
Tender Notice # 01R11-15-S011

REQUEST FOR STANDING OFFER

FOR

HIGH VOLTAGE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada
Lethbridge Research Centre
LETHBRIDGE, Alberta

Contracting Authority:
Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada

SUBJECT: HIGH VOLTAGE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES – Lethbridge Research Centre

1. Introduction & Scope

Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) Research Centre at 5403 - 1st Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB requires a contractor to provide High Voltage Infrastructure Electrical Services on an “**as and when requested**” basis.

The AAFC Lethbridge Research Centre is a significant size with a number of research projects being conducted. There is a requirement to have in place a Standing Offer for electrical services that would provide staff with an available resource to complete projects. As research programs are approved there is usually a need to provide electrical service for lab renovations and equipment changes, and for larger repairs to existing infrastructure.

2. Requests for Explanations

Direct requests for explanations to:

Natalie O'Neill, Procurement Officer

Facsimile: (306) 523-6560

Email: natalie.oneill@agr.gc.ca

Any request for explanations regarding this Request for Standing Offer (RFSO), must be submitted, in writing, to the above on or before 2:00 pm local Regina time, **October 16, 2014**. Oral explanations or instructions given will not be binding.

3. Modifications

Canada reserves the right to revise or amend this Request for Standing Offer prior to the submission deadline. Such revisions or amendments, if any, will be announced by addendum or addenda.

4. Request for Standing Offer Submission Deadline

Submissions will be received up to 2:00 p.m., local Regina time **November 3, 2014** addressed to the following:

Natalie O'Neill, Procurement Officer
Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada
Western Service Centre
300 – 2010 – 12th Avenue
REGINA SK S4P 0M3

Late submissions will not be considered and will be returned unopened. It is the responsibility of any company or individual submitting a bid to ensure submissions are received by the submission deadline.

5. Electronic Submissions

Telegraphic, facsimile, computer disc or electronic mail submissions will not be considered.

6 Payment for Submissions

No payment will be made for a submission in response to this Request for Standing Offer.

7. Taxes

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Provincial Sales Tax (PST) are not to be considered an applicable tax for the purposes of this Request for Standing Offer.

8. Rejection of Request for Standing Offer Submissions

Canada reserves the right to reject any and all submissions when such rejection is in the interest of Canada.

9. Reference Documents

The following Appendices are enclosed:

- A – General and Supplemental Conditions, Additional Terms and Conditions
- B – Statement of Work
- C – Mandatory Requirements
- D – Proposal Format
- E – Proposal Evaluation Method
- F – Certification Requirements

The following Annex is enclosed:

- A – Bid Document

GENERAL CONDITIONS APPENDIX A

1. INTERPRETATION

“**Call-up**” means the action of calling up against the Standing Offer as confirmed by a Call-up Against a Standing Offer form, duly signed and issued by the Contracting Authority and accepted by the Offeror.

“**Canada**” or “**Her Majesty**” means Her Majesty the Queen in the right of Canada as represented by the Minister

“**Contracting Authority**” means the person designated as such in the Standing Offer to act as the representative of Canada. The Contracting Authority is responsible for the establishment, management and administration of the Standing Offer and any contractual issues relating to individual Call-ups against the Standing Offer.

“**Departmental Representative**” means any person authorized by the Minister for the purpose of the Standing Offer. Any proposed changes to the scope of the Work are to be discussed with the Departmental Representative, but any resulting change can only be confirmed by a Standing Offer amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

“**Minister**” means the Minister of the Department of Agriculture & Agri-Food & Canada (AAFC) and includes a person acting for the Minister, the Minister’s successor in office, their lawful deputy and their civil servants and representatives appointed for the purpose of the Standing Offer.

“**Offeror**” means the person or entity whose name appears on the signature page of the Standing Offer and who offers to provide goods, services or both to Canada under the Standing Offer;

“**Person**” includes, unless there is an express stipulation in the Standing Offer to the contrary, any individual, partnership, proprietorship firm, joint venture, consortium or corporation.

“**Work**” means the Work as described in each Call-up made against this Standing Offer and in the attached Statement of Work.

2. CALL-UP METHOD(S)

1. Call-ups against this Standing Offer must be made using PWGSC Form # 942, Call-up against a Standing Offer.

3. STANDING OFFER PERIOD

1. The initial Term of the Standing Offer will be for a one (1) year period.
2. Option to Extend Standing Offer

The Offeror grants to Canada the irrevocable option to extend the period of the Standing Offer by two (2) additional one (1) year periods under the same terms and conditions.

The Offeror agrees that during the extended period of the Standing Offer, the rates and prices will be in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Offer.

Canada is not obliged to exercise any option period(s).

Canada may exercise this option by sending a written amendment to the Offeror at least 30 calendar days prior to the Standing Offer Expiry date.

4. AMENDMENTS

1. Any changes to the Standing Offer must be authorized, in writing, by the Contracting Authority. The Offeror is not to perform work in excess of or outside the scope of this Standing Offer based on verbal or written requests or instructions from any government personnel other than the aforementioned officer.

5. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

1. The Standing Offer may not be assigned by the Offeror, either in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the Contracting Authority. Neither the whole nor any part of the Work may be subcontracted by the Offeror without the prior written consent of the Contracting Authority. All the terms and conditions of this Standing Offer that are of general application shall be incorporated in every other Standing Offer, excluding those Standing Offers issued solely for the supply of plant or material, issued as a consequence of this Standing Offer.
2. Any purported assignment or subcontracting without the prior written consent of the Contracting Authority shall be null and void, and shall constitute sufficient cause for the immediate termination of this Standing Offer at the discretion of the Contracting Authority.

6. TIME OF ESSENCE

1. Time is of the essence in this Standing Offer and in any contract created as a result of a Call-up pursuant to the Standing Offer

7. APPLICABLE LAWS

1. Any Call-ups against this Standing Offer shall be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the Parties determined, by the laws in force in the Province of Alberta.

8. INDEMNIFICATION

1. The Offeror shall indemnify and save harmless Her Majesty and the Minister from and against all claims, losses, costs, damages, suits, proceeding and actions arising out of, or related to, the Offeror's wilful or negligent acts in executing the Work, including the Offeror's wrongful omissions, improper acts or unauthorized delays in executing the Work.

9. PROPERTY OF HER MAJESTY

1. The Offeror shall be liable to Her Majesty for any loss or damage to any property of Her Majesty arising out of the wrongful or negligent performance or non-performance of the Work, whether or not such loss or damage arises from causes beyond the Offeror's control.

10. COOPERATION AND MAKING GOOD

1. The Offeror shall co-operate fully with other contractors or employees of the Crown sent on to the site of the Work by the Departmental Representative.
2. The Offeror shall perform the Work with minimum disturbance to Crown's personnel and the public to the extent feasible.
3. The Offeror shall obtain the approval of the Departmental Representative for adjustment to the prescribed work hours during which the Offeror proposes to perform the Work and for the prescribed Work schedule.
4. The Offeror shall repair and make good all parts of AAFC owned property damaged by the Offeror, its personnel, equipment and / or any subcontractors.
5. All Work shall be performed to the standard that may be required by any applicable code, and in any event, at least to prescribed contract specifications. If neither is applicable, then the Work shall be equal in kind, quality, and finish to that of the existing AAFC property or standards.
6. Where the Work affects occupied portions of a building, the Offeror shall ensure continuity of building services and necessary access for personnel and vehicles to the extent feasible.

11. ACCESS TO THE SITE OF THE WORK

1. The Departmental Representative or any officer authorized by the Departmental Representative shall have access to the site of the Work at all times.

12. REMOVAL OF DEBRIS

1. The Offeror shall at his own cost, remove and dispose of debris, used and obsolete material on a daily basis, or when requested by the Facility Manager, and after approval has been obtained from the Facility Manager. Where possible, disposal should be conducted in an environmentally friendly manner.

13. SUSPENSION OF THE WORK

1. The Departmental Representative may suspend the Work associated with a particular Call-up due to events such as National or local emergency(s), Environmental damage concerns or for breach of contract on the part of the Offeror until deficiencies are remedied. In which event the Offeror shall arrange for protection of the Work as directed by the Departmental Representative.
2. The Offeror will be reimbursed for reasonable and proper expenses incurred in protecting the Work.

14. RECTIFICATION OF DEFECTS

1. The Offeror shall, upon written notice from the Departmental Representative, rectify at the Offeror's own expense, any defects that appear in the Work within 12 months of the completion of the Work.

15. SIGNS AND ADVERTISING

1. The Offeror shall provide, erect, and maintain all necessary barricades, suitable and sufficient red lights, danger signals and signs, and shall take all necessary precautions for the protection of the work and the safety of the public.
2. The Offeror shall not erect or permit the erection of any sign or advertising at the site of the Work without the Minister's prior written consent.

16. MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

1. No member of the House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part of the Standing Offer or any benefit arising therefrom.

17. TERMINATION

1. Due to Default

In the event of the Offeror abandoning the Work, failing to perform its obligations under this Standing Offer or failing to make progress on the Work such as to endanger, in the Minister's opinion, the satisfactory completion or performance of the Work, Canada may, by written notice to the Offeror, terminate the Standing Offer with the Offeror, effective upon the date of delivery or any other date set out in the notice of termination. The exercise of the right of termination shall not prejudice any other right or lawful remedy available to Canada against the Offeror.

2. Without Cause

Canada shall also have the right to terminate this Standing Offer at any time without cause, but giving 30 days written notice of its intention to do so to the Offeror. In the event of such termination, Canada shall be obliged to pay only for those goods and / or services provided under this Standing Offer up to the date of the termination.

18. PAYMENT

1. The Offeror shall submit a separate invoice for each Call-up to the Departmental Representative and in accordance with any invoicing instructions set out therein. Each invoice shall show:

1. an amount for the value of the Work performed satisfactorily excluding the GST,
2. an amount for the GST applicable thereto, and
3. the combined total amount.

2. Subject to verification by the Departmental Representative, payment of an invoice submitted by the Offeror for Work completed to the satisfaction of the Departmental Representative shall be made not later than 30 days after receipt thereof. If additional information is requested by the Departmental Representative within 15 days of receipt of the invoice for the purpose of verification, the 30-day payment period shall commence upon receipt of the requested information.

