which it certifies to be correct, complete, and fully discloses the identification of this Contractor:

10.1 The legal name of the entity or individual, as applicable (the name associated with

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the Social Insurance Number (SIN) or Business Number (BN), as well as the address and the postal code:

10.2 The status of the contractor (individual, unincorporated business, corporation or partnership):

10.3 For individuals and unincorporated businesses, the contractor's SIN and, if applicable, the BN, or if applicable, the Goods and Services Tax (GST)/Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) number:

10.4 For corporations, the BN, or if this is not available, the GST/HST number. If there is no BN or GST/HST number, the T2 Corporation Tax number must be shown:

The following certification signed by the contractor or an authorized officer:

"I certify that I have examined the information provided above and that it is correct and complete"

Signature

Print Name of Signatory

APPENDIX “C”

STATEMENT OF WORK

1.0 Scope

1.1 Heavy Lift Transport of Two Mid-Shore Patrol Vessels to the Pacific Coast

1.2 Introduction

Canada requires the transport of two Mid-Shore Patrol Vessels (MSPVs), each being 42.8 metres long by 7 metres wide and each of 265.8 tonnes operating displacement, aboard a larger vessel with heavy-lift capability. This one-way transport voyage, carrying two Canadian Coast Guard vessels is expected to commence in late fall 2014 from Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the Atlantic coast of Canada, arriving at the destination port, Victoria, British Columbia, on the Pacific coast of Canada. This winning bidder will be responsible for the arranging and payment of insurance for the new CCG vessels throughout the voyage, paying for any licences required and paying any tariffs which might be incurred in making this voyage between oceans. Title to the vessels to be transported in this Contract shall vest in Canada upon payment of invoiced amounts and shall remain so vested at all times.

1.3 Estimated Value

All personnel, fuel and provisioning costs for this one-way heavy-lift voyage, as well as all fees attributable to his type of service, such as carriage licence fees and harbour/canal or pilotage fees and insurance costs, will be assumed by the winning heavy-lift carrier and are expected to be reflected in the bid price for this heavy-lift service.

1.4 Objectives of the Requirement

Canada requires a one-time, one-way transport service, to move two small ships from the East Coast to the West Coast of Canada. This transport service is required because both vessels are being built in Halifax, Nova Scotia and after their Acceptance by CCG, the vessels' home-ports will become Victoria, British Columbia and they will be working along the Canadian section of the Pacific coast.

1.5 Background, Assumptions and Specific Scope of the Requirement

The Mid Shore Patrol Vessel (MSPVs) were built to replace aging CCG vessels patrolling Canadian waters on both coasts and in the Great Lakes. The last two MSPVs in the series of nine to be built under the contract for CCG by Irving Shipbuilding Incorporated in Halifax, Nova Scotia, will be based in Victoria, British Columbia. The winning Contractor will not enter the two CCG vessels or activate the electronic and mechanical systems on board during the transport voyage for any reason, unless prior consent has been given via demonstrable e-mail record from the CCG Technical Authority.

2.0 Requirements

2.1 Tasks, Activities, Deliverables and Milestones

A) The winning Contractor shall arrange to meet the CCG at Halifax, Nova Scotia and take over temporary care and custody of two Mid-Shore Patrol Vessels (MSPVs) from the CCG at Bedford Institute of Oceanography docks, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, for the purpose of transport to the Pacific coast of Canada. Video will be taken to validate the condition of the two MSPVs, before turning over custody of the vessels to the winning Contractor.

B) The winning Contractor will safely load the two MSPVs onto their heavy-lift vessel in the harbour at Halifax, so that the MSPVs are clear of the water, and so that the MSPVs are fully supported and safely stowed for any weather and sea conditions likely to be encountered on the ocean voyage between Halifax and the Pacific coast. Towing or sailing of the two MSPVs at any point during the Contracted delivery voyage is not permitted. Satisfactory loading can be recognized with a first payment (milestone).

