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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.

Comments - Commentaires

Vendor/Firm Name and Address
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Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution
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| Title - Sujet Furniture for Work Spaces | |
| Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation E60PQ-140003/A | Date 2015-05-14 |
| Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client E60PQ-140003 | Amendment No. - N° modif. 011 |
| File No. - N° de dossier pq416.E60PQ-140003 | CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME |
| GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$PQ-416-66821 | |
| Date of Original Request for Supply Arrangement 2015-02-19 Date de demande pour un arrangement en matière d'app. originale | |
| Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2015-05-28 | Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT |
| Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Clouthier, Chantal | Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur pq416 |
| Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (819) 956-7184 () | FAX No. - N° de FAX () - |
| Delivery Required - Livraison exigée | |
| Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction: | |
| Security - Sécurité This revision does not change the security requirements of the solicitation. Cette révision ne change pas les besoins en matière de sécurité de l'invitation. | |

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

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| Acknowledgement copy required | Yes - Oui | No - Non |
| Accusé de réception requis | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer. Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre. | | |
| Signature | Date | |
| Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of offeror. (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du proposant. (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie) | | |
| For the Minister - Pour le Ministre | | |

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This amendment 011 is raised to answer questions and modify the solicitation as follows :

Notice :

PWGSC is reviewing and changing Products Catalogues (PC) 1a, 1b, 2, 3 and 4 based on the questions received by the Industry.

PWGSC is planning to extend the closing date for approximately 30 calendar days from the release of the revised PCs through an RFSA amendment.

Should PCs be released at separate times, the extension may be re-evaluated to allow more time.

1- QUESTIONS / ANSWERS :

Q.163:

Under Category Annex B1, Category 2, items # 68-78 is says "other", what exactly is "other"?

A.163:

Line items # 68 to 78 from Annex B-1, category 2 will be removed, modification to the Product Catalogue will be posted shortly to reflect changes based on the above question.

Q.164:

In Category Annex B1, Category 5, it lists 38 items and there are no specific specifications listed for monitor arms, ie weight capacity, etc. Can we supply a range of monitor arms with various specifications under the dual and single monitor arms?

A.164:

No, please refer to Annex A-1 section 10.0, article 10.3 for the specifications. Also refer to Amendment 5 Section 2 item (M)

Q.165:

Q/A.55 – Annex A-1, #2.2 - Please confirm that Testing Requirements are to the latest version. If the test protocol from 2014 is the same as 2008, then 2008 is also acceptable, as long as it is within 5 years. However, if there are additional protocols or if the protocols have been revised, that the test must comply to the latest version.

A.165:

Will respond in next amendment.

Q.166:

Annex A-1, #2.2.9 & 7.13 – Benching – There is no listing in Annex B, Category 1 for benching product. Please advise.

A.166:

Modifications to the Product Catalogue will be posted shortly to reflect changes based on article 7.13 – Benching.

Q.167:

Annex A-1, #2.2.14 - Modification O) – Please confirm that an “acceptable” test facility, must be an “accredited test facility”, as defined in the RFSA. If not, please define, “acceptable” test facility.

A.167:

Please refer to Annex A-1, section 3.0 TERMINOLOGY, article 3.1.

Q.168:

Annex A-1, #5.12 – The depth of our pedestal to fit under a 24”deep surface is 20”deep, but still complies with the requirement for legal and/or letter size filing. The deeper pedestal (22”deep) does not provide additional filing capacity. Will the 20”deep pedestal be acceptable, as long as it conforms to the legal/letter filing requirements?

A.168:

No, not at this time.

Q.169:

A.123 – Annex A-1, #6.24 – If the overhead storage units and shelves correspond to the width of the panels, will a tolerance of +/- 1” on the depth of the units (14”deep to 16”deep) be acceptable?

A.169:

Yes, please refer to CAN/CGSB-44.229-2008, section 6.7 article 6.7.1 – The minimum interior clearance of 305mm (12 in.) in height and depth is required.