19. INTEREST ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

1. Subject to subsection 20.2 of this document, if Her Majesty delays in making a payment that is due in accordance with section 18 of this document, the Offeror shall be entitled to receive interest on the amount that is overdue from the date on which the amount is overdue to the day previous to the date on the cheque given for payment of the overdue amount. Simple interest shall be paid at the Average Bank Rate plus 3 % per year on any amount which is overdue. This interest shall be paid automatically except that in respect of amounts which are less than 15 days overdue no interest shall be paid in respect of payment made within such 15 days unless the Offeror so demands after such amounts have become due.

2. The Average Bank Rate means the simple arithmetic mean of the Bank Rate 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. The Bank Rate means the rate of interest established from time to time by the Bank of Canada as the minimum rate at which it makes advances to members of the Canadian Payment Association.

20. SECURITY CLEARANCE

1. The Offeror shall, when requested by the Departmental Representative, provide and cause all persons employed on the Work to provide personal information for Federal Government security clearance purposes. The security clearance procedure may include fingerprinting.
2. The Offeror shall also provide to the Departmental Representative on, a quarterly basis and whenever requested, one (1) updated and accurate list of its employees requiring access to the site of the Work. Such lists shall be in the form stipulated by the Departmental Representative. In the event the Offeror fails to comply with this subsection the Departmental Representative shall have the right to terminate the current Call-up.
3. Canada shall have the right to have any of the Offeror's employees removed from the site of the Work for reason of security concerns, notwithstanding the results or status of any security screening in respect of such employees. The Departmental Representative may notify the Offeror of any employee required to be removed for this reason.
4. Her Majesty shall not be responsible for any cost to the Offeror of any kind or nature, which may arise from the exercise of the right of the Canada, set forth in this section.

21. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

1. The Offeror shall perform the Work in a diligent, satisfactory and workman like manner. All Work performed pursuant to a Call-up against this Standing Offer shall be subject to inspection and acceptance by the Minister.

22. CANADIAN FUNDS

1. All amounts of money specified in this Offer and in Call-ups against this Offer are in Canadian funds.

23. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. No former public office holder who is not in compliance with the post-employment provisions of the Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code for Public Office Holders shall derive a direct benefit from the Standing Offer.

24. OFFEROR' STATUS

1. The Offeror is engaged under the Standing Offer as an independent Contractor. Neither the Offeror nor any of the Offeror's employees is engaged pursuant the Standing Offer as an employee, servant or agent of Her Majesty. The Offeror shall be solely responsible for any and all payments and deductions required to be made by law including those required for Canada or Quebec Pension Plan, Un-employment Insurance, Worker's Compensation, Income tax and Goods & Services Tax.

25. CERTIFICATION OF NO CONTINGENCY FEES

1. For the purpose of this section:

"**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 Government Standing Offer or negotiating the whole or any part of its terms.

"**employee**" means a person with whom the Offeror has an employer/employee relationship;

"**person**" includes an individual or group of individuals, a corporation, a partnership, an organization and 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 Lobbyist Registration Act R.S. 1985 c 44 (4thSupplement) as the same may be amended from time to time.

2. The Offeror certifies that it has not directly or indirectly paid or agreed to pay and covenants that it will not directly or indirectly pay a contingency fee for the solicitation, negotiation or obtaining of this Standing Offer to any person other than an employee of the Offeror acting in the normal course of the employees duties.
3. All accounts and records pertaining to payments of fees or other compensation for the solicitation, obtaining or negotiation of the Standing Offer shall be subject to the accounts and Audit provisions of this Standing Offer.
4. If the Offeror certifies falsely under this section or is in default of the obligations contained herein, the Minister may either take the Work out of the Offeror's hands in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Offer or recover from the Offeror by way of reduction to and set-off against the Call-up price, or otherwise, the full amount of the contingency fee.

26. TAKING THE WORK OUT OF THE OFFEROR'S HANDS

1. In any of the following cases, namely,
 1. where the Offeror has defaulted or delayed in commencing or in executing the Work or any portion thereof to the satisfaction of the Minister and the Minister has

given written notice thereof to the Offeror and has by such notice required the Offeror to put an end to such default or delay, and such default or delay continues after such notice was communicated;

2. where the Offeror has defaulted or is reasonable expected to default in the completion of the Work, such completion required by the Standing Offer;
 3. where the Offeror has become insolvent or has committed an act of bankruptcy;
 4. where the Offeror has abandoned the Work; or any portion thereof;
 5. where the Offeror has purported to make an assignment of the Standing Offer without the required consent of the Minister; or
 6. where the Offeror has otherwise failed to observe or perform any of the provisions of the Standing Offer; then the Minister may, subject to any restrictions set out in the Bankruptcy & Insolvency Act, and without any further authorization, take all or any portion of the Work out of the Offeror's hands and may employ such lawful means as he may see fit to complete the Work.
2. Where the Work or any portion thereof is taken out of the Offeror's hands under subsection 27.1:
1. the obligations of Her Majesty to make payments to the Offeror shall cease and no further payments shall be made to the Offeror unless the Minister shall certify that no financial prejudice will result to Her Majesty from such further payments;
 2. the Offeror shall not be relieved of any legal or contractual obligations other than the physical execution of that portion of the Work so taken out of the Offeror's hands; and
 3. the amount of all loss and damage suffered by Her Majesty by reason of the non-completion of such Work shall be payable by the Offeror to Her Majesty, or may be claimed against or set-off against any amounts otherwise payable to the Offeror .

27. NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL / REVISION

1. In the event the Offeror wishes to withdraw the Standing Offer after a Call-up against a Standing Offer has been issued, the Offeror shall provide no less than 30 days' written notice to the Contracting Authority, unless otherwise indicated in the Standing Offer Call-up. Such withdrawal of the Standing Offer shall not be effective until receipt of such notification by the Minister and the expiry of such notice period. The Offeror hereby agrees to fulfil any and all Call-ups which may be made before the expiry of such notice period. If the period of the Standing Offer is extended or the limitation of expenditure is increased, the Contracting Authority will issue a revision to the Standing Offer.

SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

1. SITE REGULATIONS

1. The Offeror undertakes and agrees to comply with all applicable standing orders or other regulations in, force on the site where the Work is to be performed, relating to the safety of persons on the site or the protection of property against loss or damage from any and all causes including fire.

2. SAFETY REGULATIONS AND LABOUR CODES

1. The Offeror must adhere to all safety rules, regulations and labour codes in force in all jurisdictions where the Work is to be performed.

3. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

1. It is mandatory that all persons performing the Work be covered under the applicable workers' compensation legislation provided for the benefit of injured employees.

4. T1204- INVOICING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pursuant to paragraph 221 (1)(d) of the Income Tax Act, payments made by departments and agencies to contractors under applicable services contracts (including contracts involving a mix of goods and services must be reported on a T1204, Government Service Contract Payment slip).

5. FINANCIAL LIMITATION

1. The maximum amount payable by Her Majesty under this Offer, including and Option Period(s), shall not exceed the amount of \$300,000.00 (plus applicable taxes).
2. Individual Call-ups against this Standing Offer must not exceed \$40,000.00 (plus applicable taxes).
3. The Offeror shall notify the Contracting Authority as to the adequacy of this sum when 75 percent of this amount has been committed, or two (2) months prior to the expiry date of the Standing Offer, whichever comes first. However, if at any time, the Offeror considers that the said sum may be exceeded, the Offeror shall promptly notify the Contracting Authority.

6. LICENSING

1. The Offeror must obtain and maintain all permits, licences and certificates of approval required for the Work to be performed under any applicable federal, provincial or municipal legislation. The Offeror shall be responsible for any charges imposed by such legislation or regulations. Upon request, the Offeror shall provide a copy of any such permit, licence, or certificate to Canada.

7. INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS

1. Persons in Canada, and Canadians outside of Canada, are bound by economic sanctions imposed by Canada. As a result, the Government of Canada cannot accept delivery of goods or services that originate, either directly or indirectly, from the countries or persons subject to economic sanctions.

Details on existing sanctions can be found at:

<http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/trade/sanctions-en.asp>

2. It is a condition of this Standing Offer and of any ensuing Call-ups, if any, that the Offeror not supply to the Government of Canada any goods or services which are subject to economic sanctions.
3. By law, the Offeror must comply with changes to the regulations imposed during the life of the Standing Offer. During the performance of any Call-up under the Standing Offer, should the imposition of sanctions against a country or person or the addition of a good or service to the list of sanctioned goods and services prevent the Offeror from performing all or part of its obligations pursuant to a Call-up made against this Standing Offer, the Offeror shall treat the situation as a force majeure. The Offeror shall forthwith inform Canada of the situation; the procedures applicable to force majeure shall then apply.

8. GOODS AND SERVICES TAX / HARMONIZED SALES TAX

1. Prices and amounts of money in the Standing Offer 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. The estimated GST or HST is included in the total estimated cost. 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 Offeror agrees to remit to Canada Revenue Agency any amounts of GST and HST paid or due.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. This Standing Offer does not create an exclusive right of the Contractor to perform all the work that may be required. AAFC reserves the right to have any work done by other means.
2. Post Award / Site Orientation Meeting
 1. The Contractor may be required to attend a Post Standing Offer award site orientation meeting with the Facility Manager prior to the commencement of any work. This walk through will facilitate the familiarization of the building layout and where specific safety devices such as emergency showers, eyewash stations, First Aid Kits, MSDS binders and fire extinguishers are located.
 2. The walk through will include where all building exits are located and where the muster point is located in the event of an emergency situation and *any information required to carry out the work.*
3. Prior to Standing Offer award, the Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Authority with a copy of the following:
 1. A WHMIS Certificate for each proposed resource
 2. Contractors Workers Compensation Certificate and Liabilities
 3. Insurance Certificate as per Appendix F, Clause 5
4. Post Standing Offer award, the Contractor shall provide a copy of their Company's Occupational Health and Safety Policy and Program to the Facility Manager. This policy shall meet the more stringent of the Federal and Provincial Occupational Health and Safety Acts.
5. Only licensed Journeyman Lineman Technicians shall perform the repairs. An apprentice may perform work only when they are under direct supervision of a qualified Journeyman Lineman Technician.
6. Service is to be provided by one (1) Journeyman Lineman Technician at a time only, unless a specific request is made in writing to, and approved by, the Facility Manager.
7. The Contractor may be required to provide a written estimate for repair work and new installations to the Facility Manager.
8. Where an estimate of the cost of performing specific work is required, the Facility Manager will provide the Contractor with a statement of the work required and the Contractor must provide the Facility Manager with an estimate of the cost of performing the specified work in accordance with Appendix "C" – Basis of Payment of the resulting Standing Offer. The Contractor must not undertake any of the specified work unless and until a call-up is issued

by the Facility Manager. The estimated cost stated in the call-up must not be exceeded without the specific written authorization of the Facility Manager.

