

Questions and answers for solicitation No. C8A41-15-0003 – Proposed Responses

Question 1:

In reference to solicitation number C8A41-15-0003 (Publications of New Substances Risk Assessment Summaries), a Canadian content restriction has been established in the RFP.

However according to the Canadian content policy on the federal government's website (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/supply-manual/annex/3/6>), the "Policy applies only to procurements carried out by Supply and Services Canada (SSC), which is now a part of Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC). Therefore, this policy will normally apply to goods and services contracting carried out by Acquisitions Branch, except for those categories of procurements which were not done by the former SSC. Furthermore, the Policy does not apply when another government departments does its own contracting and would not normally apply to construction procurement that had been previously carried out by the former Public Works Canada."

As this procurement is not being carried out by PWGSC and instead is being carried out by another federal government department (i.e. Environment Canada), could you please confirm that a Canadian content restriction can be validly applied to this RFP and explain how it is applied (as it apparently violates the guidance that is available from the federal government).

Please note that this Canadian content restriction has prevented our firm from partnering and submitting a bid on this project. Therefore if the Canadian content restriction was erroneously applied, we would ask for a 2-week extension to the closing date of this RFP.

Answer 1:

All reference to Canadian content policy and certification shall be DELETED.

The RFP will be extended until November 6, 2015 at 2:00 EST (Ottawa)