C) Crew-members of the winning Contractor will navigate their heavy-lift vessel, carrying the two MSPVs owned by CCG, from Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Canada's East coast to the local area of Victoria, British Columbia, on Canada's West coast, complying with all applicable regional and international regulations, rules and guidelines.

D) The winning Contractor will unload both MSPVs at a port agreed upon by both parties to the Contract, while fulfilling all obligations and requirements relevant to heavy-lift unloading in that country. The destination port is Victoria, B.C., but depending on the type of heavy-lift vessel used as a carrier, CCG realizes that unloading of the MSPVs might not be possible at that port.

E) Canada requires an update message on the progress of the heavy-lift voyages every two days; this may be in the form of an e-mail sent through satellite communications by the Contractor's crew.

F) The Contractor will contact Canada at the time of unloading to advise that a CCG crew is needed for both vessels. Canada will consider the Contract to be successfully complete

when both MSPVs have been delivered to CCG in the same condition as they were accepted by the Contractor, when loaded at Halifax. The condition of the unloaded vessels will be compared to video which was taken before loading and the value of any damage to either vessel sustained during transport will be considered against the award of the delivery (milestone) payment.

2.2 Specifications and Standards

This marine heavy-lift project is to be completed in accordance with current industry standards (International Marine Contractors Association; <http://www.imca-int.com/about-IMCA.aspx>) and Marine Insurance company guidelines and in compliance with all applicable Canadian and International Rules and Regulations. The completion of the Contract will be judged as successful when both Mid-Shore Patrol Vessels are delivered back to the CCG on the Pacific Coast, at the Canadian port of Victoria, B.C., in the same undamaged condition that they were presented to the winning Contractor for loading.

2.3 Technical, Operational and Organizational Environment

The heavy-lift service which is being performed under Contract is the transport of two (2) Canadian Coast Guard vessels, from the East coast of Canada to a location on the west coast of North America, close to the eventual destination of Victoria, B.C. The winning Contractor will be responsible to demonstrate that their proposed heavy-lift vessel is capable of transporting both MSPVs on this voyage. Once the MSPVs have been delivered to the Pacific coast in satisfactory condition, local CCG employees will accept them from the Contractor and sail them to the CCG Base at Victoria, B.C.

2.4 Method and Source of Acceptance

Video footage taken just before loading the two Mid-Shore Patrol vessels on Canada's East coast will be sent to CCG employees on Canada's West coast – to be viewed and used when comparing the delivered condition of the MSPVs with condition of the vessels before being loaded. Damage to the MSPVs will result in a reduction of the Milestone 3 payment (Section 4.2).

2.5 Reporting Requirements

After loading both MSPVs in Eastern Canada, the winning Contractor will be required to report on the progress of the transport voyage to the Departmental Representative every

two (2) days, by e-mail, voice-mail or voice messages over satellite communications on the Contractor's vessel. The message will contain at least the present position, any conditions –including weather - which may influence the Estimated Time of Arrival and an updated ETA at Contractor's destination.

2.6 Project Management Control Procedures

The individual identified in the proposal as the Project Coordinator or Technical Authority shall control the Contracting process to ensure that all the necessary steps are taken, in full compliance with Treasury Board guidelines, to guide the SOW through the RFP process to a Contract. After the Contract is awarded, that individual will continue to monitor the progress and performance of the winning Contractor, with the assistance of the Departmental Representative, until the successful completion of that Contract on the Pacific coast of North America.

2.7 Change Management Procedures

Any changes to the scope of work must be approved by the project authority.

2.8 Ownership of Intellectual Property

There is no intellectual property for this requirement.

3.0 Other Terms and Conditions of the SOW

3.1 Authorities

To be provided upon contract award.

3.2 DFO Obligations

CCG will supply the MSPV Docking Plan document to potential Contractors before the bidding period ends, so that they are able to determine if their heavy-lift vessels can accommodate two MSPVs.