9. AAFC reserves the right to supply parts and materials to the Contractor.
10. The contractor must be available to provide routine maintenance and emergency repairs to breakdowns within the following response times:
 1. Routine Maintenance:
For routine maintenance requirements, the Contractor must be on site within 48 hours of a Call up.
 2. Emergency Repairs:
For deficiencies or breakdowns that require immediate attention, the Contractor must respond to a call out within one (1) hour with the work to commence as soon as possible, as agreed upon.
11. The Contractor shall report to the Facility Manager upon arrival. Identification and sign in is required at the reception desk.
12. The Contractor shall execute the work with minimum disturbance to the occupants, public and normal use of the building:
 1. Protect and maintain existing active services.
 2. Any connections to existing services are to be made with minimum disturbance to occupants and building operation.
 3. Any shutdown to execute service or repair must first be approved by the Facility Manager.
13. The Contractor will be responsible to maintain the integrity of the existing facility. Any damages to the facility caused by the Contractor must be repaired by the Contractor to its original condition.
14. The Contractor shall ensure that all applicable personal protective equipment (PPE) is used.
15. The Contractor is to supply all tools and equipment required to provide work under the Standing Offer.
16. Equipment and materials to be new and CSA certified. Deliver, store and maintain materials with manufacturer's seal and labels intact.
17. Additions, relocations or removal of equipment or systems are to be recorded, dated and initialed by the Contractor on the "as-built" prints where applicable.

18. Power activated devices using explosives shall not be used, unless authorized by the Facility Manager.
19. While on site, the Contractor and its employees shall adhere to all AAFC's safety and workplace policy. A copy of the policy will be provided by the Facility Manager during the Site Orientation Meeting.
20. The Contractor shall perform site hazard assessments to establish site specific safe work practice procedures for the safety and wellbeing of his / her employees. Copies shall be made available to the Facility Manager.
21. All copies of the formal Hazard Assessments conducted by the Contractor throughout the duration of the work shall be retained and supplied to the Facility Manager.
22. The Contractor shall post the Safety Plan at a common location on the site visible to all workers and persons accessing the site. Ensure all employees, including sub-contractors' personnel are advised of such Safety Plan and of the posted location.
23. The Contractor shall ensure all workers and authorized personnel entering the work site are notified of and abide by the posted Safety Plans, safety rules, regulations, safe work practices and applicable Safety Acts, Regulations and Codes. Any person not complying with these shall not be permitted on the work site.
24. The Contractor shall warrant all services performed under this Standing Offer and will, at the time of acceptance, be free from defects in workmanship. If the Contractor is required to correct or replace the Work or any portion thereof, it shall be at no cost to AAFC, and any Work corrected or replaced by the Contractor shall be subject to all provisions of the Standing Offer to the same extent as Work initially performed. The warranty is "one year parts and labour for new parts installed and 90 days for labour repairs."
25. Contractor shall provide training to AAFC's maintenance staff and user groups on operation and maintenance procedures on all new installations. The Contractor shall supply shop drawings and manufacturer's instructions and specifications on all new installations, if requested.
26. The Contractor shall at his own cost, remove and dispose of debris, used and obsolete material on a daily basis after approval has been obtained from the Facility Manager. Disposal is to be conducted in an environmentally friendly manner.
27. The Contractor shall submit a detailed work order explaining the Work undertaken to the Facility Manager before leaving the site.
28. The contractor shall complete all applicable log books before leaving the site each day outlining all work performed in the facility.
29. The Contractor shall upon request, provide AAFC with a wholesalers invoice complete with parts pricing.

30. The Contractor shall provide AAFC an invoice complete with a detailed breakdown of all parts, material and labour used. This invoice must clearly reference all work sheets associated with the Call-up.

31. Materials & WHMIS Compliance

1. The Contractor shall use as many low toxicity / environmentally friendly products as practical (use products displaying the Environmental Choice Eco-logo). Samples of Controlled Products may be required for WHMIS Compliance testing to ensure that all materials used meet the Canadian General Standards Board Qualified Products criteria.
2. The Contractor shall ensure that, where substances classified as controlled products under the Control Products Regulations are to be used in Crown-owned facilities and their employees receive appropriate training as per Provincial / Federal Regulations and the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS). Proof of up to date WHMIS training, for all employees working on site, must be supplied to the Facility Manager.
3. The Contractor shall ensure that all controlled products are identified to the Facility Manager. Where controlled products are to be used at Federal occupied facilities the Facility Manager will have the authority to review all work to be performed, and where applicable, stop contract work related to the use of controlled products until safety and health concerns are resolved.
4. The Contractor must advise the Facility Manager when controlled products are to be brought into Crown-owned or occupied facilities. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), for all controlled products stored or used on site, are to be in a conspicuous WHMIS binder in the Boiler Room Office.
5. All containers brought into Crown-owned facilities containing controlled products must be labeled in accordance with WHMIS regulations. The Contractor shall ensure that no down-the-drain disposal for controlled waste liquids will occur. MSDS instructions for product disposal must be followed at all times.

