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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT**  
**MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

**Comments - Commentaires**

**Vendor/Firm Name and Address**  
**Raison sociale et adresse du**  
**fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur**

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<b>Title - Sujet</b> ITQ e-Procurement Solution (EPS)	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> EN578-131350/B	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 005
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> 20131350	<b>Date</b> 2015-03-18
<b>GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG</b> PW-\$\$XN-111-28381	
<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> 111xn.EN578-131350	<b>CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME</b>
<b>Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin</b> <b>at - à 02:00 PM</b> <b>on - le 2015-03-26</b>	
<b>F.O.B. - F.A.B.</b> <b>Plant-Usine:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Destination:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other-Autre:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à:</b> Moore, Karen	<b>Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur</b> 111xn
<b>Telephone No. - N° de téléphone</b> (819) 956-1410 ( )	<b>FAX No. - N° de FAX</b> ( ) -
<b>Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction:</b> <b>Destination - des biens, services et construction:</b>	

**Instructions: See Herein**

**Instructions: Voir aux présentes**

<b>Delivery Required - Livraison exigée</b>	<b>Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée</b>
<b>Vendor/Firm Name and Address</b> <b>Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur</b>	
<b>Telephone No. - N° de téléphone</b> <b>Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur</b>	
<b>Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm</b> <b>(type or print)</b> <b>Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/</b> <b>de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

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Buyer ID - Id de l'acheteur

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See attached.

**Invitation To Qualify (ITQ)**

**Solicitation Amendment 005**

**Purpose:**

A) To respond to questions regarding the ITQ.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**QUESTION 20**

Can you please confirm that ACQB has taken steps to ensure that the requirements as structured and stated under this tendering process do not 'de facto' exclude free/libre/open source procurement management solutions from consideration?

**ANSWER 20**

The ITQ identifies Canada's high level requirement. Through the RRR process with ITQ Responsive Suppliers the requirements for the RFP will be refined further. The anticipated RFP will detail the managed service requirement to be delivered under the Contract. At the RFP stage, it will be the bidders' responsibility to propose the technology they believe meets Canada's requirements.

**QUESTION 21**

In the documents for EN578-131350/B we did not locate any reference to the Universal Business Language (OASIS/UBL) standard. Will potential solutions be considered even if they cannot interact with external systems whose e-commerce messages align with the international OASIS/UBL standard? (By comparison, we note that OASIS/UBL is now a mandatory requirement in the government procurement solutions of many of Canada's leading trading partners.)

**ANSWER 21**

Following consultation with the ITQ Responsive Suppliers during the RRR process, requirements for standards will be detailed further in the RFP.

**QUESTION 22**

In the documents for EN578-131350/B we did not locate any reference to other various international e-commerce data, document and messaging standards the solution must comply with? For example, will potential solutions be considered even if they cannot interact with external systems whose financial messages align with the international ISO 20022 standard?

**ANSWER 22**

Following consultation with the ITQ Responsive Suppliers during the RRR process, requirements for standards will be detailed further in the RFP.

**QUESTION 23**

We note that "The Respondent, and if the Respondent is a joint venture, each member of the joint venture, must be ISO 27001 certified with ISO/ IEC 27001:2005 Information Technology – Security Techniques – Information Security Management Systems – Requirements." In the interest of consistency in information security management across the entire eventual deployment, can you please confirm that ACQB and that SSC participants in the project, in-house and outsourced, are or will be similarly certified under ISO/ IEC 27001:2005?

**ANSWER 23**

For clarity the above noted requirement was removed from the ITQ. Please refer to Change 1 in solicitation amendment 001.

This answer is therefore, related to the anticipated ISO 27001 certification for the RFP. The anticipated ISO certification requirements for the RFP are specific to the Contractor. The expertise of Government of Canada stakeholders working on the EPS are managed through the Government of Canada's security policies, guidelines and procedures.

**QUESTION 24**

**Section 3.1 Response Preparation Instructions** - States that all responses are to be provided on USB. We very much appreciate the fact that hard copies are not required. The USBs will however have to be delivered. Would Canada consider allowing Bidders to forward their responses in a ZIP file via email to eliminate the need for delivery?

**ANSWER 24**

Please refer to question and answer 17 in ITQ amendment 004.

**ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME**