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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

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Title - Sujet Furniture for Work Spaces	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation E60PQ-140003/A	Date 2015-06-04
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client E60PQ-140003	Amendment No. - N° modif. 014
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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 2015-06-29	
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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

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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See next page;

This amendment 014 is raised to answer questions and modify the solicitation as follows :

1- QUESTIONS / ANSWERS :

Q.179:

For Category 1 – Interconnecting Panels and Freestanding Systems, Section 6.7 of Annex A.1 states that “Panels must be offered in upholstered fabric and/or plastic laminate and/or wood veneer and/or metal finishes.”

This verbiage seems to indicate that PWGSC is looking for acoustic panels already assembled inside a metal frame. However, in Annex B-1 for Category 1a, there is a separate line for the panel frame, and for the fabric “Element”, but no line for a panel that comes with a frame and fabric sold together. The option of the frame with the fabric integrated is not only sturdier, but more cost-effective than only offering a modular system with separate components.

Thus, the question: Will PWGSC accept the offer of panels that include both a metal frame and fabric already integrated/assembled/shipped together? If so, how should this be priced out in Annex B-1?

A.179:

Canada requests that Suppliers submit pricing for frames and elements separately when submitting arrangement as part of this RFSA.

In another tab in Category 1a, the frames and elements are combined to make many permutations. The Identified User will be able to choose a completely assembled panel (frame + element) when defining their requirement, this tool will be available at the SA/RFB stage.

Q.180:

ACT fabric tests are only performed when a fabric is first developed and then if the composition changes in anyway. Because these tests need to be done on every colour of every type of fabric it is too expensive and timely to be retesting them when nothing has changed. These ACT tests are noted within CAN/CGSB. Can you please confirm that the 5yr testing requirement does not apply to these specific tests? The federal government would be unnecessarily limiting what fabrics their agencies can choose from, as manufacturers would have to pick just one or two fabrics and pay thousands of dollars to retest simply so the dates on the test report are less than 5yrs.

A.180:

The five year testing requirement does not apply to the ACT tests; See Section 2 – Modifications, modification (A).

Q.181:

CAN/CGSSB-44.229 states: *For panels upholstered in 100% polyester fabric, including fabrics with up to 100% recycled content, only one fabric weight needs to be tested to cover the whole range of weight and percentage of recycled content.* However in 11.4.1 it says 'Fabrics that are "identical" in content and weight will be accepted as comparable to the fabric tested on the panel.' Can you please confirm that 11.4.1 can be removed? This contradicts what is stated in CAN/CGSB and unnecessarily limits what fabrics their agencies can choose from, as manufacturers are not able to pay tens of thousands to burn product, when the variance between the tests are miniscule.

A.181:

Annex A-1 - Article 11.4 for flammability is mandatory and takes precedence over CAN/CGSB - 44- 229. Annex A1- Article 11.4. and 11.4.1 will remain as is .

Q.182:

The US Government allows three years to update testing to a new standard (eg: ANSI/BIMFA 5.5 -2014). Will the Canadian Gov't accept compliancy to the previous standard while testing is updated to the new standard to align with the US Government timeline? For manufacturers with numerous product line offering it is unrealistic to expect everything be updated within 9 months.

A.182:

There will be no changes to the specifications.

Q.183:

Under Category 1B – can you please confirm what shapes of surfaces we are to propose for the ones defined as A, B and C? Are the specifications for these referenced elsewhere in the RFSA documents?

A.183:

Refer to amendment #009- A.162.

Q.184:

Q/A 152: there are no line items including 180 to 201 which allow for a surface with at least one side with no gable or half gable. There are many cases where a flat bracket attachment would be more suitable and less costly. Can lines be added to the spreadsheet to include a surface only with no gable or half gable? This would allow more flexibility and potentially less cost for Canada.

A.184:

No changes will be made at this time.

