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**Revision to a Request for Supply  
Arrangement - Révision à une demande  
pour un arrangement en matière  
d'approvisionnement**

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.

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**This amendment 009 is raised to answer questions and modify the solicitation as follows :**

**1- QUESTIONS / ANSWERS :**

**Q.140:**

At Annex A1, 7.6.3, 7.7.6: Please explain in detail the minimum requirements required to meet this specification. Is it the same requirement as 6.14 through 6.14.6?

**A.140:**

Refer to Amendment No. 005, A.47 and A.84.

**Q.141:**

lines 70-135 refer to "panel supported" surfaces but the "shape" describes gables and modesty panels. This does not seem correct. What is the intent of these surfaces?

**A.141:**

Please refer to Amendment 007, Q/A. 114, modification to the Product Catalogue will be posted shortly to reflect changes based on the above question.

**Q.142:**

Why are the freestanding surfaces lines 136-267, included with the systems products. They seem to be described traditional gable legged freestanding furniture but the specifications in Annex A seem to describe desking products. No desking style work surfaces have been included in the product list. These would include freestanding or semi freestanding or convergent surfaces etc. not gabled or semi gabled desk products. If the Government wants to include desking/storage based/ or benching systems they should be defined and specified separately. The current product list and specifications do not match.

**A.142:**

Please refer to Amendment 007, Q/A. 114, modification to the Product Catalogue will be posted shortly to reflect changes based on the above question.

**Q.143:**

Annex b1 category 4, when taken in conjunction with Annex A specification, is very confusing. Is the government looking for a freestanding executive wood solution? If so the product list does not represent a cross section of the current trends or offerings. The specifications in Annex A do not support any executive wood solution. If the intent is to acquire a wood veneered desking system then the specifications and the product list needs to be re-assessed.

**A.143:**

Yes, Canada is looking for freestanding executive wood solutions. Within Annex B-1, Category 4 it outlines the requirements for closed executive wood offices.

The product listed in Annex B-1 is the minimum frequently purchased products required at this time. Please refer to Annex A-1 for items in Category 4, Wood veneer Freestanding Product- i.e. Section 7 and Section 8. PWGSC may expand the product listing at a later date.

**Q.144:**

Lines 276-443: why are these panel mounted screens requested in so many heights (6/9/12/15/21/24") Shouldn't they be the manufacturers standard that match the framed add-ons in Annex b-1 category 1a?

**A.144:**

Product in line items 276 to 443 are different product requirements than frame add-ons, please refer to Annex A-1 section 3.0 TERMINOLOGY at article 3.5 Privacy Screens and to article 3.11 Panel add-on module.

**Q.145:**

Lines 276-443: why is tinted glass requested? This offers no advantage over clear glass. Additionally there is no measurement as to what constitutes tinted so it is unquantifiable.

**A.145:**

The functional requirement for tinted glass on privacy screens is to provide a visual barrier to the identified users.

**Q.146:**

Low storage lines 762-1201 request depths of 15/18/20 and 24". Could this not be simplified to two ranges i.e. 15-18" +/- and 20-24" +/-

**A.146:**

No. Each product with a different depth size must be represented on its own line in order to provide the identified users with a fair and equal representation value.

**Q.147:**

High storage lines 1002 to 1241 only has one depth (12") where lower storage has 4. Why is that?

**A.147:**

Please refer to Amendment No. 005, Section 2 modification (L) (7.7.3); modification to the Product Catalogue will be posted shortly to reflect changes based on the above question.

The Products Catalogue represent the minimum, frequently purchased products, PWGSC may expand the product offering at a later time.

**Q.148:**

Lines 1261-1293: why are only post legs noted with casters when there are functionally other options?

**A.148:**

Lines 1262-1293 do cover different options; the items listed on this CPI are the minimum requirements for closed offices.

**Q.149:**

Lines 444-723 Work surface privacy screens: why are so many heights called out (6", 9", 12", 15", 18", 21", 24") when work surface privacy height has already been established at 42"-48"?

**A.149:**

Please refer to Annex A-1 section 3.0 TERMINOLOGY, article 3.5 Privacy Screens, these items have no consequence in regards to work surface privacy height panels because the privacy screens are to be mounted to the work surfaces.

**Q.150:**

Lines 444-723 Work surface privacy screens: why is tinted glass requested? This offers no advantage over clear glass. Additionally there is no measurement as to what constitutes tinted so it is unquantifiable. Why aren't additional options like fabric, laminate or wood considered? They are part of the panel offering.

**A.150:**

Please refer to Q/A. 145 for the functionality of the tinted glass.

