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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Introduction

The Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) is divided into seven parts plus attachments and annexes, as follows:

- Part 1 General Information: provides a general description of the requirement;
- Part 2 Offeror Instructions: provides the instructions applicable to the clauses and conditions of the RFSO;
- Part 3 Offer Preparation Instructions: provides Offerors with instructions on how to prepare their offer to address the evaluation criteria specified;
- Part 4 Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection: indicates how the evaluation will be conducted, the evaluation criteria which must be addressed in the offer, and the basis of selection;
- Part 5 Certifications: includes the certifications to be provided;
- Part 6 Security, Financial and Insurance Requirements: includes specific requirements that must be addressed by Offerors; and
- Part 7 7A, Standing Offer, and 7B, Resulting Contract Clauses:
 - 7A, includes the Standing Offer containing the offer from the Offeror and the applicable clauses and conditions;
 - 7B, includes the clauses and conditions which will apply to any contract resulting from a call-up made pursuant to the Standing Offer.

The Annexes include the Requirement and the Basis of Payment.

1.2 Summary

The Public Health Agency of Canada, located at 1015 Arlington in Winnipeg, Manitoba, has a requirement to establish up to 2 Standing Offers for the supply and delivery of specialized positive pressure suits. The Standing Offer will be in place for an initial 2 year period with 3 optional 1 year periods.

"The requirement is subject to the provisions of the World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP), the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT)."

1.3 Debriefings

Offerors may request a debriefing on the results of the request for standing offers process. Offerors should make the request to the Standing Offer Authority within 15 working days of receipt of the results of the request for standing offers process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

PART 2 - OFFEROR INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) by number, date and title are set out in the *Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual* (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Offerors who submit an offer agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the RFSO and accept the clauses and conditions of the Standing Offer and resulting contract(s).

The 2006 (2015-07-03) Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the RFSO.

2.2 Submission of Offers

Offers must be submitted only to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit by the date, time and place indicated on page 1 of the Request for Standing Offers.

2.3 Enquiries - Request for Standing Offers

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Standing Offer Authority no later than 5 calendar days before the Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Offerors should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the RFSO to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by Offerors to explain each question in sufficient detail in order to enable Canada to provide an accurate answer. Technical enquiries that are of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked "proprietary" at each relevant item. Items identified as "proprietary" will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Canada may edit the question(s) or may request that Offerors do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question(s) is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered to all Offerors. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all Offerors may not be answered by Canada.

2.4 Applicable Laws

The Standing Offer and any contract resulting from the Standing Offer must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Manitoba.

Offerors may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their offer, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the Offerors.

PART 3 - OFFER PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Offer Preparation Instructions

Canada requests that offerors provide their offer in separately bound sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Offer (1 hard copy)

Section II: Financial Offer (1 hard copy)

Section III: Certifications (1 hard copy)

Prices must appear in the financial offer only. No prices must be indicated in any other section of the offer.

Canada requests that Offerors follow the format instructions described below in the preparation of their offer.

- (a) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper;
- (b) use a numbering system that corresponds to that of the Request for Standing Offers.

In April 2006, Canada issued a policy directing federal departments and agencies to take the necessary steps to incorporate environmental considerations into the procurement process [Policy on Green Procurement](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ecologisation-greening/achats-procurement/politique-policy-eng.html) (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ecologisation-greening/achats-procurement/politique-policy-eng.html>). To assist Canada in reaching its objectives, Offerors should:

- 1) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper containing fibre certified as originating from a sustainably-managed forest and containing minimum 30% recycled content; and
- 2) use an environmentally-preferable format including black and white printing instead of colour printing, printing double sided/duplex, using staples or clips instead of cerlox, duotangs or binders.

Section I: Technical Offer

In their technical offer, Offerors should explain and demonstrate how they propose to meet the requirements and how they will carry out the Work.

Section II: Financial Offer

Offerors must submit their financial offer in accordance with the Annex B, Basis of Payment. The total amount of Applicable Taxes must be shown separately.

3.1.1 Exchange Rate Fluctuation

C3011T (2013-11-06), Exchange Rate Fluctuation,

Section III: Certifications

Offerors must submit the certifications required under Part 5.