3.3 Contractor's Obligations

The Contractor shall carry insurance to protect the vessels equipment/furnishings as being the property of Canada.

Notwithstanding the fact that the vessels requiring transport under this Contract are vested in Canada, those vessels shall remain within the custody and control of the Contractor, for the purposes of transport, until such time as the Project Authority provides instructions for the delivery of said vessels. During this period of time, the Contractor shall take all reasonable and proper care of the equipment and prevent damage to these vessels.

The risk during the voyage can be managed by carrying out transit preparations and ensuring that the route taken is not dangerous. The loading, stowing and securing of the heavy-lift cargo should be done by skilled and experienced persons with the right equipment and resources and the correct vessel should be used as a carrier. Extra care should be taken because some of the equipment to be transported is sensitive to shock damage. Surveyors could also be employed to take care of the cargo, by taking photographs and writing reports where necessary. <http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=78220b3a-08b1-499f-8742-a9727d7805c4>

The winning Contractor and staff shall be fully accredited and fully insured for the work to be performed, shall have all applicable Licences and Certificates up-to-date and shall demonstrate experience in performing heavy-lift transport by virtue of their successful completion of other, recent heavy-lift projects.

3.4 Location of Work, Work site and Delivery Point

This delivery service will take place between the pick-up point - Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and the desired destination port of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Canadian Coast Guard crews will accept the vessels and bring them to a CCG Base.

3.5 Language of Work

The language of work for this Contract will be same as the language of international marine radio, the English language. It may be necessary to call the heavy-lift vessel for an update, while in transit, The only deliverable is the delivery of the two CCG vessels to the Pacific Coast of Canada.

3.6 Special Requirements

The winning bidder will be expected to already hold all licenses, permits, import/export certification and any and all insurance applicable to heavy-lift marine transport, which may be required to ship two MSPVs from the East coast to the West coast of Canada.

3.7 Security Requirements

There is no security requirement for this contract.

3.8 Insurance Requirements

The winning Contractor will be required to show in their bid that their vessel complies with all of the Rules of one of the major Classification Societies recognized by Transport Canada; Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, the American Bureau of Shipping, Lloyd's Register, Germanischer Lloyd or Det Norske Veritas, and that their company has appropriate, valid insurance for the year or years of 2014 and/or 2015 to cover any incidents which might occur while performing heavy-lift transport.

3.9 Travel and Living

Travel and living expenses for the crew of the winning Contractor's heavy-lift vessel will not be considered by Canada, as their expenses are expected to be paid by the winning Contractor. Calculation of these predicted expenses is expected to be part of the Contractor's bid/submission.

4.0 Project Schedule

4.1 Expected Start and Completion Dates

The services of the Contractor will be required for a period of approximately 6 weeks, commencing about late fall, 2014 or as soon as possible following this date. The expected completion date of this heavy-lift project is approximately one month and a half later.

4.2 Schedule and Estimated Level of Effort (Work Breakdown Structure)

Milestone 1: load CCG vessels – this evolution is the established beginning of every heavy-lift vessel-transport – there are no new procedures to be created, only established procedures to be followed when loading heavy objects, such as vessels; there will be delays due to weather conditions because most heavy-lift vessels must wait for almost-calm conditions to precisely position the load,

Milestone 2: arrive at unloading destination and unload both vessels after successfully passing CCG inspection of subject vessels – again, unloading involves following established procedures by the heavy-lift vessel crew – similar limitations regarding weather apply to unloading as well.

Milestone 3: The winning contractor will safely load the two MSPVs onto their heavy-lift vessel in harbour at Halifax so that the MSPVs are clear of water and the MSPVs are fully supported and safely stowed for any weather and sea conditions likely to be encountered on the ocean voyage between Halifax and the Pacific Coast. Towing or sailing of the two MSPVs at any point during the contracted delivery voyage is not permitted. Satisfactory loading can be

recognized with the first payment of 25% of the total cost and the remaining 75% upon satisfactory completion, delivery and inspection of vessels.