**Q.151:**

The maximum height of 54" for overhead units is extremely limiting. Why is a 54" height required for Category 4, as these solutions will presumably be in private offices? For the most part this will only allow for short, open storage overheads;

**A.151:**

We agree, thank you for your comment; please refer to Section 2 Modifications, modification (A) & Amendment 007, Section 2 Modifications, modification (E).

**Q.152:**

The spreadsheet indicates work surfaces with full gables and/or half gables and modesty panels. This does not allow for entering bridges or returns which may not require any gables, or only one in addition to attachment hardware (flat bracket). Furthermore, modular case goods don't require modesty panels on returns or bridges that are against the wall. Adding a modesty will only increase cost to Canada and reduce access to data and electrical outlets;

**A.152:**

Please refer to the Product Catalogue category 1b, line items 180 to 201 which specifies two half gables which allows for bridges and returns & refer to Annex A-1, section 7.0, article 7.2.1.

**Q.153:**

The spreadsheet indicates work surfaces with full gables and/or half gables and modesty panels. Most modern modular caseloads have the ability to use a pedestal or other storage unit

in place of a gable for support. The spreadsheet only allows the entry of gables for the work surfaces. A pedestal would then be ordered separately. This will result in a redundant gable that would not be used and only increase cost to Canada.

**A.153:**

Please refer to article 7.4 of Annex A-1 for pedestal work supporting and refer to the Products Catalogue, category 1b, line item 7.

**Q.154:**

A rod is being requested for wardrobe cabinets. Many manufacturers have hooks as standard in their wardrobe cabinets. Why would this not be acceptable?

**A.154:**

A hanging coat rod which expands the width of the compartment allows for more flexibility than a single hook.

**Q.155:**

Category 2 – Freestanding Height adjustable desks. if I can have a definition of what you would like submitted as a product for the “freestanding user adjustable work surface” section?

Our company has height adjustable tables that are freestanding and work using a counterbalance system but it would seem that this would better fit into the “Continuous height adjustable work surfaces” section.

We also have a product which can be added to a current work surface via clamp or grommet mount and comes with a platform that is 28” wide. Is this the type of product you are looking for in the “Freestanding User Adjustable Work Surface” category or would a normal height adjustable table fit into both sections?

**A.155:**

Please refer to CAN/CGSB-44.227 section 6, article 6.1 for more information. Please refer to Annex A-1, section 8.0 for the specifications for freestanding height adjustable desk/table product; PWGSC is not looking for a product that can be added to a current work surface via clamp or grommet mount and comes with a platform that is 28” wide at this time.

**Q.156:**

#### Annex A section 4

This section has details of what the SA holder needs to provide but does not specify the minimum requirements for the floor plans supplied by the client. Should this not be described.

The SA holder could potentially be required to develop a detailed design based on a rudimentary blocking plan all at no charge.

Also what are the responsibilities of the SA holder when only a product list is provided and no plans? Annex B section 5 lists product related services for adding to existing product but does not cover the issues of new product requirements.

A ceiling hourly rate for new CADD/design services needs to be added.

#### **A.156:**

A) Modifications to Annex E to specify the minimum requirements for the floor plans by the Identified Users will be posted shortly.

B) CADD/design services for new product requirements will not be added at this time.

#### **Q.157 :**

In Modification F at Amendment 005 and Modification E at Amendment 007 the storage has a 54" max height with a -3" allowance.

Seated privacy for panels however is 50" to 54". Shouldn't the allowance be at least -4" so as storage and panels can more closely align?

#### **A.157:**

Amendment 005 – modification F relates to article 9.7.5 to metal filing and storage cabinets.

Amendment 007 – modifications E relates to article 7.10.1 for wood category.

No changes to the tolerance.

#### **Q.158 :**

Section 5, Product Related Services lists several activities that only relate to existing product installations.

Given the new procurement methodology there will be many opportunities and requests to provide layout assistance for new purchases.

Modifying and adapting new designs or doing layouts for estimation purposes takes place regularly now.

Why are there no hourly rates for these types of activities in this SA?

**A.158**

There are no hourly rates for adapting new designs or doing layouts in this Supply Arrangement. The technical authority using the Supply Arrangement is responsible for defining their technical criteria and to preparing their design layout.

**Q.159:**

At Annex B-1, Category 1 a\_v 2:

Line item 117-132, Face mounted power and data on fabric, please review the pictures that I have sent to you in a separate email, tagged "Power/Data on fabric". Please advise if one of these or both apply.



