

INVITATION TO TENDER

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

TWO-ENVELOPE BID

This Bid shall be submitted following a “two-envelope” procedure. Refer to SI06 of the Special Instructions to Bidders.

DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE’S AUTHORITY

See related changes to GC2.1 of R2820D that have been included in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC)

INSURANCE TERMS

The Certificate of Insurance and its instructions has been replaced see Annex [A](#). (Completed certificate is NOT required at bid closing)

SUPPORT THE USE OF APPRENTICES

Through Canada’s Economic Action Plan 2013, the Government of Canada proposes to support the employment of apprentices in federal construction and maintenance projects. Refer to SI15.

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R2710T GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS - CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - BID SECURITY REQUIREMENTS (GI) (2014-09-25)

The following sections of clause R2710T are set out in Web site;

<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/5/R>

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (SI)

SI01 INTRODUCTION

1. Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) intends to retain a Contractor to provide construction services for the project as set out in this Invitation to tender (ITT).
2. Bidders responding to this ITT are requested to submit a full and complete quotation (refer to SI06 'Submission of Bid'). The bid will cover not only the qualifications, experience and organization of the Bidder (Envelope 1 - Qualifications), but also the pricing and terms offered (Envelope 2 - Price).

SI02 INTEGRITY PROVISIONS - ASSOCIATED INFORMATION

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder and its Affiliates are in compliance with the provisions as stated in GI01 of Integrity Provisions - Bid of General Instructions – Construction Services – Bid Security Requirements, R2710T. The associated information required within the Integrity Provisions will assist Canada in confirming that the certifications are true.

SI03 BID DOCUMENTS

1. The following are the bid documents:
 - a. Invitation to Tender - Page 1;
 - b. Special Instructions to Bidders;
 - c. General Instructions - Construction Services - Bid Security Requirements R2710T (2014-09-25)
 - d. Clauses & Conditions identified in "Contract Documents";
 - e. Drawings and Specifications;
 - f. Bid and Acceptance Form and related Appendix(s); and
 - g. Any amendment issued prior to solicitation closing.

Submission of a bid constitutes acknowledgement that the Bidder has read and agrees to be bound by these documents.

2. General Instructions - Construction Services - Bid Security Requirements R2710T is incorporated by reference and is set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) Manual, issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC). The SACC Manual is available on the PWGSC Web site: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/5/R>

SI04 ENQUIRIES DURING THE SOLICITATION PERIOD

1. Enquiries regarding this bid must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer named on the Invitation to Tender - Page 1 as early as possible within the solicitation period. Except for the approval of alternative materials as described in GI15 of R2710T, enquiries should be received no later than five (5) calendar days prior to the date set for solicitation closing to allow sufficient time to provide a response. Enquiries received after that time may not result in an answer being provided.
2. To ensure consistency and quality of the information provided to Bidders, the Contracting Officer shall examine the content of the enquiry and shall decide whether or not to issue an amendment.
3. All enquiries and other communications related to this bid sent throughout the solicitation period are to be directed ONLY to the Contracting Officer named on the Invitation to Tender - Page 1. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

SI05 MANDATORY SITE VISIT

A Mandatory Site Visit will be held on January 19, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. Interested bidders will meet at 2301 Midland Ave., Scarborough, Ontario (Front entrance of the CFIA Building). It is mandatory that the bidder attend the site visit at the designated date and time to examine the scope of the work required and the existing conditions. Bidders are requested to register with the Contracting Officer, Bob Hassell, at bob.hassell@pwgsc.gc.ca / 416-590-8270, to confirm their attendance and provide the name(s) of the person(s) who will attend, 24 hours prior to the site visit. Bids submitted by Bidders who have not signed the attendance sheet will not be accepted.