Q.170:

Annex A-1, #8.3 – Since the various height adjustable controls are listed separately on the Annex B – Category 2 catalogue, a user can use this to exclude all bidders except the few or one that has one specific type of control, even though the other types of controls would provide the same function. For example, Counterbalance, Torsion and Gas-assisted controls all serve the same function, but each version are carried by different manufacturers. If these controls were all listed together on the catalogue, then the client could request “counterbalance, torsion or gas-assisted” and all bidders would be able to participate, with one or more of these options. Please update the catalogue to group these controls as one product.

A.170:

No changes to Category 2 catalogue on the above height adjustable controls types.

Q.171:

Annex B, Category 4 – This category includes products both in the private office (Casegoods) and freestanding workstation requirements, however, there are different requirements for enclosed offices (storage up to 66” high) than there are for workstations in the open environment (54” high max). Unfortunately, in the Category 4 catalogue, they are not listed separately. Please add separate lines for products intended for private offices that may have different storage height requirements than the workstations in the open environment. The products and the pricing are different in our product line.

A.171:

Modifications to the Product Catalogue will be posted shortly.

Q.172:

Annex B, Category 1a, A.131a – If you want the pricing of the powered panel to include electrical wiring, outlets and data ports, please indicate (a) how many outlets per panel - one, two or more – minimum/maximum; (b) located on one side of the panel or both sides; (c) minimum/maximum electrical wire to include. These are questions that are usually answered based on the layout of the workstation, location of the power pole or base feed, the number of outlet locations requested by the client and locations the outlets are required, so to include a ceiling price, please indicate how all bidders should respond using the same/similar criteria.

A.172:

(a) Please refer to amendment 007, modification (G).

(b) Please refer to Q/A 131 @ amendment 007.

(c) The TA or IU will need to specify in there instructions to the Bidders at the RFB process.

Q.173:

Annex A-1, 6.14.4, A.135 Modification (F) – Please confirm that this specification includes the criteria that whether duplex or triplex outlets are use, that the number of outlet locations within a workstation must be maintained. For example, if there should be 6 outlets in a workstation and they must be located in 3 locations on different panels, that 3 duplexes or 3 triplexes must be supplied.

A.173:

The TA or IU will specify in there instructions to the Bidders at the RFB process.

Q.174:

Part 6B – Can IUs use the net pricing, calculated to determine the tier, to create a short list of bidders and then request pricing only from the lowest bidders on that list, or do they have to request pricing from ALL conforming suppliers? Will the ceiling prices be used to rank one bidder against another, or only to determine the tier?

A.174:

No, the tier is determined by using the ceiling prices only, as described in instructions at Part 6B, Section 6B.3, explaining the calculation for the Estimated Median Value (EMV). The ceiling prices will not be used to rank one bidder against another, it is only to determine the tier; refer to Sections 6B.1 and 6B.4 for the processes allowed by tier.

See Section 2 – Modifications, modification (A)

Q.175:

At MTC2.1 – The letter must a) must be an original version signed by the manufacturer (...) – as this submission is only being requested in soft copy(ies), can you please confirm that a pdf of an original signature on original letterhead will be sufficient?

A.175:

Refer to Amendment 005, Section 2 – Modifications, modification (V), the revised version of article a) is : a) Be signed by an authorized representative of the manufacturer and be under the letterhead of the manufacturer.

Yes, a .pdf format is accepted.

Q.176:

Category 1b requests wardrobes 15"d, 18"d, 20"d and 24"d – Annex A-1, #7.9.1, 7.10.4, and 9.7.3, requires that these wardrobes have a coat rod. A standard hanger will not fit in a 15" or 18"d wardrobe (see attached picture). The industry has designed wardrobes with a coat hook if the depth does not allow for a standard hanger. Please revise Annex A-1 to allow for coat hooks for 15" and 18"deep wardrobes.



