



# **INVITATION TO TENDER**

**FOR**

**TREE CUTTING SERVICES**

**FOR**

**CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM (CEF)  
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)  
960 Carling Avenue  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C6**

**SOLICITATION #14-2029**

**CLOSING: Monday January 5, 2015  
02:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST)**

This Invitation to Tender cancels and supersedes previous Invitation to Tender number 14-2026 dated 2014-11-12 with a closing of 2014-12-05 at 02:00 p.m.. A debriefing or feedback session will be provided upon request to bidders, offerors or suppliers who bid on the previous solicitation.

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# Part 1 - Standard Instructions

## 01 Certifications - Bid

### 1. Bidders must:

- a) respond to bid solicitations in an honest, fair and comprehensive manner,
- b) accurately reflect their capacity to satisfy the requirements stipulated in the bid solicitations and resulting contracts,
- c) submit bids and enter into contracts only if they will fulfill all obligations of the Contract.

2. Bidders further understand that, to ensure fairness, openness and transparency in the procurement process, the commission of certain acts or offences will render them ineligible to be awarded a contract. Canada will declare non-responsive any bid in respect of which the information herein requested is missing or inaccurate, or in respect of which the information contained in the certifications specified hereinafter is found to be untrue, in any respect, by Canada. If it is determined, after contract award, that the Bidder made a false declaration, Canada will have the right to terminate the Contract for default. The Bidder will be required to diligently maintain up-to-date the information herein requested. The Bidder and any of the Bidder's affiliates, will also be required to remain free and clear of any acts or convictions specified herein during the period of any contract arising from this bid solicitation.

3. For the purpose of this section, everyone, including but not limited to organizations, bodies corporate, societies, companies, firms, partnerships, associations of persons, parent companies, and subsidiaries, whether partly or wholly-owned, as well as individuals, and directors, are Bidder's affiliates if:

- a) directly or indirectly either one controls or has the power to control the other, or
- b) a third party has the power to control both.

Indicia of control, include, but are not limited to, interlocking management or ownership, identity of interests among family members, shared facilities and equipment, common use of employees, or a business entity created following the acts or convictions specified in this section which has the same or similar management, ownership, or principal employees, as the case may be.

4. By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that it is aware, and that its affiliates are aware, that Canada may request additional information, certifications, consent forms and other evidentiary elements proving identity or eligibility. Canada may also verify the information provided by the Bidder, including the information relating to the acts or convictions specified herein, through independent research, use of any government resources or by contacting third parties.

5. By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that neither the Bidder nor any of the Bidder's affiliates have directly or indirectly, paid or agreed to pay, and will not, directly or indirectly, pay a contingency fee to any individual for the solicitation, negotiation or obtaining of the Contract if the payment of the fee would require the individual to file a return under section 5 of the [Lobbying Act](#).

6. By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that no one convicted under any of the provisions under a) or b) are to receive any benefit under a contract arising from this bid solicitation. In addition, the Bidder certifies that except for those offences where a criminal pardon or a record suspension has been obtained or capacities restored by the Governor in Council, neither the Bidder nor any of the Bidder's affiliates has ever been convicted of an offence under any of the following provisions:

- a) paragraph 80(1)(d) (False entry, certificate or return), subsection 80(2) (Fraud against Her Majesty) or section 154.01 (Fraud against Her Majesty) of the [Financial Administration Act](#), or
- b) section 121 (Frauds on the government and Contractor subscribing to election fund), section 124 (Selling or Purchasing Office), section 380 (Fraud) for fraud committed against Her Majesty or section 418 (Selling defective stores to Her Majesty) of the [Criminal Code of Canada](#), or
- c) section 462.31 (Laundering proceeds of crime) or sections 467.11 to 467.13 (Participation in activities of criminal organization) of the [Criminal Code of Canada](#), or

- d) section 45 (Conspiracies, agreements or arrangements between competitors), 46 (Foreign directives) 47 (Bid rigging), 49 (Agreements or arrangements of federal financial institutions), 52 (False or misleading representation), 53 (Deceptive notice of winning a prize) under the [Competition Act](#), or
  - e) section 239 (False or deceptive statements) of the [Income Tax Act](#), or
  - f) section 327 (False or deceptive statements) of the [Excise Tax Act](#), or
  - g) section 3 (Bribing a foreign public official) of the [Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act](#), or
  - h) section 5 (Trafficking in substance), section 6 (Importing and exporting), or section 7 (Production of substance) of the [Controlled Drugs and Substance Act](#).
7. In circumstances where a criminal pardon or a record suspension has been obtained, or capacities have been restored by the Governor in Council, the Bidder must provide with its bid or promptly thereafter a copy of confirming documentation from an official source. If such documentation has not been received by the time the evaluation of bids is completed, Canada will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to comply will render the bid non-responsive.
8. Bidders understand that Canada may contract outside of the present solicitation process with a supplier who has been convicted of an offense enumerated under c) to h) of the paragraph hereinabove, or who is affiliated with someone who has been convicted of an offense enumerated under c) to h) of the paragraph hereinabove, when required to do so by law or legal proceedings, or when Canada considers it necessary to the public interest for reasons which include, but are not limited to:
- o Only one person is capable of performing the contract;
  - o Emergency;
  - o National security;
  - o Health and safety;
  - o Economic harm;

Canada reserves the right to impose additional conditions or measures to ensure the integrity of the procurement process.

## **02 Procurement Business Number**

Suppliers are required to have a Procurement Business Number (PBN) before contract award. Suppliers may register for a PBN online at [Supplier Registration Information](#). For non-Internet registration, suppliers may contact the Info Line at 1-800-811-1148 to obtain the telephone number of the nearest Supplier Registration Agent.

## **03 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions**

Pursuant to the [Department of Public Works and Government Services Act](#) (S.C. 1996, c.16), the instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the bid solicitation and resulting contract by number, date, and title are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation and resulting contract as though expressly set out in the bid solicitation and resulting contract.

## **04 Definition of Bidder**

"Bidder" means the person or entity (or, in the case of a joint venture, the persons or entities) submitting a bid to perform a contract for goods, services or both. It does not include the parent, subsidiaries or other affiliates of the Bidder, or its subcontractors.

## **05 Submission of Bids**

1. Canada requires that each bid, at closing date and time or upon request from the Contracting Authority, be signed by the Bidder or by an authorized representative of the Bidder. If a bid is submitted by a joint venture, it must be in accordance with Section 17.
2. It is the Bidder's responsibility to:
  - a) obtain clarification of the requirements contained in the bid solicitation, if necessary, before submitting a bid;

- b) prepare its bid in accordance with the instructions contained in the bid solicitation;
  - c) submit by closing date and time a complete bid;
  - d) send its bid only to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) to the address specified in the bid solicitation;
  - e) ensure that the Bidder's name, return address, the bid solicitation number, and bid solicitation closing date and time are clearly visible on the envelope or the parcel(s) containing the bid; and,
  - f) provide a comprehensible and sufficiently detailed bid, including all requested pricing details, that will permit a complete evaluation in accordance with the criteria set out in the bid solicitation.
3. If Canada has provided bidders with multiple formats of a document (for example, a document may be downloaded through the Government Electronic Tendering Service (GETS) but may also be made available on CD-ROM through GETS), the format downloaded through GETS will take precedence. If Canada posts an amendment to the bid solicitation revising any documents provided to bidders in multiple formats, Canada will not necessarily update all formats to reflect these revisions. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that revisions made through any bid solicitation amendment issued through GETS are taken into account in the alternate formats it uses of bid solicitation documents.
  4. Bids will remain open for acceptance for a period of not less than ninety (90) days from the closing date of the bid solicitation, unless specified otherwise in the bid solicitation. Canada reserves the right to seek an extension of the bid validity period from all responsive bidders in writing, within a minimum of three (3) days before the end of the bid validity period. If the extension is accepted by all responsive bidders, Canada will continue with the evaluation of the bids. If the extension is not accepted by all responsive bidders, Canada will, at its sole discretion, either continue with the evaluation of the bids of those who have accepted the extension or cancel the solicitation.
  5. Bid documents and supporting information may be submitted in either English or French.
  6. Bids received on or before the stipulated bid solicitation closing date and time will become the property of Canada and will not be returned. All bids will be treated as confidential, subject to the provisions of the [Access to Information Act](#) (R.S. 1985, c. A-1) and the [Privacy Act](#) (R.S., 1985, c. P-21).
  7. Unless specified otherwise in the bid solicitation, Canada will evaluate only the documentation provided with a bidder's bid. Canada will not evaluate information such as references to Web site addresses where additional information can be found, or technical manuals or brochures not submitted with the bid.
  8. A bid cannot be assigned or transferred in whole or in part.

