

## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SOLICITATION K2AA0-14-0002

#### Question 1:

Proposal Evaluation Criteria M2 in the RFP states that: “The Bidder must hold a valid Designated Organization Screening (DOS), with approved document safeguarding at the level of PROTECTED B issued by the Canadian Industrial Security Directorate (CISD), Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) at the time of response to this request for proposal. Environment Canada requests that the bidder demonstrate this requirement by clearly stating its clearance level and clearance number in the proposal. Environment Canada may request information from bidders to verify compliance with this requirement. Bidders must respond to requests for information”.

Our firm is acquiring PROTECTED A status with the CISD, and it is currently cleared to work on all projects requiring a reliability clearance, while approval of its PROTECTED A status is pending.

Would our firm be considered for award of the contract?

#### Answer to Question 1:

Bidders that do not meet or exceed the required clearance of Designated Organization Screening (DOS), with approved document safeguarding at the level of PROTECTED B, will be considered non-compliant with M2 and excluded from further consideration. Document safeguarding at the level of PROTECTED A does not meet the required level of document safeguarding.

Bidders should also note that all clearances must be in place “at the time of response to this request for proposal.” Clearances that are pending at the time of response to this request for proposal will not be accepted.