Q.185:

Q/A 153: similar to Q/A 152, there are no line items which allow for a surface with at least one side with no gable or half gable. Although pedestals are shown on the spreadsheet and referred to in article 7.4 of Annex A-1, there is no way we can see to apply them to surfaces without having a half-gable or full-gable already on the surface. Please advise how we will accommodate a pedestal without interfering with a half or full gable?

A.185:

Modification to the Product Catalogue 1b will be published shortly to add gable options to worksurfaces.

Q.186:

Please provide further details on the continuous curve type descriptive for item, for example, MTCCFCOA1524 Meeting tables/Table de rancontre Continous Curve, Four post legs with casters/Courbe continue, quatre pattes avec roulettes Oak/Chêne 1524mm (60 in./po).

A.186:

Modification to the Product Catalogue ,Category #4 will be published shortly to reflect Amendment 005, modification (U) :

Modification to the entire section under "Meeting tables/Table de rencontre/ Continous Curve, Four post legs/Courbe continue, quatre pattes/ Oak/Chêne/ 1067mm (42 in./po) " and change it to "Meeting tables/Table de rencontre/ Left Kidney work surface, Four post legs/Surface de travail réniforme de Gauche, quatre pattes/ Oak/Chêne/ 762mm (30 in./po x 1067mm (42 in./po) x 610mm (24 in./po)".

Q.187:

Work surface mounted Privacy Screens:

- A) Are these screens intended for use in Pvt. Office wood veneer suites only, where they will be used on one desk only or are there shared applications?
- B) Are these screens intended to be mounted on the fronts of work surfaces or across the sides of an 'L' or 'U' shape configuration?
- C) What is meant by a 'mesh' screen?

A.187:

A) Modification to the Product Catalogue will be published shortly to remove the privacy screens to Cat.4.

B) Privacy screens are found in Category 1b only. The screens may be attached to work surfaces in different configurations i.e. a work surface free standing may have screens mounted on 2 or 3 sides, or in a pod workspace configuration a privacy screen may be used to separate 1 workspace from another. The configuration and use of the privacy screen will be determined by the Identified User.

C) Modification to the Product Catalogue will be published shortly to remove the "mesh" screen option.

Q.188:

Modification F reads, 9.7.5 The height of the personal storage towers must be 1372mm (54 in.) high and meet the height of the Seated Privacy Height panels and/or must be 1676mm (66 in.) high, both heights have a tolerance of - 76.2 mm(-3 in.).

This indicates that PWGSC is looking for 54"h seated privacy panels even though the range for seated privacy height panels is noted as 50" - 54". Please confirm if that is the correct reading of this modification, shouldn't the range of the Seated Privacy Height panels be set at 54" and not give a range? If that isn't correct, shouldn't the tolerance be modified to -4 instead of -3? As its written, a supplier may quote a 54"h personal tower which could potentially be taller than adjacent panels. Is that the intention?

In what instances should 54" and 66" high personal towers be quoted? Will this distinction be made in the revised spreadsheets?

A.188:

Refer to Section 2 Modifications, modification (B) & (C).

Modification to the Product Catalogue 1b will be issued shortly.

Q.189:

How tall are wardrobes required to be - same as personal towers? Will the instances be clarified?

A.189:

Refer to Annex A-1, section - Wardrobe 7.9

The wardrobe height is to fit more than one full-length garment when hung.

Q.190:

If a supplier is not able to submit a response in the limited time allowed (April 21st), and the intention of the SA is to be open and more accommodating, can Suppliers respond to the RFSA at any point thereafter?

A.190:

Yes, refer to Part 6A – Supply Arrangement, Section 6A.7 On-going opportunity for qualification; Refer to Amendment 011, Section 2 – Modifications, modification (C).

Q.191:

N/A

A.191:

N/A

Q.192:

Do all Annexes B-1 need to be submitted, regardless if an item is quoted, for example if you are not quoting Category 5 do you still need to submit a blank Annex b-1 Category 5.

A.192:

No, only the product listing(s) for the category(ies) that the supplier is offering products is to be submitted .

Q.193:

Please confirm Section 5.2 Additional info Required, when submitted belongs in Part 5 Certifications and Additional Info (Section III).