SI06 SUBMISSION OF BID

Section G109 of R2710T is replaced by the following:

1. The bid shall be submitted following a "two-envelope" procedure in which the Bidder submits the Qualifications Form and any required associated document(s) in envelope 1 and the Bid and Acceptance Form and any required associated document(s) in a envelope 2. Both envelopes shall be enclosed and sealed together in a third envelope, the bid envelope. . All envelopes are to be provided by the Bidder.
2. The bid envelope shall be addressed and submitted to the office designated on the Front Page "Invitation to Tender" for the receipt of the bids. The bid must be received on or before the date and time set for solicitation closing. Prior to submitting the bid, the Bidder shall ensure that the following information is clearly printed or typed on the face of the bid envelope:
 - a. Solicitation Number;
 - b. Name of Bidder;
 - c. Return address; and
 - d. Closing Date and Time.
3. The Qualifications Form, and any required associated document(s), shall be enclosed and sealed in an envelope with the following information clearly printed or typed on the face of the envelope:
 - a. ENVELOPE 1 - QUALIFICATIONS;
 - b. Solicitation Number; and
 - c. Name of Bidder.
4. The Bid and Acceptance Form, and any required associated document(s), shall be enclosed and sealed in an envelope with the following information clearly printed or typed on the face of the envelope:
 - a. ENVELOPE 2 - PRICE;
 - b. Solicitation Number; and
 - c. Name of Bidder.
5. Timely and correct delivery of bids is the sole responsibility of the Bidder.

SI07 REVISION OF BID

A bid may be revised by letter or facsimile in accordance with G110 of R2710T . The facsimile number for receipt of revisions is (416) 512-5862

SI08 OPENING OF BIDS / EVALUATION

1. There will be no public opening at bid deposit time. A list of bidders that deposited their tenders will be read out loud
2. Envelope 1 - Qualifications - will be opened in private : this envelope will be opened first to evaluate the submittal requirements. Requirements will be evaluated on a Pass or Fail basis. Failure to meet any or all of the mandatory requirement(s) will render the bid non-compliant and no other consideration will be given to the bid. Envelope 2 will be returned unopened to the bidder.
3. A date will be established for envelope 2 opening - Price - the bidders that passed the qualification stage will be invited.
4. Envelope 2 - Price: Only those envelopes from Bidder's that meet the mandatory requirements of the Qualifications shall be opened. Envelope 2 submittals will be evaluated against the mandatory requirements, failure to comply with any or all of the mandatory requirement(s) will render the bid non-compliant and no other consideration will be given to the bid.
5. The responsive bid carrying the lowest price will be recommended for contract award.

SI09 COMPLETION OF SUBMISSION

The Bidder shall base the Bid on the applicable bid documents listed in the Special Instructions to Bidders. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to obtain clarification on any terms, conditions or technical requirements contained in this document.

SI10 INSUFFICIENT FUNDING

In the event that the lowest compliant bid exceeds the amount of funding allocated for the Work, Canada in its sole discretion may

- a. cancel the solicitation; or
- b. obtain additional funding and award the Contract to the Bidder submitting the lowest compliant bid; and/or
- c. negotiate a reduction in the bid price and/or scope of work of not more than 15% with the Bidder submitting the lowest compliant bid. Should an agreement satisfactory to Canada not be reached, Canada shall exercise option (a) or (b).

SI11 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.

SI12 BID VALIDITY PERIOD

- 1. Canada reserves the right to seek an extension to the bid validity period prescribed in BA04 of the Bid and Acceptance Form. Upon notification in writing from Canada, Bidders shall have the option to either accept or reject the proposed extension.
- 2. If the extension referred to in paragraph 1. of SI12 is accepted, in writing, by all those who submitted bids, then Canada shall continue immediately with the evaluation of the bids and its approvals processes.
- 3. If the extension referred to in paragraph 1. of SI12 is not accepted in writing by all those who submitted bids then Canada shall, at its sole discretion, either
 - a. continue to evaluate the bids of those who have accepted the proposed extension and seek the necessary approvals; or
 - b. cancel the invitation to tender.
- 4. The provisions expressed herein do not in any manner limit Canada's rights in law or under G111 of R2710T

SI13 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

The successful Contractor will be provided with one paper copy of the sealed and signed drawings, the specifications and the amendments upon acceptance of the offer. Additional copies, up to a maximum (2), will be provided free of charge upon request by the Contractor. Obtaining more copies shall be the responsibility of the Contractor including costs.