## **06 Late Bids**

AAFC will return bids delivered after the stipulated bid solicitation closing date and time, unless they qualify as a delayed bid as described below.

## **07 Delayed Bids**

1. A bid delivered to the specified address after the closing date and time but before the contract award date may be considered, provided the bidder can prove the delay is due solely to a delay in delivery that can be attributed to the Canada Post Corporation (CPC) (or national equivalent of a foreign country). Purolator Inc. is not considered to be part of CPC for the purposes of delayed bids. The only pieces of evidence relating to a delay in the CPC system that are acceptable to AAFC are:
  - a) CPC cancellation date stamp; or
  - b) CPC Priority Courier bill of lading; or
  - c) CPC Xpresspost label

that clearly indicates that the bid was mailed before the bid closing date.

2. Misrouting, traffic volume, weather disturbances, labour disputes or any other causes for the late delivery of bids are not acceptable reasons for the bid to be accepted by AAFC.
3. Postage meter imprints, whether imprinted by the Bidder, the CPC or the postal authority outside Canada, are not acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

## **08 Transmission by Facsimile**

Unless specified otherwise in the bid solicitation, bids may not be submitted by facsimile.

## **09 Customs Clearance**

It is the responsibility of the Bidder to allow sufficient time to obtain customs clearance, where required, before the bid closing date and time. Delays related to the obtaining of customs clearance cannot be construed as "undue delay in the mail" and will not be accepted as a delayed bid under section 07.

## **10 Legal Capacity**

The Bidder must have the legal capacity to contract. If the Bidder is a sole proprietorship, a partnership or a corporate body, the Bidder must provide, if requested by the Contracting Authority, a statement and any requested supporting documentation indicating the laws under which it is registered or incorporated together with the registered or corporate name and place of business. This also applies to bidders submitting a bid as a joint venture.

## **11 Rights of Canada**

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.

## **12 Rejection of Bid**

1. Canada may reject a bid where any of the following circumstances is present:
  - a) the Bidder is subject to a Vendor Performance Corrective Measure, under the Vendor Performance Corrective Measure Policy, which renders the Bidder ineligible to bid on the requirement;
  - b) an employee, or subcontractor included as part of the bid, is subject to a Vendor Performance Corrective Measure, under the Performance Corrective Measure Policy, which would render that employee or subcontractor ineligible to bid on the requirement, or the portion of the requirement the employee or subcontractor is to perform;
  - c) the Bidder is bankrupt or where, for whatever reason, its activities are rendered inoperable for an extended period;
  - d) evidence, satisfactory to Canada, of fraud, bribery, fraudulent misrepresentation or failure to comply with any law protecting individuals against any manner of discrimination, has been received with respect to the Bidder, any of its employees or any subcontractor included as part of the bid;

- e) evidence satisfactory to Canada that based on past conduct or behavior, the Bidder, a subcontractor or a person who is to perform the Work is unsuitable or has conducted himself/herself improperly;
  - f) with respect to current or prior transactions with the Government of Canada:
    - i Canada has exercised its contractual remedies of suspension or termination for default with respect to a contract with the Bidder, any of its employees or any subcontractor included as part of the bid;
    - ii Canada determines that the Bidder's performance on other contracts, including the efficiency and workmanship as well as the extent to which the Bidder performed the Work in accordance with contractual clauses and conditions, is sufficiently poor to jeopardize the successful completion of the requirement being bid on.
2. Where Canada intends to reject a bid pursuant to a provision of subsection 1. (f), the Contracting Authority will so inform the Bidder and provide the Bidder ten (10) days within which to make representations, before making a final decision on the bid rejection.
3. Canada reserves the right to apply additional scrutiny, in particular, when multiple bids are received in response to a bid solicitation from a single bidder or a joint venture. Canada reserves the right to:
- a) reject any or all of the bids submitted by a single bidder or joint venture if their inclusion in the evaluation has the effect of prejudicing the integrity and fairness of the process, or;
  - b) reject any or all of the bids submitted by a single bidder or joint venture if their inclusion in the procurement process would distort the solicitation evaluation, and would cause a result that would not reasonably have been expected under prevailing market conditions and/or would not provide good value to Canada.

### 13 Communications - Solicitation Period

To ensure the integrity of the competitive bid process, enquiries and other communications regarding the bid solicitation must be directed only to the Contracting Authority identified in the bid solicitation. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

To ensure consistency and quality of information provided to bidders, significant enquiries received and the replies to such enquiries will be provided simultaneously to bidders to which the bid solicitation has been sent, without revealing the sources of the enquiries.

**Contracting Authority:** Jean-Pierre Simard, Senior Contracts Officer  
**E-mail Address:** jean-pierre.simard@agr.gc.ca  
**Telephone:** 613-759-6157  
**Facsimile:** 613-759-7005

### 14 Price Justification

In the event that the Bidder's bid is the sole responsive bid received, the Bidder must provide, on Canada's request, one or more of the following price justification:

- a) a current published price list indicating the percentage discount available to Canada; or
- b) a copy of paid invoices for the like quality and quantity of the goods, services or both sold to other customers; or
- c) a price breakdown showing the cost of direct labour, direct materials, purchased items, engineering and plant overheads, general and administrative overhead, transportation, etc., and profit; or
- d) price or rate certifications; or
- e) any other supporting documentation as requested by Canada.

## **15 Bid Costs**

No payment will be made for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid in response to the bid solicitation. Costs associated with preparing and submitting a bid, as well as any costs incurred by the Bidder associated with the evaluation of the bid, are the sole responsibility of the Bidder.

## **16 Conduct of Evaluation**

1. In conducting its evaluation of the bids, Canada may, but will have no obligation to, do the following:
  - a) seek clarification or verification from bidders regarding any or all information provided by them with respect to the bid solicitation;
  - b) contact any or all references supplied by bidders to verify and validate any information submitted by them;
  - c) request, before award of any contract, specific information with respect to bidders' legal status;
  - d) conduct a survey of bidders' facilities and/or examine their technical, managerial, and financial capabilities to determine if they are adequate to meet the requirements of the bid solicitation;
  - e) correct any error in the extended pricing of bids by using unit pricing and any error in quantities in bids to reflect the quantities stated in the bid solicitation; in the case of error in the extension of prices, the unit price will govern.
  - f) verify any information provided by bidders through independent research, use of any government resources or by contacting third parties;
  - g) interview, at the sole costs of bidders, any bidder and/or any or all of the resources proposed by bidders to fulfill the requirement of the bid solicitation.
2. Bidders will have the number of days specified in the request by the Contracting Authority to comply with any request related to any of the above items. Failure to comply with the request may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

## **17 Joint Venture**

1. A joint venture is an association of two or more parties who combine their money, property, knowledge, expertise or other resources in a single joint business enterprise, sometimes referred as a consortium, to bid together on a requirement. Bidders who bid as a joint venture must indicate clearly that it is a joint venture and provide the following information:
  - a) the name of each member of the joint venture;
  - b) the Procurement Business Number of each member of the joint venture;
  - c) the name of the representative of the joint venture, i.e. the member chosen by the other members to act on their behalf, if applicable;
  - d) the name of the joint venture, if applicable.
2. If the information is not clearly provided in the bid, the Bidder must provide the information on request from the Contracting Authority.
3. The bid and any resulting contract must be signed by all the members of the joint venture unless one member has been appointed to act on behalf of all members of the joint venture. The Contracting Authority may, at any time, require each member of the joint venture to confirm that the representative has been appointed with full authority to act as its representative for the purposes of the bid solicitation and any resulting contract. If a contract is awarded to a joint venture, all members of the joint venture will be jointly and severally or solidarily liable for the performance of any resulting contract.



## **18 Conflict of Interest - Unfair Advantage**

1. In order to protect the integrity of the procurement process, bidders are advised that Canada may reject a bid in the following circumstances:
  - a) if the Bidder, any of its subcontractors, any of their respective employees or former employees was involved in any manner in the preparation of the bid solicitation or in any situation of conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest;
  - b) if the Bidder, any of its subcontractors, any of their respective employees or former employees had access to information related to the bid solicitation that was not available to other bidders and that would, in Canada's opinion, give or appear to give the Bidder an unfair advantage.
2. The experience acquired by a bidder who is providing or has provided the goods and services described in the bid solicitation (or similar goods or services) will not, in itself, be considered by Canada as conferring an unfair advantage or creating a conflict of interest. This bidder remains however subject to the criteria established above.
3. Where Canada intends to reject a bid under this section, the Contracting Authority will inform the Bidder and provide the Bidder an opportunity to make representations before making a final decision. Bidders who are in doubt about a particular situation should contact the Contracting Authority before bid closing. By submitting a bid, the Bidder represents that it does not consider itself to be in conflict of interest nor to have an unfair advantage. The Bidder acknowledges that it is within Canada's sole discretion to determine whether a conflict of interest, unfair advantage or an appearance of conflict of interest or unfair advantage exists.