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

4.1 Evaluation Procedures

- (a) Offers will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the Request for Standing Offers including the technical and financial evaluation criteria.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the offers.

4.1.1 Technical Evaluation

Bidder must be able to provide Suit A and/or Suit B, as outlined in Annex A.

4.1.2 Financial Evaluation

SACC Manual Clause [M0220T](#) (2013-04-25), Evaluation of Price

4.2 Basis of Selection

SACC Manual Clause M0031T (2007-05-25), Basis of Selection – Mandatory Technical Criteria Only

A bid must comply with all requirements of the bid solicitation to be declared responsive.

The responsive bid with the lowest evaluated price for Suit A will be recommended for award of a Standing Offer.

The responsive bid with the lowest evaluated price for Suit B will be recommended for award of a Standing Offer.

PART 5 – CERTIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Offerors must provide the required certifications and additional information to be issued a standing offer.

The certifications provided by Offerors to Canada are subject to verification by Canada at all times. Canada will declare an offer non-responsive, will have the right to set-aside a standing offer, or will declare a contractor in default if any certification made by the Offeror is found to be untrue whether made knowingly or unknowingly during the offer evaluation period, during the Standing Offer period, or during the contract period.

The Standing Offer Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Offeror's certifications. Failure to comply and to cooperate with any request or requirement imposed by the Standing Offer Authority will render the offer non-responsive, result in the setting aside of the Standing Offer or constitute a default under the Contract.

5.1 Certifications Required with the Offer

Offerors must submit the following duly completed certifications as part of their offer.

5.1.1 Declaration of Convicted Offences

As applicable, pursuant to subsection Declaration of Convicted Offences of section 01 of the Standard Instructions, the Offeror must provide with its offer, a completed [Declaration Form](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/formulaire-form-eng.html) (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/formulaire-form-eng.html>), to be given further consideration in the procurement process.

5.2 Certifications Precedent to the Issuance of a Standing Offer and Additional Information

The certifications and additional information listed below should be submitted with the offer, but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications or additional information is not completed and submitted as requested, the Standing Offer Authority will inform the Offeror of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to provide the certifications or the additional information listed below within the time frame provided will render the offer non-responsive.

5.2.1 Integrity Provisions – List of Names

Offerors who are incorporated, including those submitting offers as a joint venture, must provide a complete list of names of all individuals who are currently directors of the Offeror.

Offerors submitting offers as sole proprietorship, as well as those submitting offers as a joint venture, must provide the name of the owner(s).

Offerors submitting offers as societies, firms or partnerships do not need to provide lists of names.

5.2.2 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Standing Offer Certification

By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies that the Offeror, and any of the Offeror's members if the Offeror is a Joint Venture, is not named on the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards_equity/eq/emp/fcp/list/inelig.shtml)" list (http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards_equity/eq/emp/fcp/list/inelig.shtml) available from [Employment and Social Development Canada-Labour's](http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards_equity/eq/emp/fcp/list/inelig.shtml) website.

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Canada will have the right to declare an offer non-responsive, or to set-aside a Standing Offer, if the Offeror, or any member of the Offeror if the Offeror is a Joint Venture, appears on the "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](#)" list at the time of issuing of a Standing Offer or during the period of the Standing Offer.

PART 6 - STANDING OFFER AND RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

A. STANDING OFFER

6.1 Offer

6.1.1 The Offeror offers to fulfill the requirement in accordance with the Requirement at Annex "A".

6.2 Security Requirements

6.2.1 There is no security requirement applicable to this Standing Offer.

6.3 Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the Standing Offer and resulting contract(s) by number, date and title are set out in the [Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual](https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

6.3.1 General Conditions

[2005](#) (2015-09-03) General Conditions - Standing Offers - Goods or Services, apply to and form part of the Standing Offer.

6.3.2 Standing Offers Reporting

The Offeror must compile and maintain records on its provision of goods, services or both to the federal government under contracts resulting from the Standing Offer. This data must include all purchases, including those paid for by a Government of Canada Acquisition Card.

The Offeror must provide this data in accordance with the reporting requirements. If some data is not available, the reason must be indicated. If no goods or services are provided during a given period, the Offeror must still provide a "nil" report.