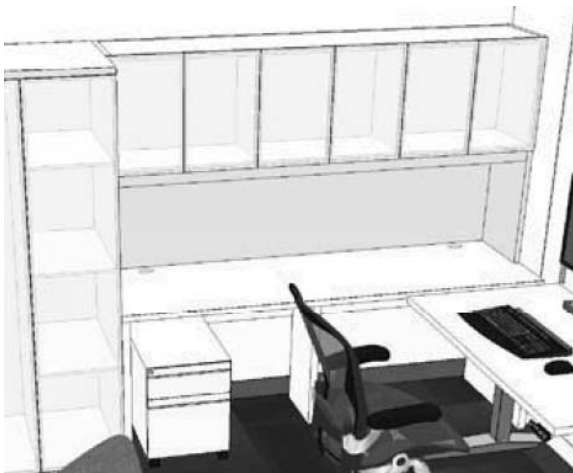
A.176:

Thank you for your explanation. Wardrobe 381 mm (15in.) and 457mm (18in.) deep will be deleted from Product Catalogue1.B. Modifications to the Product Catalogue will be posted shortly.

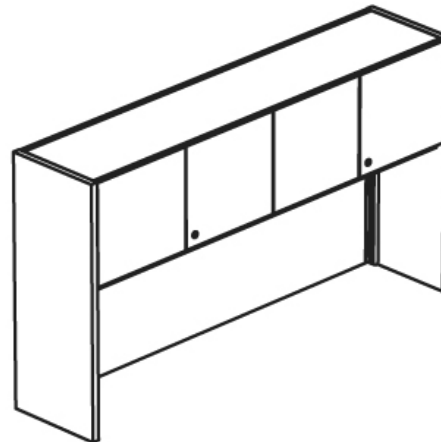
Q.177:

Category 1b includes Freestanding Laminate products which can be used in open environments as well as closed offices where Category 4 Wood Products are not required. However, there is no section in Category 1b to allow for a traditional closed office hutch style storage (see illustrations attached), which would be allow for high storage up to 66"high. (a) is from a recent PWGSC RFP. Please add hutch style storage up to 66"high to Category 1b.

(a)



(b)



A.177: No, the hutch style storage up to 66"high to Category 1b will not be added at this time..

Q.178:

Annex A-1, #5.12 – Existing tolerance (24"d or 30"d +/-2") does not necessarily provide more storage. Typically PWGSC has specified that the pedestal depth must be the largest available to fit fully under the manufacturers work surface. This would still comply with your requirement for letter & legal filing and CAN/CGSB standards but would accommodate each manufacturer's standard specific designs. Can you please amend to remove the tolerance and allow for the manufacturer's standard depth pedestals?

A.178: No the tolerance will not be changed at this time..

2- MODIFICATION(S) :

A) At Part 6B Solicitations, Section 6B.3, sub-section 3.1 For Products, Installation and Delivery :

DELETE: "Determine the median value of the products within a product category of the Conforming Suppliers."

INSERT: "Determine the median value of the ceiling prices for the products within a product category of the Conforming Suppliers."

B) At Annex A-1, Section 1.0 :

DELETE: 1.2 This specification must be read in conjunction with, and meet, the publications and testing requirements in article 2.0 of this annex with the exemption of CAN/CGSB-44.227-2008 Free-standing Office Desk Products and Components paragraph 6.5.3 - Usable Space and of CAN/CGSB-44.229-2008 Interconnecting Panel Systems and Supported Components paragraph 6.6.3 - Usable Space.

INSERT: 1.2 This specification must be read in conjunction with, and meet the latest publications and testing requirements in article 2.0 of this annex with the exemption of CAN/CGSB-44.227-2008 Free-standing Office Desk Products and Components paragraph 6.5.3 - Usable Space and of CAN/CGSB-44.229-2008 Interconnecting Panel Systems and Supported Components paragraph 6.6.3 - Usable Space.

C) At Part 6A – Supply Arrangement, Section 6A.7 - On-going Opportunity for Qualification :

DELETE: 6A.7 in it's entirety.

INSERT: 6A.7 On-going Opportunity for Qualification

Further to section 7 of the General Conditions 2020, Canada intends to post a Notice of Proposed Procurement and Request for Supply Arrangement on the Government Electronic Tendering Service (GETS) for a period of one month in a 11 month period (Date will be added at SA award) to inform suppliers and pre-qualified suppliers of the opportunity to qualify for requirements or for requirements for which they are not already qualified, respectively. Applications to be placed on the Supply Arrangement may be submitted at anytime and will be placed on the qualifications lists as quickly as limited resources permit.

Existing Suppliers, who have been issued a supply arrangement, will not be required to submit a new arrangement

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