## **19 Entire Requirement**

The bid solicitation documents contain all the requirements relating to the bid solicitation. Any other information or documentation provided to or obtained by a bidder from any source are not relevant. Bidders should not assume that practices used under previous contracts will continue, unless they are described in the bid solicitation. Bidders should also not assume that their existing capabilities meet the requirements of the bid solicitation simply because they have met previous requirements.

## **20 Further Information**

For further information, bidders may contact the Contracting Authority identified in the bid solicitation.

## **Part 2 – Information and Instructions to Bidders**

### **1. Security Requirement**

There is no security requirement associated with the requirement.

### **2. Statement of Work**

The Contractor must perform the Work in accordance with the Statement of Work at Appendix "B".

### **3. Debriefings**

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

### **4. Submission of Bids**

Bids must be submitted only to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) by the date, time and place indicated at Part 2, Article 7 "Bid Preparation Instructions" of the bid solicitation.

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

### **5. Enquiries - Bid Solicitation**

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

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

### **6. Applicable Laws**

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

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

### **7. Bid Preparation Instructions**

- 1) Bidders must complete the Bid and Acceptance Form (BA), legibly and submit it signed and dated.

Any alteration to the pre-printed or pre-typed sections of the Bid and Acceptance Form, or any condition or qualification placed upon the bid shall be cause for disqualification. Alterations, corrections, changes or erasures made to statements or figures entered on the Bid and Acceptance Form by the Bidder shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the bid. Alterations, corrections, changes or erasures that are not initialed shall be deemed void and without effect.

- 2) Bids must be delivered in a sealed envelope before the Tender Closing Time of 2:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time (EST), on Friday December 5, 2014, to the following address:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
Central Experimental Farm  
K.W. Neatby Building, Security Desk, Main Lobby

960 Carling Avenue  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C6  
Attn: Jean-Pierre Simard

## **8. Site Visit**

It is recommended that the Bidder or a representative of the Bidder visit the work site. Arrangements have been made for a tour of the work site. The site visit will be held on **Monday December 22, 2014 at 10:00 am** at the CEF Ottawa, 960 Carling Avenue, Ottawa. Bidders who do not attend or send a representative will not be given an alternative appointment but they will not be precluded from submitting a bid. Any clarifications or changes to the bid solicitation resulting from the site visit will be included as an amendment to the bid solicitation.

## **9. Evaluation Procedures**

Each bid will be reviewed to determine whether it meets the requirements of the bid solicitation. Bids that do not comply with each and every mandatory requirement will be considered non-responsive and be disqualified. **The requirements are described in Appendix C.**

## **10. Basis of Selection**

The Bidder who:

- a) has submitted a responsive proposal; and
- b) has submitted the lowest total priced responsive bid will be recommended for award of a contract.

Bidders should note that all contract awards are subject to Canada's internal approvals process, which includes a requirement to approve funding in the amount of any proposed contract. Notwithstanding that a Bidder may have been recommended for contract award, issuance of any contract will be contingent upon internal approval in accordance with Canada's policies. If such approval is not given, no contract will be awarded.

## **11. Compliance with Applicable Laws**

- 1) By submission of a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder has the legal capacity to enter into a contract and is in possession of all valid licences, permits, registrations, certificates, declarations, filings, or other authorizations necessary to comply with all federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations applicable to the submission of the bid and entry into any ensuing contract for the performance of the work.
- 2) For the purpose of validating the certification in paragraph 1), a Bidder shall, if requested, provide a copy of every valid licence, permit, registration, certificate, declaration, filing or other authorization listed in the request, and shall provide such documentation within the time limit(s) set out in the said request.
- 3) Failure to comply with the requirements of paragraph 2) shall result in disqualification of the bid.

## **12. Certifications**

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

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

The Contracting Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Bidder's certifications. Failure to comply with this request will also render the bid non-responsive or will constitute a default under the Contract.

### **12.1 Additional Certifications Precedent to Contract Award**

The certifications listed below should be completed and submitted with the bid, but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications is not completed and submitted as requested, the Contracting Authority will so inform the Bidder and provide the Bidder with a time frame within which to meet the requirement. Failure to

comply with the request of the Contracting Authority and meet the requirement within that time period will render the bid non-responsive.

### 12.1.1 Federal Contractors Program – Certification

Suppliers who are subject to the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) and have been declared ineligible contractors by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) are no longer eligible to receive federal government contracts over the threshold for solicitation of bids as set out in the [Government Contracts Regulations](#). Suppliers may be declared ineligible contractors either as a result of a finding of non-compliance by HRSDC, or following their voluntary withdrawal from the FCP for a reason other than the reduction of their workforce to less than 100 employees. Any bids from ineligible contractors, including a bid from a joint venture that has a member who is an ineligible contractor, will be declared non-responsive.

The Bidder, or, if the Bidder is a joint venture the member of the joint venture, certifies its status with the FCP, as follows:

The Bidder or the member of the joint venture

- a. ( ) is not subject to the FCP, having a workforce of less than 100 full-time or part-time permanent employees, and/or temporary employees having worked 12 weeks or more in Canada;
- b. ( ) is not subject to the FCP, being a regulated employer under the [Employment Equity Act](#), S.C. 1995, c. 44;
- c. ( ) is subject to the requirements of the FCP, having a workforce of 100 or more full-time or part-time permanent employees, and/or temporary employees having worked 12 weeks or more in Canada, but has not previously obtained a certificate number from HRSDC, having not bid on requirements of \$200,000 or more;
- d. ( ) has not been declared an ineligible contractor by HRSDC, and has a valid certificate number as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Further information on the FCP is available on the HRSDC Web site.

### 12.1.2 Former Public Servant - Certification

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 reports in accordance with [Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2](#) and the [Guidelines on the Proactive Disclosure of Contracts](#).

### **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.

## **PART 3 – Resulting Contract Clauses**

### **1. Security Requirement**

There is no security requirement associated with the requirement.

### **2. Statement of Work**

The Contractor must perform the Work in accordance with the Statement of Work at Appendix "B".

### **3. General Conditions**

The General Conditions "Appendix A" including the following modifications, will apply to and form part of this Contract.

### **4. Period of the Contract**

The period of the Contract will be from date of Contract to March 31, 2015.

### **5. Value of the Contract - Revision**

AAFC reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of trees to be cut according to departmental operational requirements. Should the number trees to be cut change, the value of the Contract will be modified accordingly. Any modifications to the value of the Contract will be based upon the prices tendered by the contractor on the Bid and Acceptance Form.

### **6. Proactive Disclosure of Contracts with Former Public Servants**

By providing information on its status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a [Public Service Superannuation Act \(PSSA\)](#) pension, the Contractor has agreed that this information will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports, in accordance with [Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2](#) of the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada.

### **7. Contracting Authority**

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Jean-Pierre Simard  
Senior Contracts Officer  
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
CEF Integrated Services  
960 Carling Avenue  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C6  
Telephone: 613-759-6157  
Facsimile: 613-759-7005  
E-mail address: [jean-pierre.simard@agr.gc.ca](mailto:jean-pierre.simard@agr.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.

### **8. Insurance Requirements**

The Contractor must comply with the insurance requirements specified in Article 9 "Commercial General Liability Insurance". The Contractor must maintain the required insurance coverage for the duration of the Contract. Compliance with the insurance requirements does not release the Contractor from or reduce its liability under the Contract.

The Contractor is responsible for deciding if additional insurance coverage is necessary to fulfill its obligation under the Contract and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any additional insurance coverage is at the Contractor's expense, and for its own benefit and protection.

The Contractor must forward to the Contracting Authority within ten (10) days after the date of award of the Contract, a 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.

## **9. Commercial General Liability Insurance**

1. 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 per accident or occurrence and in the annual aggregate.
2. The Commercial General Liability policy must include the following:
  - (a) 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: Canada, as represented by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.
  - (b) Bodily Injury and Property Damage to third parties arising out of the operations of the Contractor.
  - (c) 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.
  - (d) Personal Injury.
  - (e) 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.
  - (f) 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.
  - (g) Employees and, if applicable, Volunteers must be included as Additional Insured.
  - (h) Employers' Liability (or confirmation that all employees are covered by Worker's compensation (WSIB) or similar program)
  - (i) 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.
  - (j) Notice of Cancellation: The Insurer will endeavour to provide the Contracting Authority thirty (30) days written notice of policy cancellation.
  - (k) 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.
  - (l) Non-Owned Automobile Liability - Coverage for suits against the Contractor resulting from the use of hired or non-owned vehicles.