A.193:

Yes, should be submitted with Part 5.

Q.194:

Section 3.1 Section 1 is now comprised of both Technical and Financial arrangement, does that indicate only one copy of Annex B-1 files are required with pricing included.

A.194:

Technical and Financial are to be submitted has one document, but Canada request that suppliers provide two soft copies; refer to Amendment 002.

Q.195:

If a supplier only submits a response and qualifies under one of the 5 categories, can they add product to any category at anytime throughout the arrangement? (e.g: if no product is submitted under Category 5 initially, once the arrangements has been awarded, can they then submit product under category 5?)

A.195:

Yes, refer to Part 6A – Supply Arrangement, Section 6A.7 On-going opportunity for qualification; Refer to Amendment 011, Section 2 – Modifications, modification (C).

Q.196:

Paragraph 7.3.8 of Annex A-1 states that "Powered low storage/credenza and high storage units or hutches must provide ceiling access, floor access and wall access for the electrical

system and provide a cable pathway to route cables from the building to the storage products. And " Non-powered units must allow to be retrofitted for future power requirements."

The requirement for powered storage or the capability to retrofit power into storage components is restrictive. To ensure competition it is suggested that low storage/credenza units and high storage units be listed in the solicitation and subsequent pricing sheets as powered or non-powered and that there is no requirement for non-powered to be capable of retrofitting.

A.196:

Refer to amendment 005 modification D; Modification to the Product Catalogues will be published shortly for Category 1b.

2- MODIFICATION(S) :

A) At Annex A, Section 2 :

DELETE: 2.2.10 Test reports must not be more than five years old from the date the test was performed.

INSERT: 2.2.10 Test reports must not be more than five years old from the date the test was performed with the exception of the fabric tests applicable to the ACT Voluntary Performance Guidelines.

B) At Annex A-1, Section 7.10 :

DELETE: 7.10.1 The height of the personal storage towers must be 1372mm (54 in.) high and cannot exceed the height of the of the Seated Privacy Height panels with a tolerance of - 76.2 mm(-3 inch.), with the exception of Category 4 – Wood Veneer – Freestanding Products.

INSERT: 7.10.1 The height of the personal storage towers must be 1372mm (54 in.) high and cannot exceed the height of the of the Seated Privacy Height panels with a tolerance of - 102 mm(-4 inch.), with the exception of Category 4 – Wood Veneer – Freestanding Products.

C) At Annex A-1, Section 9.7 :

DELETE: 9.7.5 The height of the personal storage towers must be 1372mm (54 in.) high and meet the height of the Seated Privacy Height panels and/or must be 1676mm (66 in.) high, both heights have a tolerance of - 76.2 mm(-3 in).

INSERT: 9.7.5 The height of the personal storage towers must be 1372mm (54 in.) high and meet the height of the Seated Privacy Height panels, and/or must be 1676mm (66 in.) high, both heights have a tolerance of - 102 mm(-4 in).

D) At Annex A-1, Section 5.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS :

DELETE: Categories 3 and 5

INSERT: Categories 1, 3 and 5

E) At Annex A-1, Section 11.1 :

i)

DELETE: " As a minimum the bidder must submit a copy of the manufactures standard finishes for each of the categories being offered at time of award of the Supply Arrangement;"

ii)

DELETE: 11.1.1 Category 1 all finishes for, panel and upholstery fabrics, work surface finishes, edge profile details for panel and freestanding work surfaces, panel trims, finishes for vertical supports.

INSERT: 11.1.1 Category 1 all finishes for, panel and upholstery fabrics, work surface finishes, edge profile details for panel and freestanding work surfaces, panel trims finishes for vertical supports, metal storage and personal storage towers.

F) Annexes :

DELETE : Annex C – supply arrangement reporting
 Annex D – work spaces terms and conditions manual wtcn
 Annex E – bid solicitation and resulting contract template rfb

INSERT : V2 Annex C Reporting – Annexe C Rapport
 V2 Annex D – WTCM
 V2 Annex E – RFB

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.