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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

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Raison sociale et adresse du
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Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution
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Title - Sujet (RFI) for X-Ray Baggage Scanners	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation 21120-140531/C	Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client CSC BPA 1990531	Date 2015-07-20
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$PV-915-67482	
File No. - N° de dossier pv915.21120-140531	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2015-07-31	Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
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Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction: SEE ANNEX A	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
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This amendment is raised to change the Request for Proposal (RFP) and to publish all question and answers.

Page 1 – Solicitation Closes

To extend the closing date from 22nd July 2015 (EDST) to 31st July 2015 (EDST).

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

4.1.1 Technical Evaluation

Delete:

5. All baggage x-ray inspection systems ("Scanners" in the context of this solicitation) sold in Canada must conform to the *Radiation Emitting Devices Regulations (Schedule II, Part IV)* at the time of sale. These regulations are promulgated under the *Radiation Emitting Devices Act* and it is the responsibility of the manufacturer or distributor to ensure that the x-ray system conforms to the regulatory requirements. The *Act*, in PDF format, can be found at <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/PDF/C.R.C., c. 1370.pdf>. Since the regulations are subject to amendment in order to reflect changes in technology, information on their current applicability may be obtained by contacting the X-Ray Section, Bureau of Radiation and Medical Devices, Health Protection Branch, National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, K1A 1C1. Any violation of the *Radiation Emitting Devices Regulations Act* is a criminal offence. **(photocopy of certificate will suffice)**

Included: Yes _____

Insert:

5. All baggage x-ray inspection systems ("Scanners" in the context of this solicitation) sold in Canada must conform to the *Radiation Emitting Devices Regulations (Schedule II, Part IV)* at the time of sale. These regulations are promulgated under the *Radiation Emitting Devices Act* and it is the responsibility of the manufacturer or distributor to ensure that the x-ray system conforms to the regulatory requirements. The *Act*, in PDF format, can be found at <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/PDF/C.R.C., c. 1370.pdf>. Since the regulations are subject to amendment in order to reflect changes in technology, information on their current applicability may be obtained by contacting the X-Ray Section, Bureau of Radiation and Medical Devices, Health Protection Branch, National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, K1A 1C1. Any violation of the *Radiation Emitting Devices Regulations Act* is a criminal offence.

Agreed: Yes _____

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ANNEX A - REQUIREMENT / BASIS OF PAYMENT

ITEM 2

Delete in its entirety and replace by the following:

Bidders MUST provide a firm unit price for the four (4) additional one (1) year periods in order to be considered responsive.

These option years will commence after initial one year warranty period expires.

Standard Tunnel X-Ray Scanner purchased in Year 1:

Option Year 1 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Option Year 2 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Option Year 3 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Option Year 4 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Large Tunnel X-Ray Scanner purchased in Year 1:

Option Year 1 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Option Year 2 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Option Year 3 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Option Year 4 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Standard Tunnel X-Ray Scanner purchased in Year 2:

Option Year 1 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Option Year 2 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Option Year 3 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Option Year 4 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

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Large Tunnel X-Ray Scanner purchased in Year 2:

Option Year 1 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Option Year 2 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Option Year 3 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

Option Year 4 - Warranty agreement covering all aspects identified in PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, Section 3.1.6 Firm Unit Price \$ _____

OPTIONAL YEARS

If exercised after 2nd year, price increases will be permitted as follows:

The lesser of the following: The increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or Industrial Product Price Index (IPPI) specified by Statistics Canada over the previous calendar year OR the contractor's most favoured customer published price for the calendar year.

ANNEX B - MANDATORY SPECIFICATIONS FOR STANDARD TUNNEL X-RAY SCANNER**1.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS****Delete:**

1.8 The trays must have minimum dimensions of 30cm wide, 40cm long and 15cm tall;

Insert:

1.8 The trays must have minimum dimensions of 30cm wide, 40cm long and 12cm tall;

Reference in Contractors Proposal: _____

All other terms and conditions of the RFP remain unchanged.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Page 1 – Cover Page

Q.1 The title of the Solicitation Package is “(RFI) for X-Ray Baggage Scanners”. Could you please confirm that this document is indeed an RFP?

A.1 This document is indeed a RFP.

Q.2 Similarly, we noticed that although the Solicitation No. appearing on the cover page is 21120-140531/C, throughout the rest of the document, the header indicates 21120-140531/A.

A.2 The solicitation number is 21120-140531/C

Section I – 3.1.2

Q.3 Is the existing x-ray scanning equipment, that is to be removed and disposed of, on moveable casters or will equipment such as a forklift (to be supplied by the Bidder) be necessary to move the equipment out of the facilities?

A.3 Equipment to be removed is on casters.

Section I – 3.1.4.1.1

Q.4 Operator training is specified for “up to 4 days”. Given that the industry standard for operator training is typically one day or less, is the intent for CSC to require multiple training sessions with different groups of operators, or will there be only a single Operator training session required?

A.4 One single operator training session is required to meet requirements in Section 1-3.1.4.1.1.

Q.5 Since this requirement will be independent and separate of each purchase of x-ray equipment, would CSC like to have the price of this training session as a separate line item?

A.5 The requirements for the Bidder's pricing is described in Annex A – Basis Of Payment.

Section I - 3.1.6.4 d)

Q.6 Is it CSC's expectation that the Bidder will perform routine maintenance visits during the warranty period? If so, would CSC please clarify the expected frequency of these routine maintenance visits, given that the industry standards prescribe annual visits for radiation surveys and preventative maintenance.