## **10. Invoices and Payment**

- 1) AAFC will pay the Contractor on a monthly basis for work performed during the month covered by the invoice in accordance with the payment provisions of the Contract if:
  - a) an accurate and complete invoice and any other documents required by the Contract have been submitted in accordance with the invoicing instructions provided in the Contract;
  - b) all such documents have been verified by Canada;
  - c) the Work performed has been accepted by Canada.
- 2) Invoices must not be submitted before the identified work in the invoice has been completed and that all inspection and/or maintenance reports for such work have been received by the Contracting Authority.
- 3) All invoices must include the Contract number and the period in which the services within have been provided.

Invoices must be sent to the following address:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
CEF Integrated Services  
K.W. Neatby Bldg., Room 1127  
960 Carling Avenue  
Ottawa K1A 0C6

Attn: Jean-Pierre Simard, Senior Contracts Officer

## 11. Limitation of Expenditure

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

## 12. Certifications - Compliance

Compliance with the certifications and related documentation provided by the Contractor in its bid is a condition of the Contract and subject to verification by Canada during the term of the Contract. If the Contractor does not comply with any certification, provide the related documentation or if it is determined that any certification made by the Contractor in its bid is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, Canada has the right, pursuant to the default provision of the Contract, to terminate the Contract for default.

## 13. Priority of Documents

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

- a) the Articles of Agreement;
- b) Appendix A, General Conditions;
- c) Appendix B, Statement of Work;
- d) the Contractor's bid dated YYYY-MM-DD.

## 14. Performance Evaluation

Bidders shall take note that the performance of the Contractor during and upon completion of the work shall be evaluated by Canada. The evaluation shall be based on the quality of workmanship; timeliness of completion of the work; project management, contract management and management of health and safety. Should the Contractor's performance be considered unsatisfactory, the Contractor's bidding privileges on future work may be suspended indefinitely.



## BID AND ACCEPTANCE FORM (BA)

**BA01 IDENTIFICATION**

Tree Cutting Services, CEF Ottawa  
 960 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Canada  
 Solicitation # 14-2029

**BA02 BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS OF BIDDER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

PBN: \_\_\_\_\_

**BA03 THE OFFER**

Description	Price per Unit (PU) <small>Excluding applicable taxes</small>	Estimated Quantity (EQ)	Total Bid Amount (PU x EQ) <small>Excluding applicable taxes</small>
Tree Cutting	\$	62	\$

The Bidder offers to Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada to perform and complete the Work for the above named project in accordance with the Bid Documents for the **Total Bid Amount** of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ excluding applicable taxes.  
 (amount in numbers)

Proposed Working Foreman	
Last Name	First Name

**BA04 ACCEPTANCE AND CONTRACT**

Upon acceptance of the Contractor's offer by Canada, a binding Contract shall be formed between Canada and the Contractor. The documents forming the Contract shall be the Part 3 – Resulting Contract Clauses and all documents included in the Appendix List.

**BA05 SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Bidder (Type or print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

## APPENDIX A

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### GC1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 In the contract,

- 1.1 "Applicable Taxes" means the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), and any provincial tax, by law, payable by Canada such as, the Quebec Sales Tax (QST) as of April 1, 2013;
- 1.2 "Canada", "Crown", "Her Majesty" or "the Government" means Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada; "Contractor" means the person, entity or entities named in the Contract to supply goods, services or both to Canada;
- 1.3 "Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada or anyone authorized;
- 1.4 "Party" means Canada, the Contractor, or any other signatory to the contract and "Parties" means all of them;
- 1.5 "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.

#### GC2. Powers of Canada

All rights, remedies and discretions granted or acquired by Canada under the Contract or by law are cumulative, not exclusive.

#### GC3. General Conditions

The Contractor is an independent contractor engaged by Canada to perform the Work. Nothing in the Contract is intended to create a partnership, a joint venture or an agency between Canada and the other Party or Parties. The Contractor must not represent itself as an agent or representative of Canada to anyone. Neither the Contractor nor any of its personnel is engaged as an employee or agent of Canada. The Contractor is responsible for all deductions and remittances required by law in relation to its employees.

#### GC4. Conduct of the Work

4.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that:

- (a) It is competent to perform the Work;
- (b) It has the necessary qualifications, including knowledge, skill and experience, to perform the Work, together with the ability to use those qualifications effectively for that purpose; and
- (c) It has the necessary personnel and resources to perform the Work.

4.2 Except for government property specifically provided for in the Contract, the Contractor shall supply everything necessary for the performance of the Work, including all the resources, facilities, labor and supervision, management, services, equipment, materials, drawings, technical data, technical assistance, engineering services, inspection and quality assurance procedures, and planning necessary to perform the Work.

4.3 The Contractor shall:

- (a) Carry out the Work in a diligent and efficient manner;
- (b) Apply as a minimum, such quality assurance tests, inspections and controls consistent with those in general usage in the trade and that are reasonably calculated to ensure the degree of quality required by the Contract; and
- (c) Ensure that the Work:
  - (1) is of proper quality, material and workmanship;
  - (2) Is in full conformity with the Statement of Work; and
  - (3) Meets all other requirements of the Contract.

4.4 Notwithstanding acceptance of the Work or any part thereof, the Contractor warrants that the Work shall be of such quality as to clearly demonstrate that the Contractor has performed the Work in accordance with the undertaking in subsection 4.3.

**GC5. Inspection and Acceptance**

5.1 The Work will be subject to inspection by Canada. Should any part of the Work whether it be a report, document, good or service not be in accordance with the Contract or not be done to the satisfaction of the Canada, as submitted, Canada will have the right to reject it or require its correction at the sole expense of the Contractor before making payment.

5.2 The Contractor will be in default of the Contract if the Work is rejected by Canada or if he fails to correct the Work within a reasonable delay.

**GC6. Amendments and Waivers**

6.1 No design change, modification to the Work, or amendment to the Contract shall be binding unless it is incorporated into the Contract by written amendment or design change memorandum executed by the authorized representatives of Canada and of the Contractor.

6.2 While the Contractor may discuss any proposed changes or modifications to the scope of the Work with the representatives of Canada, Canada shall not be liable for the cost of any such change or modification until it has been incorporated into the Contract in accordance with subsection 6.1.

6.3 No waiver shall be valid, binding or affect the rights of the Parties unless it is made in writing by, in the case of a waiver by Canada, the Contracting Authority and, in the case of a waiver by the Contractor, the authorized representative of the Contractor.

6.4 The waiver by a Party of a breach of any term or condition of the Contract shall not prevent the enforcement of that term or condition by that Party in the case of a subsequent breach, and shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach.

**GC7. Time of the Essence**

It is essential that the Work be performed within or at the time stated in the Contract.

**GC8. Excusable delay**

8.1 Any delay by the Contractor in performing the Contractor's obligations under the Contract which occurs without any fault or neglect on the part of the Contractor its subcontractors, agents or employees or is caused by an event beyond the control of the Contractor, and which could not have been avoided by the Contractor without incurring unreasonable cost through the use of work-around plans including alternative sources or other means, constitutes an excusable delay.



- 8.2 The Contractor shall give notice to the Minister immediately after the occurrence of the event that causes the excusable delay. The notice shall state the cause and circumstances of the delay and indicate the portion of the Work affected by the delay. When requested to do so by the Minister, the Contractor shall deliver a description, in a form satisfactory to the Minister, of work-around plans including alternative sources and any other means that the Contractor will utilize to overcome the delay and Endeavour to prevent any further delay. Upon approval in writing by the Minister of the work-around plans, the Contractor shall implement the work around plans and use all reasonable means to recover any time lost as a result of the excusable delay.
- 8.3 Unless the Contractor complies with the notice requirements set forth in the Contract, any delay that might have constituted an excusable delay shall be deemed not to be an excusable delay.
- 8.4 If an excusable delay has continued for thirty (30) days or more, Canada may, by giving notice in writing to the Contractor, terminate the Contract. In such a case, the Parties agree that neither 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 contributed to the excusable delay. The Contractor agrees to repay immediately to Canada the portion of any advance payment that is unliquidated at the date of the termination.
- 8.5 Unless Canada has caused the delay by failing to meet an obligation under the Contract, Canada will not be responsible for any cost incurred by the contractor or any subcontractors or agents as a result of an excusable delay.
- 8.6 If the Contract is terminated under this section, Canada may require the Contractor to deliver to Canada, in the manner and to the extent directed by Canada, any completed parts of the Work not delivered and accepted before the termination and anything that the Contractor has acquired or produced specifically to perform the Contract. Canada will pay the Contractor:
- (a) The value, of all completed parts of the Work delivered to and accepted by Canada, based on the Contract price, including the proportionate part of the Contractor's profit or fee included in the Contract price; and
  - (b) The cost to the Contractor that Canada considers reasonable in respect of anything else delivered to and accepted by Canada.
- 8.7 The total amount paid by Canada under the Contract to the date of termination and any amounts payable under this subsection must not exceed the Contract price.