**SI14 PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES CANADA AND DEFENCE CONSTRUCTION CANADA
APPRENTICE PROCUREMENT INITIATIVE**

1. To encourage employers to participate in apprenticeship training, Contractors bidding on construction and maintenance contracts by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) are being asked to sign a voluntary certification, signaling their commitment to hire and train apprentices.
2. Canada is facing skills shortages across various sectors and regions, especially in the skilled trades. Equipping Canadians with skills and training is a shared responsibility. In Economic Action Plan (EAP) 2013, the Government of Canada made a commitment to support the use of apprentices in federal construction and maintenance contracts. Contractors have an important role in supporting apprentices through hiring and training and are encouraged to certify that they are providing opportunities to apprentices as part of doing business with the Government of Canada.
3. Through the Economic Action Plan 2013 and support for training programs, the Government of Canada is encouraging apprenticeships and careers in the skilled trades. In addition, the government offers a tax credit to employers to encourage them to hire apprentices. Information on this tax measure administered by the Canada Revenue Agency can be found at: www.cra-arc.gc.ca. Employers are also encouraged to find out what additional information and supports are available from their respective provincial or territorial jurisdiction.
4. Signed certifications (Appendix 4) will be used to better understand contractor use of apprentices on Government of Canada maintenance and construction contracts and may inform future policy and program development.
5. The Contractor hereby certifies the following:

In order to help meet demand for skilled trades people, the Contractor agrees to use, and require its subcontractors to use, reasonable commercial efforts to hire and train registered apprentices, to strive to fully utilize allowable apprenticeship ratios* and to respect any hiring requirements prescribed by provincial or territorial statutes

The Contractor hereby consents to this information being collected and held by PWGSC, and Employment and Social Development Canada to support work to gather data on the hiring and training of apprentices in federal construction and maintenance contracts.

To support this initiative, a voluntary certification signaling the Contractor's commitment to hire and train apprentices is available at Appendix 2.

If you accept fill out and sign Appendix 2

** The journey-person-apprentice ratio is defined as the number of qualified/certified journeypersons that an employer must employ in a designated trade or occupation in order to be eligible to register an apprentice as determined by provincial/territorial (P/T) legislation, regulation, policy directive or by law issued by the responsible authority or agency.*

SI15 WEB SITES

The connection to some of the Web sites in the solicitation documents is established by the use of hyperlinks. The following is a list of the addresses of the Web sites:

Treasury Board Appendix L, Acceptable Bonding Companies

<http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=14494§ion=text#appl>

Buy and Sell <https://www.achatsetventes-buyandsell.gc.ca>

Canadian economic sanctions <http://www.international.gc.ca/sanctions/index.aspx?lang=eng>

Contractor Performance Evaluation Report (Form PWGSC-TPSGC 2913)

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/forms/documents/2913.pdf>

Bid Bond (form PWGSC-TPSGC 504) <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/forms/documents/504.pdf>

Performance Bond (form PWGSC-TPSGC 505) <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/forms/documents/505.pdf>

Labour and Material Payment Bond (form PWGSC-TPSGC 506)

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/forms/documents/506.pdf>

Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) Manual <http://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/5/R>

PWGSC, Industrial Security Services <http://ssi-iss.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/index-eng.html>

PWGSC, Code of Conduct and Certifications

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

PWGSC Consent to a Criminal Record Verification (PWGSC-TPSGC 229)

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/forms/documents/229.pdf>

Construction and Consultant Services Contract Administration Forms Real Property Contracting

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/forms/formulaires-forms-eng.html>

SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS (SC)

SC01 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, DOCUMENT SAFEGUARDING LOCATION

There is no security requirement applicable to this Contract.