5.0 Required Resources or Types of Roles to be Performed

The Contractor will be required to provide a Certificated crew operating a Certified and insured heavy-lift vessel in an experienced and insured fashion, complying with all industry heavy-lift standards (IMCA) and marine-insurance directives. Furthermore, the heavy-lift vessel and crew will also be required to pass all Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) clearances to be able to operate in Canadian waters. The work that the heavy-lift vessel-crew need to perform is more onerous at both the loading and unloading ends of the voyage, but is still routine for experienced heavy-lift transport personnel and this work should not be considered as “new” to the crew or to the Contractor’s heavy-lift company.

6.0 Applicable Documents and Glossary

6.1 Applicable Documents

The Docking Plan for MSPVs will be provided to potential bidders at the release of the RFP. Bidders are required to be experienced and fully covered by Marine Insurance; therefore they will be familiar with IMCA industry standards and International Maritime Organization marine requirements.

APPENDIX "C-1"

CERTIFICATIONS

1. CERTIFICATION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

"We hereby certify that all statements made with regard to the education and the experience of individuals proposed for completing the subject work are accurate and factual, and we are aware that the DFO reserves the right to verify any information provided in this regard and that untrue statements may result in the proposal being declared non-compliant or in other action which the Minister may consider appropriate."

Signature

Date

2. CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY AND STATUS OF PERSONNEL

Availability of Personnel:

The Bidder certifies that, should it be authorized to provide services under any Contract resulting from this RFP, the persons proposed in its bid will be available to commence performance of the work within a reasonable time from Contract award, or within the time specified in the RFP, and will remain available to perform the work in relation to the fulfillment of the requirement. Any proposed substitution after the proposal has been submitted but before issuance of Contract may result in the re-evaluation of the proposal. Once the Contract is issued, proposed substitutes must achieve the same rated qualifications score (or greater) as the original resource at a rate no higher than the original resource being replaced and will be subject to approval by the project authority.

Signature

Date

3. STATUS OF PERSONNEL:

If the Bidder has proposed any person in fulfillment of this requirement who is not an employee of the Bidder, the Bidder hereby certifies that it has written permission from such person (or the employer of such person) to propose the services of such person in relation to the work to be performed in fulfillment of this requirement and to submit such person's résumé to the Contracting Authority. As well, the Bidder hereby certifies that the proposed person is aware that overtime may be required and is willing to comply. During the proposal evaluation, the Bidder must upon the request of the Contracting Authority provide a copy of such written permission, in relation to any or all non-employees proposed. If the Bidder fails to comply with such a request, its proposal will be considered non-compliant.

Signature

Date

4. CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION:

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid or tender (hereinafter “bid”) to:

(Corporate Name of Recipient of this Submission)

for:

(Name and Number of Bid and Project)

in response to the call or request (hereinafter “call”) for bids made by:

(Name of Tendering Authority)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of:

(Corporate Name of Bidder or Tenderer [hereinafter “Bidder”])

that:

- i) I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
- ii) I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- iii) I am authorized by the Bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the Bidder;
- iv) each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the Bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the Bidder;
- v) for the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word “competitor” shall include any individual or organization, other than the Bidder, whether or not affiliated with the Bidder, who:

- (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this call for bids;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this call for bids, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience;
- vi) the Bidder discloses that (check one of the following, as applicable):
- (a) the Bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with, any competitor;
 - (b) the Bidder has entered into consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with one or more competitors regarding this call for bids, and the Bidder discloses, in the attached document(s), complete details thereof, including the names of the competitors and the nature of, and reasons for, such consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements;
- vii) in particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs (6)(a) or (6)(b) above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
- (a) prices;
 - (b) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (c) the intention or decision to submit, or not to submit, a bid; or
 - (d) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications of the call for bids; except as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (6)(b) above;
- viii) in addition, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this call for bids relates, except as specifically authorized by the Tendering Authority or as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (6)(b) above;
- ix) the terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, knowingly disclosed by the Bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening, or of the awarding of the contract, whichever comes first, unless otherwise required by law or as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (6)(b) above.

(Printed Name and Signature of Authorized Agent of Bidder)

(Position Title)

(Date)

APPENDIX “D”**EVALUATION CRITERIA****MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:**

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the mandatory evaluation criteria as detailed herein. Bidders' Proposals must clearly demonstrate that they meet all Mandatory Requirements for the proposal to be considered for further evaluation. Proposals not meeting the mandatory criteria will be excluded from further consideration.

The proponent must include the following table in their proposal, indicating that their proposal meets the mandatory criteria, and providing the proposal page number or section that contains information to verify that the criteria has been met.

No.	Mandatory Criteria	Meets Criteria (✓)	Proposal Page No.
M1 Experience	<p>The proposed bidder must demonstrate completed heavy-lift transport projects or project-cargo moves in the previous four (4) years, including at least one sea-voyage transport Bidders must demonstrate they have successfully provided services similar to those identified in the statement of work (SOW) at Annex A. To</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the name of the client; • the period during which the service was provided; • a detailed outline of the services provided; and • contact names, positions/titles and contact information (telephone numbers, email addresses, etc.) for verification purposes. 		
M2 Reliability	<p>a)The proposed bidder must show documentation indicating that their heavy-lift operation is currently and completely covered by the appropriate level of Marine insurance for the year 2014.</p> <p>b) The bidder must show that their vessel complies with all of the rules of one of the major Classification Societies recognized by Transport Canada; Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, The American Bureau of Shipping, Lloyd's Register, Germanischer Lloyd or Det Norske Veritas</p> <p>A copy of the insurance certificates, permits, certifications and licenses is to be included in the bidders' proposal at time of bid closing.</p>		
M3 License Agreements	<p>The proposed bidder must show a heavy transport plan, by documentation or by video presentation, detailing how the bidder proposes to transport the two (2) CCG vessels. The CCG requires that the two (2) CCG vessels shall be transported clear of all water as detailed in SOW</p>		

*** Proposals **not meeting** the above noted **Mandatory Criteria** shall be deemed non-compliant and therefore will not be given any further consideration.***

BASIS OF SELECTION:

Bidders **must** meet all mandatory requirements. The contract will be awarded to bidder that has met these requirements and has the lowest tendered prices.

RESULTS: The final estimate is based on the lowest cost.

APPENDIX "E"

INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERERS

1. DEFINITIONS

In the Request for Proposal

- 1.1. The terms Proposal, tender and proposal may be used interchangeably.
- 1.2. "Minister" includes a person acting for, or if the office is vacant, in place of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Minister's successors in the office, and the Minister's or their representatives appointed for the purpose of the Request for Proposal.
- 1.3. "Tender Closing Time" refers to the hour and minute expressed in the local time of the Tendering Office, after which no further tenders will be accepted.

2. TENDER CLOSING

- 2.1. Sealed tenders will be received at the Tendering Office until the Tender Closing Time stipulated in the Request for Proposal. Tenders received after Closing Time will not be considered and will be returned unopened.
- 2.2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans reserves the right to postpone tender closing, at which time all tenderers will be advised formally of the new date and time.
- 2.3. A template of a return envelope is being provided. The tenderer has to supply his own envelope.

3. TENDER OPENING

In the case of a Public Tender Opening

- 3.1. Tenders are opened in public at a location specified in the Request for Proposal as soon as possible after closing time unless specific instructions to the contrary regarding tender opening are included in the Request for Proposal.
- 3.2. Where only one tender is received, the Department reserves the right not to disclose the amount of the tender at the public opening. The amount of the tender will be made public if a contract is awarded

4. OFFICIAL TENDER FORMAT

- 4.1. Tenders must be submitted in the format provided and must be properly executed and submitted as instructed. Tenders not submitted in the format provided will not be considered.