#### **GC9. Termination of convenience**

- 9.1 Notwithstanding anything in the Contract, the Minister may, by giving notice to the Contractor, terminate or suspend the Contract immediately with respect to all or any part or parts of the Work not completed.
- 9.2 All Work completed by the Contractor to the satisfaction of Canada before the giving of such notice shall be paid for by Canada in accordance with the provisions of the Contract and, for all Work not completed before the giving of such notice, Canada shall pay the Contractor's costs as determined under the provisions of the Contract in an amount representing a fair and reasonable fee in respect of such Work.
- 9.3 In addition to the amount which the Contractor shall be paid under section GC9.2, the Contractor shall be reimbursed for the Contractor's cost of and incidental to the cancellation of obligations incurred by the Contractor pursuant to such notice and obligations incurred by or to which the Contractor is subject with respect to the Work.
- 9.4 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 notice given by Canada under the provisions of section GC9 except as expressly provided therein.
- 9.5 Upon termination of the Contract under section GC9.1, Canada may require the Contractor to deliver and transfer title to Canada, in the manner and to the extent directed by Canada, any finished Work which has not been delivered prior to such termination and any material, goods or Work-in-progress which the Contractor specifically acquired or produced for the fulfillment of the Contract.

## **GC10. Termination due to Default of Contractor**

- 10.1 Canada may by notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of the Contract:
- a) If the Contractor fails to perform any of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract or in Canada's view, so fails to make progress so as to endanger performance of the Contract in accordance with its terms;
  - b) To the extent permitted under law, if 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 if an order is made or resolution passed for the winding up of the Contractor, or if the Contractor takes the benefit of a statute relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors; or
  - c) If the Contractor makes a false declaration under GC 37 or GC 38 or fails to comply with the terms set out in GC 16.3 or GC 39.
- 10.2 Upon termination of the Contract under section GC10, the Contractor shall deliver to Canada any finished Work which has not been delivered and accepted prior to such termination, together with materials and Work-in-progress relating specifically to the Contract and all materials, texts and other documents supplied to the Contractor in relation to the Contract.
- 10.3 Subject to the deduction of any claim which Canada may have against the Contractor arising under the Contract or out of termination, payment will be made by Canada to the Contractor for the value of all finished Work delivered and accepted by Canada, such value to be determined in accordance with the rate(s) specified in the Contract, or, where no rate is specified, on a proportional basis.
- 10.4 If the contract is terminated pursuant to GC 10.1(c), in addition to any other remedies that may be available against the Contractor, the Contractor will immediately return any advance payments.

## **GC11. Suspension of Work**

- 11.1 The Minister may at any time, by written notice, order the Contractor to suspend or stop the Work or part of the Work under the Contract. The Contractor must immediately comply with any such order in a way that minimizes the cost of doing so.

## **GC12. Extension of Contract**

- 12.1 Where the Minister determines that additional work of the same nature as the Work described in this Contract is required, the Contractor shall do such work and where required the term of the Contract shall be extended accordingly and confirmed in writing between the parties.
- 12.2 Payment for the work described in subsection 1 shall be calculated and paid on the same basis as in section GC12 and where required prorated.
- 12.3 Where the Minister has determined that the Contractor shall be paid expenses related to the Work described in section GC12.1, the type of expenses and amounts shall be confirmed in writing between the parties.

## **TERMS OF PAYMENT**

### **GC13. Method of Payment**

- 13.1 Payment in the case of progress payments:
- a) Payment by Canada to the Contractor for the Work shall be made within thirty (30) days following the date on which a claim for progress payment is received according to the terms of the Contract; and
  - b) If the Minister has any objection to the form of the claim for payment or the substantiating documentation, shall, within fifteen (15) days of its receipt, notify the Contractor in writing of the nature of the objection.



13.2 Payment in the case of payment on completion:

- a) Payment by Canada to the Contractor for the Work shall be made within thirty (30) days following the date on which the Work is completed or on which a claim for payment and substantiating documentation are received according to the terms of the Contract, whichever date is the later;
- b) If the Minister has any objection to the form of the claim for payment or the substantiating documentation, shall, within fifteen (15) days of its receipt, notify the Contractor in writing of the nature of the objection.

**GC14. Basis of Payment**

- 14.1 A claim in the form of an itemized account certified by the Contractor with respect to the accuracy of its contents shall be submitted to the Minister.
- 14.2 Travel and other expenses, where allowed by the Contract, shall be paid in accordance with Treasury Board Guidelines and Directives, certified by the Contractor as to the accuracy of such claim.

**GC15. Interest on Overdue Accounts**

15.1 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;
- (b) "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;
- (c) "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;
- (d) an amount is "due and payable" when it is due and payable by Canada to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Contract; and
- (e) An amount becomes "overdue" when it is unpaid on the first day following the day upon which it is due and payable.

15.2 Canada shall be liable to pay to the Contractor simple interest at the Average Rate plus 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 thirty (30) days overdue. No interest will be payable or paid in respect of payment made within such thirty (30) days unless the Contractor so requests after payment has become due.

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

15.4 Canada shall not be liable to pay interest on overdue advance payments.

**GC16. Records to be kept by Contractor**

- 16.1 The Contractor must keep proper accounts and records of the cost of performing the Work and of all expenditures or commitments made by the Contractor in connection with the Work, including all invoices, receipts and vouchers. The Contractor must retain records, including bills of lading and other evidence of transportation or delivery, for all deliveries made under the Contract.
- 16.2 If the Contract includes payment for time spent by the Contractor, its employees, representatives, agents or subcontractors performing the Work, the Contractor must keep a record of the actual time spent each day by each individual performing any part of the Work.

- 16.3 Unless Canada has consented in writing to its disposal, the Contractor must retain all the information described in this section for six (6) years after it receives the final payment under the Contract, or until the settlement of all outstanding claims and disputes, whichever is later. During this time, the Contractor must make this information available for audit, inspection and examination by the representatives of Canada, who may make copies and take extracts. The Contractor must provide all reasonably required facilities for any audit and inspection and must furnish all the information as the representatives of Canada may from time to time require to perform a complete audit of the Contract.
- 16.4 The amount claimed under the Contract, calculated in accordance with the Basis of Payment provision in the Articles of Agreement, is subject to government audit both before and after payment is made. If an audit is performed after payment, the Contractor agrees to repay any overpayment immediately on demand by Canada. Canada may hold back, deduct and set off any credits owing and unpaid under this section from any money that Canada owes to the Contractor at any time (including under other Contracts). If Canada does not choose to exercise this right at any given time, Canada does not lose this right.

#### **GC17. Invoice Submission**

- 17.1 Invoices must be submitted in the Contractor's name. The Contractor must submit invoices for each delivery or shipment; invoices must only apply to the Contract. Each invoice must indicate whether it covers partial or final delivery.
- 17.2 Invoices must show:
- (a) the date, the name and address of the client department, item or reference numbers, deliverable and/or description of the Work, contract number, Client Reference Number (CRN), Procurement Business Number (PBN), and financial code(s);
  - (b) details of expenditures (such as item, quantity, unit of issue, unit price, fixed time labour rates and level of effort, subcontracts, as applicable) in accordance with the Basis of Payment, exclusive of Applicable Taxes;
  - (c) deduction for holdback, if applicable;
  - (d) the extension of the totals, if applicable; and
  - (e) if applicable, the method of shipment together with date, case numbers and part or reference numbers, shipment charges and any other additional charges.
- 17.3 Applicable Taxes must be specified on all invoices as a separate item along with corresponding registration numbers from the tax authorities. All items that are zero-rated, exempt or to which Applicable Taxes do not apply, must be identified as such on all invoices.
- 17.4 By submitting an invoice, the Contractor certifies that the invoice is consistent with the Work delivered and is in accordance with the Contract.

#### **GC18. Right of Set off**

Without restricting any right of set off given by law, the Minister may set off against any amount payable to the Contractor under the Contract, any amount payable to Canada by the Contractor under the Contract or under any other current contract. Canada may, when making a payment pursuant to the Contract, deduct from the amount payable to the Contractor any such amount payable to Canada by the Contractor which, by virtue of the right of set off, may be retained by Canada.