SC02 INSURANCE TERMS

- 1) Insurance Contracts
 - (a) The Contractor must, at the Contractor's expense, obtain and maintain insurance contracts in accordance with the requirements of the Certificate of Insurance. Coverage must be placed with an Insurer licensed to carry out business in Canada.
 - (b) 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.
- 2) Period of Insurance
 - (a) The policies required in the Certificate of Insurance must be in force from the date of contract award and be maintained throughout the duration of the Contract.
 - (b) The Contractor must be responsible to provide and maintain coverage for Products/Completed Operations hazards on its Commercial General Liability insurance policy, for a period of six (6) years beyond the date of the Certificate of Substantial Performance.
- 3) Proof of Insurance
 - (a) Before commencement of the Work, and no later than thirty (30) days after acceptance of its bid, the Contractor must deposit with Canada a Certificate of Insurance on the form attached herein.
 - (b) Upon request by Canada, the Contractor must provide originals or certified true copies of all contracts of insurance maintained by the Contractor pursuant to the Certificate of Insurance.
- 4) Insurance Proceeds

In the event of a claim, the Contractor must, without delay, do such things and execute such documents as are necessary to effect payment of the proceeds.
- 5) Deductible

The payment of monies up to the deductible amount made in satisfaction of a claim must be borne by the Contractor.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS (CD)

1. The following are the contract documents:
 - a. Contract Page when signed by Canada;
 - b. Duly completed Bid and Acceptance Form and any Appendices attached thereto;
 - c. Drawings and Specifications;
 - d. General Conditions and clauses

GC1 General Provisions	R2810D	(2014-09-25);
GC2 Administration of the Contract	R2820D	(2014-09-25);
GC3 Execution and Control of the Work	R2830D	(2014-03-01);
GC4 Protective Measures	R2840D	(2008-05-12);
GC5 Terms of Payment	R2850D	(2014-06-26);
GC6 Delays and Changes in the Work	R2860D	(2013-04-25);
GC7 Default, Suspension or Termination of Contract	R2870D	(2008-05-12);
GC8 Dispute Resolution	R2880D	(2012-07-16);
GC9 Contract Security	R2890D	(2014-06-26);
GC10 Insurance	R2900D	(2008-05-12);
Allowable Costs for Contract Changes Under GC6.4.1	R2950D	(2014-06-26);
Supplementary Conditions		
 - e. Any amendment issued or any allowable bid revision received before the date and time set for solicitation
 - f. Any amendment incorporated by mutual agreement between Canada and the Contractor before
 - g. Any amendment or variation of the contract documents that is made in accordance with the General Conditions.
2. The documents identified by title, number and date above are incorporated by reference and are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) Manual, issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC). The SACC Manual is available on the PWGSC Web site:
<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/5/R>
3. The language of the contract documents is the language of the Bid and Acceptance Form submitted.

BID AND ACCEPTANCE FORM (BA)

BA01 IDENTIFICATION

Project : R.061999.001
Title: Laboratory Expansion & Fit-up
Location: Scarborough,On

BA02 BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS OF BIDDER

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ PBN: _____

BA03 THE OFFER

The Bidder offers to 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 tax(es).
(amount in numbers)

BA04 BID VALIDITY PERIOD

The bid shall not be withdrawn for a period of 60 days following the date of solicitation closing.

BA05 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 contract documents identified in Contract Documents (CD).

BA06 CONSTRUCTION TIME

The Contractor shall perform and complete the Work within 47 weeks from the date of notification of acceptance of the offer.

BA07 BID SECURITY

The Bidder is enclosing bid security with its bid in accordance with GI08 - R2710T - General Instructions - Construction Services - Bid Security Requirements.

BA08 SIGNATURE

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

Signature

Date

APPENDIX 2 - VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION TO SUPPORT THE USE OF APPRENTICES

Note; The contractor will be asked to fill out a report every six months or at project completion as per sample "Voluntary Reports for Apprentices Employed during the Contract" provided at Annex C

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Legal Name: _____

Solicitation Number: _____

Number of company employees: _____

Number of apprentices planned to be working on this contract: _____

Trades of those apprentices:

APPENDIX 3 – DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE’S AUTHORITY

TO BE PROVIDED AT CONTRACT AWARD

Contracting Authority is :

Name : _____

Title : _____

Department : _____

Division : _____

Telephone : ____ - ____ - _____

e-mail : _____

Technical Authority is :

Name : _____

Title : _____

Department : _____

Division : _____

Telephone : ____ - ____ - _____

e-mail : _____

APPENDIX 4 - QUALIFICATION FORM

See Buyandsell for Attachment.

ANNEX A - CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE (Not required at solicitation closing)

See Buyandsell for Attachment