A.6 The Bidder is responsible for warranty maintenance.

Annex B & B-1 – Mandatory Specifications

Q.7 Would CSC please confirm that it does not require entrance or exit roller table extensions for any of the scanners part of this solicitation?

A.7 We do not require exit or roller tables extensions.

Q.8 Mandatory Specifications will typically include minimum requirements for operating voltage of the X-ray source. Does CSC have any such minimum requirement for the operating kV?

A.8 There is no minimum requirement for the operating voltage of the x-ray source.

Part 6 – 6.8.3

Q.9 Is the "minimum contract value" expected to include all items in Annex A or is it possible that CSC will issue ROCs for only a subset of the items listed in Annex A?

A.9 The minimum contract value will represent 5% of the total contract value.

Annex A – Requirement / Basis of Payment

Q.10 In the ITEM 1 tables, CSC has required individual pricing per institution. Is it CSC's intention to use this information to select the Bidder with the best price for a subset of the scope of supply, possibly awarding separate contracts to different suppliers?

A.10 There will be only one (1) contract. The contractor selection is based on the lowest priced responsive bid.

Q.11 We understand that the purchase price of the machines, to be provided in the tables of ITEM 1, should include the standard 1-year warranty. Please confirm.

A.11 This is to confirm that item 1 must included standard warranty.

Q.12 In ITEM 2, Bidders are required to provide firm yearly quotes for the four (4) additional one year periods as a single lot for all items in ITEM 1. Please confirm that the quotes would not include purchases of items in Option Year 1, Option Year 2, and Option Year 3. Should Bidders provide the extended warranty costs for items purchased in Option Year 1, Option Year 2, and Option Year 3?

A.12 Item 2: this is to confirm that the quotes would not include purchases of items in Option Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. Bidders should not provide the extended warranty costs for items purchased in Option Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. It will be requested at the time of exercising the options. Annex A will be amended.

Q.13 In ITEM 2, Bidders are required to provide firm yearly quotes for the four (4) additional one year periods. Given that the extended warranties are tied to specific years (e.g. 2016-2017), are the Bidders to understand that items purchased under the YEAR 2 section of ITEM 1 will only have the option to be extended 3 additional years, or is the intent for items purchased in YEAR 2 to also have up the option of 4 additional years of warranty, irrespective of calendar year?

A.13 Item 2: It is intent for items purchased in Year 2 and option years to have up the option of 4 additional one (1) year of warranty, irrespective of calendar year.

Q.14 Please confirm that the Bidders are not required to submit pricing for Option Years 1, 2, and 3 as part of their proposal. Moreover, since nearly all institutions listed in the Option Years 1, 2, and 3 periods will require removal & disposal of previous scanners, but the pricing provided for the corresponding ITEM 1 units often do not (and some institutions in the Option Years are not part of the ITEM 1 list), it is not clear from what basis the prices for the Option Years will be increased from.

A.14 This is to confirm that Bidders are not required to submit pricing for option year 1, 2 and 3. The option years will be negotiated as described in Annex A on page 34 of 53 under Optional years.

Q.15 Annex B 1.0 General Requirements: 1.8 The minimum size called for is 30 cm W x 40 cm L x 15 cm H

We have designed a bin that accomplishes 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7 requirements:

We have two different bin sizes for the two sizes of x-ray systems

Standard X-ray bin size is 22 cm W x 17 cm L x 7 cm H

Large X-ray bin size is 20 cm W x 15 cm L x 5 cm H

Please confirm if these two bin sizes are acceptable as we do not think the minimum size called for will pass through the standards x-ray empty:

A.15 The two bin sizes are not acceptable. The requirement remains unchanged.

Q.16 4.1.1 Technical Evaluation: 5 - This section states that conformity to the Radiation Emitting Devices Regulations (Schedule II, Part IV) is mandatory. It also appears to require proof of conformity: "photocopy of certificate will suffice". However, Health Canada no longer issues compliance certificates: as you will see in the 3rd paragraph of the letter from Health Canada attached to this email, "the CCRPB [Consumer and Clinical Radiation Protection Bureau] cannot provide a pre-market assessment or provide you with a certification of compliance for your product".

Could you please confirm that bidders should not be required to submit such a certificate since it is no longer available?

A.16 No certificate of RED compliance is required.

Q.17 Mand. Spec 1.1: Would a tunnel size of 60cm x 40cm be acceptable (i.e. would not be able to fit an item that is 60cm X 40 cm)?

A.17 No.

Q.18 In regards to the tunnel size and machine width requirements, is CSC more interested in having a system that must be moved frequently through an opening of 89cm or would CSC be more interested in a system measuring 88.8cm which has a 15% larger tunnel opening?

A.18 The Bidder's scanner must comply with the requirements as described.

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Q.19 Mand Spec 1.8: The trays must have minimum dimensions of 30cm wide, 40cm long and 15cm tall.

Would trays with dimensions of 32cm wide, 66cm long and 12cm tall be acceptable?

A.19 Yes, a tray height of 12cm is acceptable.

Q.20 Mand Spec 3.1: Could you please clarify which types of objects will be scanned with these systems?

A.20 The Scanners will be used to scan personal effects and baggage similar to those scanned by airport security x-ray baggage scanners.

Q.21 Part 3 - Section 3.1.9; Delivery

A 30 day delivery from ROC is very aggressive. Would a 90 day delivery from ROC be acceptable as this would be more in line with industry standards?

A.21 No.