#### **GC19. Assignment**

- 19.1 The Contract shall not be assigned in whole or in part by the Contractor without the prior written consent of Canada and an assignment made without that consent is void and of no effect.
- 19.2 An assignment of the Contract does not relieve the Contractor from any obligation under the Contract or impose any liability upon Canada.



## **GC20. Subcontracting**

- 20.1 The Contractor must obtain the consent in writing of the Minister before subcontracting.
- 20.2 Subcontracting does not relieve the Contractor from any of its obligations under the Contract or impose any liability upon Canada to a subcontractor.
- 20.3 In any subcontract, the Contractor will bind the subcontractor by the same conditions by which the contractor is bound under the Contract.

## **GC21. Indemnification**

- 21.1 The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless Canada from and against all claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses, actions and other proceedings, made, sustained, brought, prosecuted, threatened to be brought or prosecuted, in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributable to any injury to or death of a person or damage to or loss of property arising from any willful or negligent act, omission or delay on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor's servants, subcontractors or agents in performing the Work or as a result of the Work.
- 21.2 The Contractor's liability to indemnify or reimburse Canada under the Contract shall not affect or prejudice Canada from exercising any other rights under law.

## **GC22. Confidentiality**

The Contractor shall treat as confidential, during as well as after performance of the Work, any information to which the Contractor becomes privy as a result of acting under the Contract. The Contractor shall use its best efforts to ensure that its servants, employees, agents, subcontractors or assigned observe the same standards of confidentiality.

## **GC23. Indemnification - Copyright**

The Contractor shall indemnify Canada from and against all costs, charges, expenses, claims, actions, suits and proceedings for the infringement or alleged infringement of any copyright resulting from the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, and in respect of the use of or disposal by Canada of anything furnished pursuant to the Contract.

## **GC24. Indemnification - Inventions, etc.**

The Contractor shall indemnify Canada from and against all costs, charges, expenses, claims, actions, suits and proceedings for the use of the invention claimed in a patent, or infringement or alleged infringement of any patent or any registered industrial design resulting from the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, and in respect of the use of or disposal by Canada of anything furnished pursuant to the Contract.

## **GC25. Ownership of Copyright**

- 25.1 Anything that is created or developed by the Contractor as part of the Work under the Contract in which copyright subsists belongs to Canada. The Contractor must incorporate the copyright symbol and either of the following notices, as appropriate:
- © HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA (year)
  - or
  - © SA MAJESTÉ LA REINE DU CHEF DU CANADA (année).
- 25.2 At the request of the Minister, the Contractor must provide to Canada, at the completion of the Work or at such other time as the Minister may require a written permanent waiver of Moral Rights, in a form acceptable to the Minister, from every author that contributed to the Work. If the Contractor is an author, the Contractor permanently waives the Contractor's Moral Rights.



## **GC26. Taxes**

### **26.1 Municipal Taxes**

Municipal Taxes do not apply.

26.2 Federal government departments and agencies are required to pay Applicable Taxes.

26.3 Applicable Taxes will be paid by Canada as provided in the Invoice Submission section. It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to charge Applicable Taxes at the correct rate in accordance with applicable legislation. The Contractor agrees to remit to appropriate tax authorities any amounts of Applicable Taxes paid or due.

26.4 The Contractor is not entitled to use Canada's exemptions from any tax, such as provincial sales taxes, unless otherwise specified by law. The Contractor must pay applicable provincial sales tax, ancillary taxes, and any commodity tax, on taxable goods or services used or consumed in the performance of the Contract (in accordance with applicable legislation), including for material incorporated into real property.

26.5 In those cases where Applicable Taxes, customs duties, and excise taxes are included in the Contract Price, the Contract Price will be adjusted to reflect any increase, or decrease, of Applicable Taxes, customs duties, and excise taxes that will have occurred between bid submission and contract award. However, there will be no adjustment for any change to increase the Contract Price if public notice of the change was given before bid submission date in sufficient detail to have permitted the Contractor to calculate the effect of the change.

### **26.6 Tax Withholding of 15 Percent**

Pursuant to the *Income Tax Act*, 1985, c. 1 (5th Supp.) and the Income Tax Regulations, Canada must withhold 15 percent of the amount to be paid to the Contractor in respect of services provided in Canada if the Contractor is a non-resident, unless the Contractor obtains a valid waiver. The amount withheld will be held on account for the Contractor in respect to any tax liability which may be owed to Canada.

## **GC27. International Sanctions**

27.1 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>.

27.2 The Contractor must not supply to the Government of Canada any goods or services which are subject to economic sanctions.

27.3 The Contractor must comply with changes to the regulations imposed during the period of the Contract. The Contractor must immediately advise Canada if it is unable to perform the Work as a result of the imposition of economic sanctions against a country or person or the addition of a good or service to the list of sanctioned goods or services. If the Parties cannot agree on a work around plan, the Contract will be terminated for convenience in accordance with section GC9.

## **GC28. T1204 Government Service Contract Payment**

28.1 Pursuant to regulations made 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. To enable client departments and agencies to comply with this requirement, Contractors are required to provide information as to their legal name and status, business number, and/or Social Insurance Number or other supplier information as applicable, along with a certification as to the completeness and accuracy of the information.

#### **GC29. Successors and Assigns**

The Contract shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their lawful heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns as the case may be.

#### **GC30. Conflict of Interest and Values and Ethics Codes for the Public Service**

The Contractor acknowledges that individuals who are subject to the provisions of the *Conflict of Interest Act*, 2006, c. 9, s. 2, the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons, any applicable federal values and ethics code or any applicable federal policy on conflict of interest and post-employment shall not derive any direct benefit resulting from the Contract unless the provision or receipt of such benefit is in compliance with such legislation and codes.

#### **GC31. No Bribe**

The Contractor declares that no bribe, gift, benefit, or other inducement has been or will be paid, given, promised or offered directly or indirectly to any official or employee of Canada or to a member of the family of such a person, with a view to influencing the entering into the Contract or the administration of the Contract.

#### **GC32. Errors**

Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this Contract, no amount shall be paid to the Contractor based on the cost of Work incurred to remedy errors or omissions for which the Contractor or his servants, agents or subcontractors are responsible, and such errors or omissions shall be remedied at the Contractor's cost, or, at the option of Canada, the Contract may be terminated and in that event the Contractor shall receive payment only as determined under section GC10.

#### **GC33. Performance**

The failure of Canada to require performance by the Contractor of any provision of this Contract shall not affect the right of Canada thereafter to enforce such provision, nor shall the waiver by Canada of any breach of any term of the Contract be taken or held to be a waiver of any further breach of the same or any other term or condition.

#### **GC34. Gender**

Whenever the singular or masculine is used throughout this Contract, it shall be construed as including the plural, feminine, or both whenever the context and/or the parties hereto so require.

#### **GC35. Survival**

All the Parties' obligations of confidentiality, representations and warranties set out in the Contract as well as any other the provisions, which by the nature of the rights or obligations might reasonably be expected to survive, will survive the expiry or termination of the Contract.

#### **GC36. Severability**

If any provision of the Contract is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that provision will be removed from the Contract without affecting any other provision of the Contract.

#### **GC37. Contingency Fees**

The Contractor certifies that it has not, directly or indirectly, paid or agreed to pay and agrees 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 an employee of the Contractor acting in the normal course of the employee's duties. In this section, "contingency fee" means any payment or other compensation that depends or is calculated based on a degree of success in soliciting, negotiating or obtaining the Contract and "person" includes any individual who is required to file a return with the registrar pursuant to section 5 of the *Lobbying Act*, 1985, c. 44 (4th Supplement).



#### **GC38. Criminal Offense**

The Contractor declares that the contractor has not been convicted of an offence, other than an offence for which a pardon has been granted, under section 121, 124 or 418 of the Criminal Code.

#### **GC39. Public Disclosure**

- 39.1 The Contractor consents, in the case of a contract that has a value in excess of \$10,000, to the public disclosure of basic information - other than information described in any of paragraphs 20(1)(a) to (d) of the *Access to Information Act* - relating to the contract.
- 39.2 The contractor consents, in the case of a contract with a former public servant in receipt of a Public Servant Superannuation (PSSA) pension, that the contractor's status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports described in 39.1.

#### **GC40. Notice**

Any notice under the Contract must be in writing and may be delivered by hand, courier, mail, facsimile or other electronic method that provides a paper record of the text of the notice. It must be sent to the Party for whom it is intended at the address stated in the Contract. Any notice will be effective on the day it is received at that address. Any notice to Canada must be delivered to the Minister.

#### **GC41. Accuracy**

The Contractor represents and warrants that the information submitted with its bid is accurate and complete. The Contractor acknowledges that the Minister has relied upon such information in entering into this Contract. This information may be verified in such manner as the Minister may reasonably require.