**A.159:**

The 2 images provided do not apply to line item 117- 132.

One of the image appears to be a power and data mounted onto a work surface at the back scalloped; line item 117-132 in catalogue 1a relates to Annex A-1, article 6.4 ( face mounted power and data for work surface privacy and seated privacy panels). Please refer to article 3.12

of the TERMINOLOGY for the definition of Stackable Panel and article 6.2 for instruction of how to build a work surface privacy and seated privacy panels.

The second image appears to be a Power and Data module inside a power trough attached under a work surface. As described above, line item 117-132 in catalogue 1a relates to Annex A-1, article 6.4 which is under the panel section.

**Q.160:**

Under glazing you have made mention of 3 finishes, clear, translucent and frosted. Can you clarify the difference between translucent and frosted?

**A.160:**

A frosted finish, under glazing material is the application of removing a thin layer of the glazing material in order to create a visual privacy, this may be applied as a motif or design.

A translucent finish, under glazing material is achieved by applying another material such as an acetate, film or paint to the glazing material in order to create a visual privacy, this may be applied as a motif or design.

**Q.161:**

Line item 22-35 you have asked for a shape A, then on lines 36-49 you have asked for shape B, then in line 50-63 you ask for shape C. No where in instructions or definitions, does it make note of what these shapes are. Are these different shapes the government has, OR are they different shapes the Manufacturer may offer in his product line?

**A.161:**

Please refer to Amendment 005 – Q88 and see section 2 Modification, modification (U).

**Q.162:**

In your amendment 5, Q and A number 88 and modification U your description of panel mounted surface B and C are not clear.

Given they are panel mounted they need to be straight on at least 1 side.

Could you please provide an image of what you are requesting?

**A.162:**

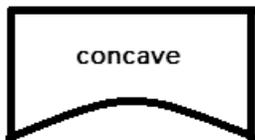
Amendment 5 – Q/A.88 we answered :

*“Shape A is define as Concave work surface: A concave work surface is a work surface which has three straight sides and one side is curved inwards where the worker sits.”*

This item will be added to the Product Catalogue, category 1b– Interconnecting Panels and Freestanding Systems - Work Surfaces / Surfaces de travail

**Concave shape (previously identified as Shaped A)** can be panel mounted because of the three straight sides.

Please see image below, as requested but the image may vary from manufacture to manufacture.



**Kidney shape (previously identified as Shape B & C)** cannot be panel mounted, it is to be part of the Product Catalogue 1b- Freestanding Fixed Height.

**Left Kidney shape/ Dimensions** - 610mm (24 in./po)x 914mm (36 in./po)x 762mm (30 in./po) - one grommet/un passe-file to 1524mm ( 60 in./po).

**Right Kidney shape/ Dimensions** - 762mm (30 in./po)x914mm (36 in./po)x610mm (24 in./po) - one grommet/un passe-file to 1524mm ( 60 in./po).

Please see image below, as requested but the image may vary from manufacture to manufacture.



GoCUIC CIUGdC	Category 1B – Interconnecting Panels and Freestanding Systems Catégorie 1B – Système de cloisons interraccordables et autostables	Sub-Category Sous- catégorie	Description Description	Shape Forme
MTSTxFPxxx24	Meeting Tables / Table à réunion	Square Tops / Forme carée	Four Post Legs / Quatre pieds	610mm (24 in./po)x 914mm (36 in./po)x 762mm (30 in./po) -one grommet/un passe-file
MTSTxLCxxx24	Meeting Tables / Table à réunion	Square Tops / Forme carée	Four post legs with casters / Quatre pieds avec roulettes	610mm (24 in./po)x 914mm (36 in./po)x 762mm (30 in./po) -one grommet/un passe-file

## 2- **MODIFICATION(S)** :

### A) **At Annex A-1, Section 7.0 :**

**DELETE:** 7.7.1 High storage units installed onto a low storage/credenza unit must not exceed a combined height of 1372mm (54 in.).

**INSERT:** 7.7.1 High storage units installed onto a low storage/credenza unit must not exceed a combined height of 1372mm (54 in.) with the exception of Category 4 – Wood Veneer – Freestanding Products.

**DELETE:** 7.7.2 When a hutch is used to make a high storage unit the overall height of the hutch plus the low storage/credenza unit must not exceed 1372mm (54 in.)

**INSERT:** 7.7.2 When a hutch is used to make a high storage unit the overall height of the hutch plus the low storage/credenza unit must not exceed 1372mm (54 in.), with the exception of Category 4 – Wood Veneer – Freestanding Products.

**All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.**