32. Codes and Legislated Requirements

The following codes and standards in effect at the time of award are subject to change / revision. The latest edition of each shall be enforced during the term of the Standing Offer.

- i) Treasury Board of Canada
- ii) All applicable Canada Standards Association (CSA) standards and regulations
- iii) Canadian Environmental Protection Act
- iv) National Building Code of Canada
- v) National Fire code
- vi) Part II of the Canada Labour Code

- vii) Canadian Occupational Safety and Health Section of Part IT of the Canada labour Code
- viii) Fire Commissioner of Canada FC 301 Standard for Construction Operations
 - ix Provincial and Territorial Acts and Regulations
 - x) Canadian Construction and Labour Safety Codes; Provincial Government Workers' Compensation board and Municipal Statutes and Authorities
 - xi) Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, CSA 22.1-1998
 - xii) Canadian Plumbing Code
- xiii) Materials and workmanship must conform to or exceed applicable standards of Canadian Government Specification Board (CGSB), CSA, American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) and referenced organizations.

In the event of a conflict between any of the above codes or standards, the most stringent shall apply.

STATEMENT OF WORK

APPENDIX B

Services shall be provided during the following:

Regular hours - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday

Outside Regular Hours - 4:30 pm to 8:00 am Monday to Friday, including weekends and statutory holidays

This is a non-smoking, scent free facility.

The Centre's high voltage electrical system is a 25000 volt system and includes, but is not limited to:

- a) 2 – 3000kva Transformers
- b) 22 – 10kva to 112.5kva pad and pole mounted transformers
- c) OCR and Air Brakes
- d) Wood poles / wire / insulators / fuses

SERVICES REQUIRED:

The types of service include but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Emergency electrical restoration (i.e. repairs of tripped/burnt fuses)
- 2) Install / repair / service / decommission 10kva - 112.5kva transformers
- 3) Install / repair / service / decommission wood power poles and associated parts
- 4) Install / repair / service / decommission high voltage wiring
- 5) Installation / removal of new equipment
- 6) Minor repairs / service to 3000kva transformers

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

APPENDIX C

Failure to comply with any of the mandatory requirements will render the submission non-compliant and will receive no further consideration. The proposer must include the necessary documentation to demonstrate this compliance.

In order for proposals to be accepted for further evaluation, all of the following mandatory requirements must be met.

1) PROPOSED RESOURCES / JOURNEYMAN CERTIFICATION

The Bidder must provide the following:

- a) Names, and a copy of a Certified Alberta Journeyman Certificate **or** an Interprovincial Journeyman's Red Seal Certificate, for each **Lineman Technician** proposed to provide services under the resulting Standing offer.

2) MANDATORY SITE VISIT

Bidders shall attend a site visit where the services are to be rendered and make themselves familiar with the site and any conditions that may affect the nature or provision of the services required. Ignorance of the local conditions at no time will constitute a valid reason to justify additional cost or an inability to satisfactorily meet anyone of the tasks stipulated.

Any relevant questions, and the answers, asked during the optional site visit will be posted on BuyandSell. <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/tenders>

Site visit will be held **October 9, 2014 at 10:30 am.** Please contact:

Donavan Casson, Facility Manager
(403) 317-2233 / Donavan.Casson@agr.gc.ca

PROPOSAL FORMAT

APPENDIX D

THE FOLLOWING SUBMISSION FORMAT IS PREFERRED:

1.0 Submit One (1) Original hard Copy of the Proposal **in a separate sealed envelope labelled:**

“PROPOSAL PRESENTATION” - Solicitation # 01R11-15-S011 – High Voltage Infrastructure Services – Lethbridge Research Centre

The Envelope must include the following:

- A. Appendix C - Mandatory Requirements
- B. Appendix F - Certification Requirement
- C. Contact Information – Daytime contact number with voice mail

2.0 Submit One (1) Original hard Copy of Annex A - Bid Document **in a separate sealed envelope labelled:**

“FINANCIAL PROPOSAL” - Solicitation # 01R11-15-S011 – High Voltage Infrastructure Services – Lethbridge Research Centre

- A. The cost shall be in Canadian funds and exclusive of any applicable Taxes.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION METHOD

APPENDIX E

Bids received will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirements of the Bid Solicitation including the Evaluation criteria specified below:

Mandatory Evaluation

It is understood by the parties submitting proposals that, to be considered compliant, a proposal must meet all the MANDATORY requirements as outlined in Appendix C of this document.

Accordingly, only the compliant proposals will be given further consideration.

Financial Evaluation

Your price proposal must be submitted in accordance with the proposed Basis of Pricing (Annex A).

Price Proposals will be assessed as follows:

Step 1 - For each line item - Estimated # of Units (A) x Unit price (B) = Extended Cost (C...)

Step 2 - Aggregate of Extended Totals - Evaluated Offer

Evaluation Procedure - All bidders will be assessed and accepted on a low aggregate basis (GST extra). Low aggregate will be determined by extending and totaling the unit prices (See Annex A).

The lowest responsive bidder will be recommended for award of the Standing Offer.

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

APPENDIX F

In order to be considered for standing offer award, a proposer whose proposal is technically and financially responsive must meet the following conditions:

The following certification requirements apply to this Request for Standing Offer (RFSO). Proposers are to submit the Certification Requirements in accordance with the instruction provided in Appendix D, Proposal Format.

1) ACCEPTANCE OF AGRICULTURE & AGRI-FOOD CANADA’S TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Proposers will accept Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada’s terms and conditions.

The General Conditions, Supplemental Conditions and Additional Terms and Conditions as set out in Appendix A shall form part of the Resulting Contract.

Signature _____
Date

Print Name of Signatory For: _____
Name of Proposing Party

2) LEGAL ENTITY AND CORPORATE NAME (IDENTIFY CLEARLY WHETHER THE LEGAL ENTITY IS WITH THE UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE OR INDIVIDUAL)

Please certify that the proposer is a legal entity, by indicating whether the proposer is i) a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporate entity, ii) indicating the laws under which the partnership or corporate entity was registered or formed, iii) together with the registered or corporate name. Also identify the country where the controlling interest/ownership (name if applicable) of your organization is located.

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

iv) _____

Any resulting contract may be executed under the following i) corporate full legal name and ii) at the following place of business (street, building, suite / room, postal code):

i) _____

ii) _____

Signature

Date

3) **VALIDITY OF PROPOSAL**

It is requested that proposals submitted in response to this RFP be:

- (a) valid in all aspects, including price, for not less than 120 Days from the closing date of this RFP; and,
- (b) signed by an authorized representative of the Bidder in the space provided on the RFP; and,
- (c) provide the name and telephone number of a representative who may be contacted for clarification or other matters relating to the Bidder's proposal.

Signature

Date

Contact name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Fax number: _____

Email address: _____

GST # / Business #: _____

4) **AVAILABILITY AND STATUS OF PERSONNEL**

The Proposer certifies that, should it be authorized to provide services under any contract resulting from this solicitation, the persons proposed in its proposal will be available to commence performance of the Work within a reasonable time from contract award, or within the time specified herein.

If the Proposer has proposed any person in fulfilment of this requirement who is not an employee of the Proposer, the Proposer hereby certifies that it has written permission from such person to propose the services of such person in relation to the Work to be performed

in fulfilment of this requirement and to submit such person's résumé to the Contracting Authority.

During the proposal evaluation, the Proposer MUST upon the request of the Contracting Authority provide a copy of such written permission in relation to any or all non-employees proposed. The Proposer agrees that failure to comply with such a request may lead to disqualification of the Proposer's proposal from further consideration.

Signature

Date

5) INSURANCE CERTIFICATION

A) Insurance Requirements

- (a) The Contractor must comply with the insurance requirements specified herein. The Contractor must maintain the required insurance coverage for the duration of the Standing Offer. Compliance with the insurance requirements does not release the Contractor from or reduce its liability under the Standing Offer.
- (b) The Contractor is responsible for deciding if additional insurance coverage is necessary to fulfill its obligation under the Standing Offer and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any additional insurance coverage is at the Contractor's expense, and for its own Benefit and protection.
- (c) Prior to Standing Offer award the Contractor must provide to the Contracting Authority a copy of their Certificate of Insurance evidencing the insurance coverage and confirming that the insurance policy complying with the requirements is in force. Coverage must be placed with an Insurer licensed to carry out business in Canada. The Contractor must, if requested by the Contracting Authority, forward to Canada a certified true copy of all applicable insurance policies.

B) Commercial General Liability Insurance

- (a) The Contractor must obtain Commercial General Liability Insurance, and maintain it in force throughout the duration of the Contract, in an amount usual for a contract of this nature, but for not less than \$2,000,000.00 per accident or occurrence and in the annual aggregate.
- (b) The Commercial General Liability policy must include the following:
 - i) Additional Insured: Canada is added as an additional insured, but only with respect to liability arising out of the Contractor's performance of the Contract. The interest of Canada should read as follows: Her Majesty the Queen in the right of Canada as represented by the Minister

- ii) Bodily Injury and Property Damage to third parties arising out of the operations of the Contractor.
- iii) Products and Completed Operations: Coverage for bodily injury or property damage arising out of goods or products manufactured, sold, handled, or distributed by the Contractor and/or arising out of operations that have been completed by the Contractor.
- iv) Personal Injury: While not limited to, the coverage must include Violation of Privacy, Libel and Slander, False Arrest, Detention or Imprisonment and Defamation of Character.
- v) Cross Liability / Separation of Insured: Without increasing the limit of liability, the policy must protect all insured parties to the full extent of coverage provided. Further, the policy must apply to each Insured in the same manner and to the same extent as if a separate policy had been issued to each.
- vi) Blanket Contractual Liability: The policy must, on a blanket basis or by specific reference to the Contract, extend to assumed liabilities with respect to contractual provisions.
- vii) Employees and, if applicable, Volunteers must be included as Additional Insured.
- vii) Employers' Liability (or confirmation that all employees are covered by Worker's compensation (WSIB) or similar program)
- viii) Broad Form Property Damage including Completed Operations: Expands the Property Damage coverage to include certain losses that would otherwise be excluded by the standard care, custody or control exclusion found in a standard policy.
- ix) Notice of Cancellation: The Insurance Company will provide to the Contracting Authority thirty (30) days written notice of policy cancellation.
- x) If the policy is written on a claims-made basis, coverage must be in place for a period of at least 12 months after the completion or termination of the Contract.