#### **GC42. Dispute Resolution Services**

The parties understand that the Procurement Ombudsman appointed pursuant to subsection 22.1 (1) of the *Department of Public Works and Government Services Act* will, on request of a party, provide a proposal for an alternative dispute resolution process to resolve any dispute arising between the parties respecting the interpretation or application of a term or condition of this contract. The parties may consent to participate in the proposed alternative dispute resolution process and to bear the cost of such process. The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman may be contacted by telephone at 1-866-734-5169 or by email at [boa.opo@boa.opo.gc.ca](mailto:boa.opo@boa.opo.gc.ca).

#### **GC43. Contract Administration**

The parties understand that the Procurement Ombudsman appointed pursuant to Subsection 22.1 (1) of the *Department of Public Works and Government Services Act* will review a complaint filed by the contractor respecting administration of this contract if the requirements of Subsection 22.2 (1) of the *Department of Public Works and Government Services Act* and Section 15 and 16 of the *Procurement Ombudsman Regulations* have been met, and the interpretation and application of the terms and conditions and the scope of the work of this contract are not in dispute. The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman may be contacted by telephone at 1-866-734-5169 or by email at [boa.opo@boa.opo.gc.ca](mailto:boa.opo@boa.opo.gc.ca).

#### **GC44. Entire Agreement**

The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relative to the subject procurement and supersedes all previous negotiations, communications and other agreements, whether written or oral, unless they are incorporated by reference in the Contract. There are no terms, covenants, representations, statements or conditions relative to the subject procurement binding on the Parties other than those contained in the Contract.

# APPENDIX B

## STATEMENT OF WORK

### Tree Cutting Services AAFC 14-2029

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) has a requirement for Tree Removal Services for the Central Experimental Farm (CEF), located in Ottawa. There will be 62 ash trees to be serviced, all located at 960 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario.

#### 2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Contract is to have the safe removal and disposal of 62 ash trees from the Ash Lane at the CEF in Ottawa. All trees must be removed and disposed as per present Statement of work. The method of removal will be at the discretion of the Contractor but subject to all applicable laws, codes and regulations.

#### 3. SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor must provide all necessary tools, services, materials and labour required to proceed with the cutting and disposal of the 62 selected/identified trees located on the CEF facilities on the terms and conditions contained herein:

- 3.1 Any work performed under this requirement must be done in accordance to all applicable laws, codes and/or regulations.
- 3.2 It is the responsibility of the Contractor to cut only the selected/identified trees. The Department representative will clearly identify trees to be cut and provide the Contractor with instructions/methodology to correctly identify all trees to be cut.
- 3.3 All wood pieces of a diameter of less than 5" (12.5 cm) must be chipped.
- 3.4 The Contractor is responsible for the disposal of all tree debris which must remain on the CEF property at indicated location(s). A daily cleaning of the site must be done by the Contractor prior to departure.
- 3.5 All wood generated by the work included in this contract remains the property of AAFC. No wood from this Contract must be given or made available to any.
- 3.6 Any damages caused by the Contractor must be repaired at his/her expense to the satisfaction of the Departmental Representative within 48 hours.
- 3.7 The Contractor is responsible for the traffic control where work is conducted in or next to a road. All Contractor vehicles must be clearly identified with the Contractor's company name.
- 3.8 All Contractors' personnel must wear appropriate clothing and safety gear. AAFC reserves the right of judgment to demand the removal of any personnel in violation of this clause.
- 3.9 The Contractor is not a representative or agent for AAFC, as such, the Contractor and/or representative(s) must direct all enquiries from the general public and/or media directly to the AAFC representative, at all times.

## 4. PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

### 4.1 Working Foreman

The Working Foreman must have a minimum of 5 years' experience in tree cutting and associated arboriculture work including the use of chainsaws, brush chippers and bucket trucks.

The Working Foreman must possess a certification from the International Society of Arboriculture (I.S.A.) or an equivalent such as Certified Forestry Technician.

**The working foreman is responsible for all field supervision and must be on site at all times.** He/she must maintain daily contact with the departmental representative. He/she can participate in all arboricultural activities including removals as a member of a crew.

### 4.2 Tree Worker

Tree Worker(s) must have a minimum of 3 years' experience in tree cutting and associated arboriculture work including the use of chainsaws, brush chippers and bucket trucks.

Tree Workers must possess a certification from the International Society of Arboriculture (I.S.A.) or an equivalent such as Certified Forestry Technician.

### 4.3 Other Workers (Ground Persons)

All Ground Persons must be fully trained in all aspects of the operating and safety requirement procedures of the work and fully trained in the safe operation of a chipper and a chain saw.

### 4.4 Minimum Requirement

Work under this requirement can only be performed with the presence of a minimum of 3 qualified workers. One of the 3 workers must be the Working Foreman.

All personnel must be fully trained and aware of the proper operating procedures for all arboricultural equipment and must conform to the latest edition of the ANSI Standard Z 133.1 as part of this contract.

## 5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

5.1 The Contractor must submit a site-specific Health and Safety Plan after the date of Notice of Acceptance and 3 days prior to commencement of the work and must include:

- a) A site-specific safety hazard assessment.
- b) Safety and health risk or hazard analysis for site tasks and operation.
- c) The use of personal protective equipment.
- d) Procedures to be implemented during Emergency situations.
- e) Include vehicular and pedestrian traffic control where work is conducted in or next to a road or pathway.

*Contractor's employees must have copies of trade certificates, fall protection cards and WHMIS cards. Copies must be provided upon request.*

5.2 The Contractor must submit a copy of the Contractor's Health and Safety Plan.

5.3 The Departmental Safety Coordinator will review Contractor's site-specific Health and Safety Plan and provide comments to the Contractor within 2 days after receipt of plan. The Contractor will revise the plan as appropriate and resubmit before commencement of the work.

5.4 General Conditions:

- a) The Contractor must continue to implement, maintain and enforce the Health and Safety Plan until final demobilization from site.

- b) Relief from or substitution for any portion or provision of reviewed site-specific Health and Safety Plan must be submitted to the Departmental Representative in writing, either accepting or requesting improvements.

**5.5 Responsibility:**

- a) The Contractor shall be responsible for safety of persons and property on site and for protection of persons off site and environment to the extent that they may be affected by conduct of the work.
- b) The Contractor shall comply with and enforce compliance by employees with safety requirements of Contract Documents, applicable federal, provincial and local statutes, regulation and ordinances, and with site-specific Health and Safety Plan.
- c) Should any unforeseen or peculiar safety-related factor, hazard or condition become evident during performance of the work, immediately stop the work and advise the Departmental Representative verbally and in writing.

**5.6 Correction:**

- a) The Contractor must immediately address health and safety noncompliance issues identified by the Departmental Representative.
- b) The Contractor must provide the Departmental Representative with a written report of action taken to correct noncompliance of health and safety issues identified.
- c) The Departmental Representative may stop the work if noncompliance of health and safety regulations is not corrected.

- 5.7** The Contractor must give precedence to the safety and health of public and site personnel and protection of environment over cost and schedule considerations for the work.

## **6. SCHEDULE OF WORK**

- 6.1** All work must be performed Monday to Friday between 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.. Any derogation from these working hours and days must be approved by the Departmental Representative or his delegate.

- 6.2** The present requirement must be completed by March 31 or before.

## **7. DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Jean-Pascal Gratton  
Supervisor, Arboretum & Ornamental Gardens  
Building 72, room 10  
960 Carling Avenue  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C6  
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## **8. LOCATION OF WORK**

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
Central Experimental Farm  
960 Carling Avenue  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C6