5. REVISION OF TENDERS

- 5.1. Tenders may be revised by letter or printed telecommunication provided that revisions are received before the Tender Closing Time. Any change resulting in an increase in the tender price must be supported by a suitable increase in the tender security, if applicable.

6. TENDER SECURITY

- 6.1. If specified in the Request for Proposal, the tenderer will provide tender security, at the tenderer's own cost, in accordance with the document entitled Tender Security Requirements.
- 6.2. All tender securities will be returned except that of the successful tenderer, which will be retained until the successful tenderer has provided contract security in accordance with Article 8 below.

7. CONTRACT SECURITY

- 7.1. If specified in the Request for Proposal, the successful tenderer will provide contract security, at the tenderer's own cost, within fourteen (14) days of contract award in accordance with the Document entitled Contract Security Requirements.
- 7.2. Where contract security is a requirement, all tenders must be accompanied by evidence from a bank, financial institution or a surety company that the required contract security will be provided upon notification of contract award to the successful tenderer.

8. INSURANCE

- 8.1. If specified in the Request for Proposal, the successful tenderer will be required to provide contract insurance, at the tenderer's own cost, within fourteen (14) days of contract award in accordance with the document entitled Insurance Conditions.
- 8.2. Where insurance is a requirement, all tenders must be accompanied by confirmation from the tenderer's insurance company that the required insurance will be available upon contract award.

9. FEDERAL CONTRACTORS PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY

9.1. The Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity applies to contracts for the provision of all goods and services, but not to the purchase or lease of real property or to construction contracts. Where a tender for the provision of goods or services is valued at \$200,000 or more and the tenderer's organization employs 100 or more permanent full-time or permanent part-time employees, it is **mandatory** that the requirements contained in the attached documentation on the Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity be met or the tender will not be considered.

10. TENDER VALIDITY PERIOD

10.1. Unless otherwise specified in the Request for Proposal, tenders are to remain firm and in effect for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the Tender Closing Time.

10.2. Notwithstanding Article 10.1, in the event the Minister deems it necessary to extend the one hundred and twenty (120) day period for acceptance of tenders for a further one hundred and twenty (120) day period, the Minister shall, prior to the expiration of such period, notify the tenderer by written notice to that effect, whereupon the tenderer shall have fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of such written notice to, in writing, either accept the requested extension as referred to in the Ministerial notice or withdraw its tender.

10.3. In the event tender security was provided and in the event of withdrawal of tender as herein provided, the Tender Security Deposit shall be reimbursed or returned without penalty or interest. In the event the tenderer accepts the requested extension, the acceptance period shall be extended as referred to in the Ministerial notice. In the event the tenderer does not respond to the Ministerial notice hereinabove referred to, the tenderer shall be conclusively deemed to have accepted the extension referred to in the Ministerial notice.

11. INCOMPLETE TENDERS

11.1. Incomplete or conditional tenders will be rejected.

11.2. Tenders that omit any mandatory requirements specified in the Request for Proposal will be rejected.

11.3. In the event that tender security is required and is not provided with the tender, the tender will be rejected.

12. REFERENCES

12.1. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans reserves the right, before awarding the contract, to require the successful tenderer to submit such evidence of qualifications as it may deem necessary, and will consider evidence concerning the financial, technical and other qualifications and abilities of the tenderer.

13. LOWEST TENDER NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED

13.1. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted

14. RIGHTS OF CANADA

14.1. Canada reserves the right to:

- (a) Reject any or all bids received in response to the bid solicitation;
- (b) Enter into negotiations with bidders on any or all aspects of their bids;
- (c) Accept any bid in whole or in part without negotiations;
- (d) Cancel the bid solicitation at any time;
- (e) Reissue the bid solicitation;
- (f) If no responsive bids are received and the requirement is not substantially modified, reissue the bid solicitation by inviting only the bidders who bid to resubmit bids within a period designated by Canada; and,
- (g) Negotiate with the sole responsive Bidder to ensure best value to Canada.