Signature

Date

6) FORMER PUBLIC SERVANT - STATUS AND DISCLOSURE

Contracts with former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension or of a lump sum payment must bear the closest public scrutiny, and reflect fairness in the spending of public funds. In order to comply with Treasury Board policies and directives on contracts with FPS, bidders must provide the information required below.

Definitions

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

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

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

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

Former Public Servant in Receipt of a Pension

As per the above definitions, is the Bidder a FPS in receipt of a pension ?

Yes () No ()

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

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

By providing this information, Bidders agree that the successful Bidder's status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure report.

Work Force Reduction Program

Is the Bidder a FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of a work force reduction program ?

Yes () No ()

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information:

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

For all contracts awarded during the lump sum payment period, the total amount of fees that may be paid to a FPS who received a lump sum payment is \$5,000, including the Goods and Services Tax or Harmonized Sales Tax.

Signature

Date

7) CONTRACTOR’S LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS

It is my / our intention to employ the following subcontractors whom I / we believe, following investigation, to be reliable and competent for the performance of the portion of services being sub-contracted. All other services will be performed by me / us.

Name of Company	Services to be sub-contracted	Number of years you are associated with subcontractor	Years of experience of subcontractor in the field	Portion of the contract (%)

It is agreed that I (we) shall not subcontract with any other individual or organization or for any other work, without the consent of the Minister of Agriculture

Signature

Date

Name of Signatory

Position

BID DOCUMENT**ANNEX A**

Tender Notice # 01R11-15-S011 - High Voltage Infrastructure Services, Lethbridge Research Centre

AAFC is not prepared to accept separate prices for truck and mileage charges. All costs must be included in the hourly rate. FOB Destination.**1) Pricing for Initial Standing Offer Period (1 Year)**

Regular Hours - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday					
Item	Description	Unit	Estimated # of Units (A)	Unit Price Offered (B)	Extended Cost = (AxB)
1	Journeyman Lineman Technician	Hour	250		C
2	Apprentice Lineman Technician	Hour	10		D
(T1 = C + D)					T1

Outside of Regulars hours - 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Friday including Weekends and Statutory Holidays					
Item	Description	Unit	Estimated # of Units (A)	Unit Price Offered (B)	Extended Cost = (AxB)
1	Journeyman Lineman Technician	Hour	50		E
2	Apprentice Lineman Technician	Hour	10		F
(T2 = E + F)					T2

MATERIAL AND REPLACEMENT PARTS:

Material and replacement parts (except free issue and not included in the above) at laid down cost (which includes invoice and transportation costs, exchange, customs and brokerage charges) plus a mark-up of _____ % (which includes purchasing expenses, internal handling, General & Administrative expenses and profit) excluding applicable taxes. Applicable taxes will be shown as a separate item.

Total Cost for Initial Standing Offer Period: (T1 + T2) = _____

2) Pricing for Option Period One (1)

Regular Hours - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday					
Item	Description	Unit	Estimated # of Units (A)	Unit Price Offered (B)	Extended Cost = (AxB)
1	Journeyman Lineman Technician	Hour	250		G
2	Apprentice Lineman Technicaina	Hour	10		H
(T3 = G + H)					T3

Outside of Regulars hours - 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Friday including Weekends and Statutory Holidays					
Item	Description	Unit	Estimated # of Units (A)	Unit Price Offered (B)	Extended Cost = (AxB)
1	Journeyman Lineman Technician	Hour	50		I
2	Apprentice Lineman Technician	Hour	10		J
(T4 = I + J)					T4

MATERIAL AND REPLACEMENT PARTS:

Material and replacement parts (except free issue and not included in the above) at laid down cost (which includes invoice and transportation costs, exchange, customs and brokerage charges) plus a mark-up of _____ % (which includes purchasing expenses, internal handling, General & Administrative expenses and profit) excluding applicable taxes. Applicable taxes will be shown as a separate item.

Total Cost for Option Period One (1): (T3 + T4) = _____

3) Pricing for Option Period Two (2)

Regular Hours - 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday					
Item	Description	Unit	Estimated # of Units (A)	Unit Price Offered (B)	Extended Cost = (AxB)
1	Journeyman Lineman Technician	Hour	250		K
2	Apprentice Lineman Technician	Hour	10		L
(T5 = K + L)					T5

Outside of Regulars hours - 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Friday including Weekends and Statutory Holidays					
Item	Description	Unit	Estimated # of Units (A)	Unit Price Offered (B)	Extended Cost = (AxB)
1	Journeyman Lineman Technician	Hour	50		M
2	Apprentice Lineman Technician	Hour	10		N
(T6 = M + N)					T6

MATERIAL AND REPLACEMENT PARTS:

Material and replacement parts (except free issue and not included in the above) at laid down cost (which includes invoice and transportation costs, exchange, customs and brokerage charges) plus a mark-up of _____ % (which includes purchasing expenses, internal handling, General & Administrative expenses and profit) excluding applicable taxes. Applicable taxes will be shown as a separate item.

Total Cost for Option Period Two (2): (T5 + T6) = _____

Total Cost for Initial Standing Offer Period, Option Periods One (1) and Two (2) = _____

*** These estimates will be used for cost evaluation purposes only and do not constitute a guarantee or commitment on behalf of Canada of the quantity or amount to be used under the Standing Offer.**