**Plans of the covered area are attached (Plans 1 and 1A).**

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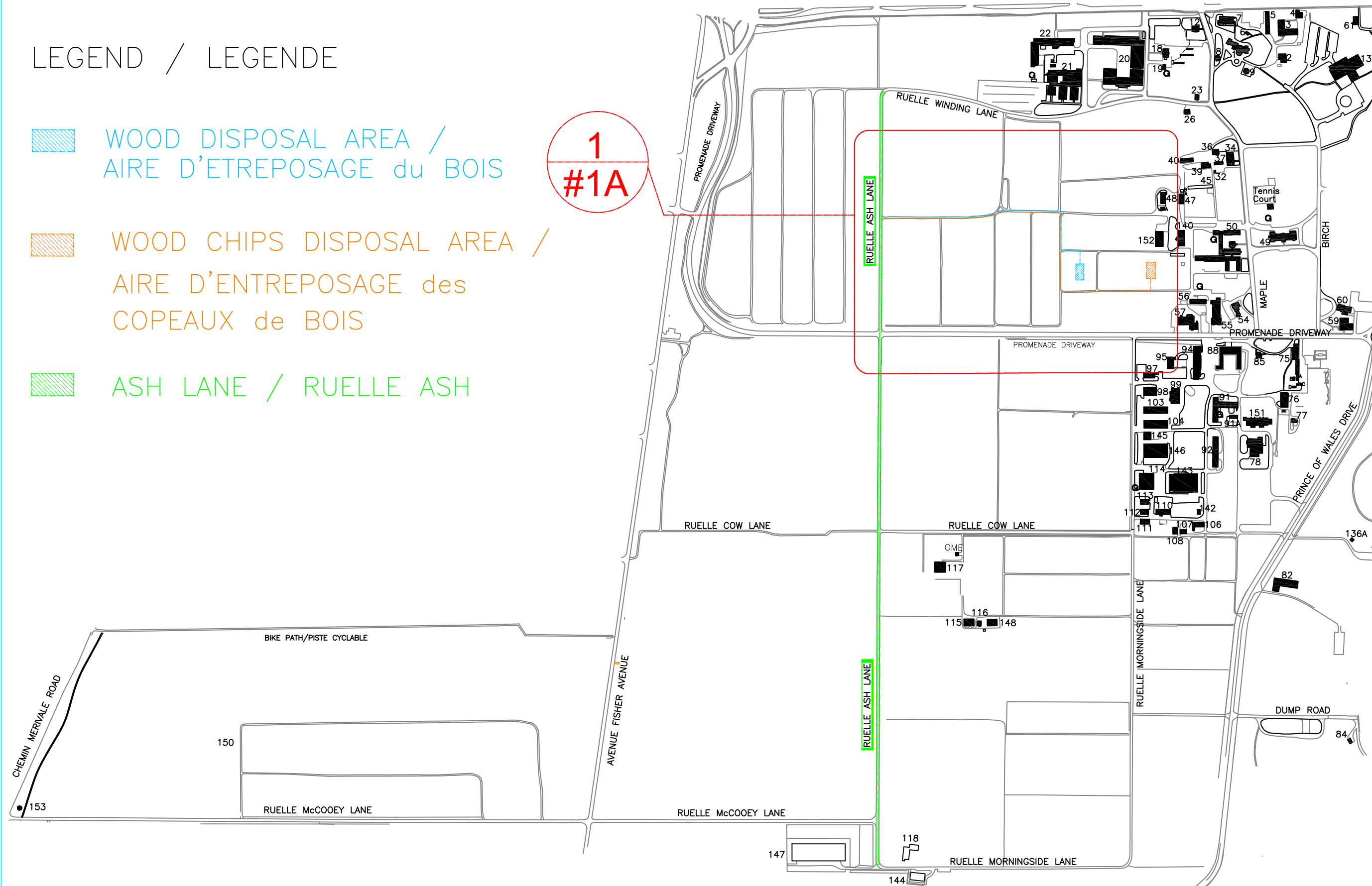
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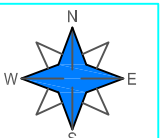
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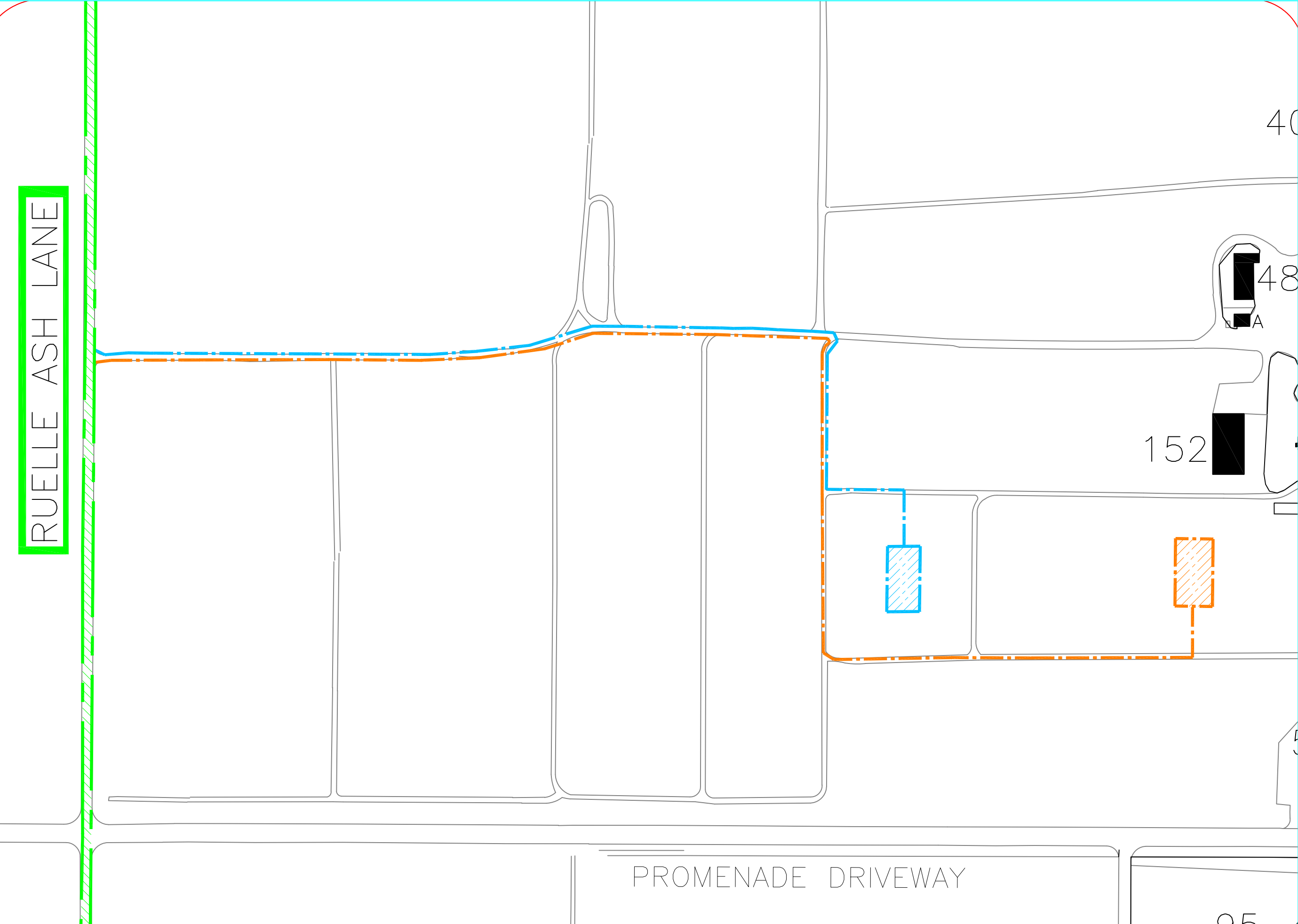
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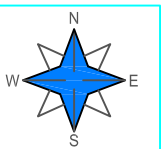
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# APPENDIX “C”

(AAFC #14-2029)

## EVALUATION PROCEDURES

### E1. EVALUATION PROCEDURES

To be considered responsive, a bid **must**:

- a) meet all the mandatory requirements of this solicitation.
- b) provide the necessary documentation to support compliance.
- c) include a copy of all requested certifications.

Bids not meeting a) or b) or c) above will be given no further consideration.

**Bidder Instructions:** The Bidder is requested to respond to the Evaluation Criteria using the table format below.

**Note to Bidders:** Listing experience without providing any supporting data to describe where and how such experience was obtained will result in the experience not being included for evaluation purposes. If any of the requirements under this section is omitted from the bid, it will be set aside without further consideration and the bid will be considered to be non-responsive. In the case of any Mandatory Criteria, a lack of supporting information will render the bid non-responsive and will be set aside without further consideration.

**Complete details demonstrating how a Bidder meets each Evaluation Criteria must be provided, including reference to where, when and how experience was obtained and how it relates to each requirement.**

### E2. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Any bid which fails to meet the following Mandatory Requirements will be considered non-responsive and will not be given further consideration. Each requirement should be addressed separately.

#	Mandatory Requirements	MET (Yes/No)	Demonstrate HOW the requirement is Met
M1	Clearly demonstrate that the bidder is a Tree Cutting Services company for the last three (3) years. Copies of invoices, contracts and/or incorporation must be used in order to demonstrate.		
M2	Provide a copy of I.S.A. certification or equivalent such as Certified Forestry Technician for each Working Foreman submitted on the Bid and Acceptance Form.		
M3	Clearly demonstrate that the proposed Working Foreman(s) have the required 5 years' experience in conformity with article 4.1 of Appendix B. Resume(s) can be used in order to demonstrate.		