The data must be submitted on a quarterly basis to the Standing Offer Authority.

The quarterly reporting periods are defined as follows:

- 1st quarter: April 1 to June 30;
- 2nd quarter: July 1 to September 30;
- 3rd quarter: October 1 to December 31;
- 4th quarter: January 1 to March 31.

The data must be submitted to the Standing Offer Authority no later than 10 calendar days after the end of the reporting period.

6.4 Term of Standing Offer

6.4.1 Period of the Standing Offer

The period for making call-ups against the Standing Offer is from date of award for a 2 year period.

6.4.2 Extension of Standing Offer

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If the Standing Offer is authorized for use beyond the initial period, the Offeror offers to extend its offer for 3 additional 1 year periods, under the same conditions and at the rates or prices specified in the Standing Offer, or at the rates or prices calculated in accordance with the formula specified in the Standing Offer.

The Offeror will be advised of the decision to authorize the use of the Standing Offer for an extended period by the Standing Offer Authority 10 days before the expiry date of the Standing Offer. A revision to the Standing Offer will be issued by the Standing Offer Authority.

6.5. Authorities

6.5.1 Standing Offer Authority

The Standing Offer Authority is:

Name: Dallas Wiebe
Title: Supply Specialist
Public Works and Government Services Canada
Acquisitions Branch
Address: 100-167 Lombard Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3B 0T6

Telephone: 204-899-5257
Facsimile: 204-983-7796
E-mail address: dallas.wiebe@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca

The Standing Offer Authority is responsible for the establishment of the Standing Offer, its administration and its revision, if applicable. Upon the making of a call-up, as Contracting Authority, he is responsible for any contractual issues relating to individual call-ups made against the Standing Offer by any Identified User.

6.5.2 Project Authority

The Project Authority for the Standing Offer is identified in the call-up against the Standing Offer.

The Project Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work will be carried out pursuant to a call-up against the Standing Offer and is responsible for all the technical content of the Work under the resulting Contract.

6.5.3 Offeror's Representative

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

6.6 Identified Users

The Identified User authorized to make call-ups against the Standing Offer is: Public Health Agency of Canada

6.7 Call-up Instrument

The Work will be authorized or confirmed by the Identified User(s) using form PWGSC-TPSGC 942, Call-up Against a Standing Offer, or any other documentation from the Public Health Agency of Canada.

6.8 Limitation of Call-ups

Individual call-ups against the Standing Offer must not exceed \$50,000.00 (Applicable Taxes included).

6.9 Financial Limitation

The total cost to Canada resulting from call ups against the Standing Offer must not exceed the sum of \$200,000.00 unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Standing Offer Authority. The Offeror must not perform any work or services or supply any articles in response to call ups which would cause the total cost to Canada to exceed the said sum, unless an increase is so authorized.

The Offeror must notify the Standing Offer Authority as to the adequacy of this sum when 75 percent of this amount has been committed, or 3 months before the expiry date of the Standing Offer, whichever comes first. However, if at any time, the Offeror considers that the said sum may be exceeded, the Offeror must promptly notify the Standing Offer Authority.

6.10 Priority of Documents

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- a) the call up against the Standing Offer, including any annexes;
- b) the articles of the Standing Offer;
- c) the general conditions 2005 (2015-09-03), General Conditions - Standing Offers - Goods or Services
- d) the general conditions 2010A (2015-09-03);
- e) Annex A, Requirement;
- f) Annex B, Basis of Payment;
- g) the Offeror's offer dated _____

6.11 Certifications

6.11.1 Compliance

The continuous compliance with the certifications provided by the Offeror with its offer and the ongoing cooperation in providing additional information are conditions of issuance of the Standing Offer (SO). Certifications are subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the SO and of any resulting contract that would continue beyond the period of the SO. If the Offeror does not comply with any certification, fails to provide the additional information, or if it is determined that any certification made by the Offeror in its offer is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, Canada has the right to terminate any resulting contract for default and set aside the Standing Offer.

6.12 Applicable Laws

The Standing Offer and any contract resulting from the Standing Offer must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Manitoba.

B. RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from a call-up against the Standing Offer.

6.1 Requirement

The Contractor must provide the items detailed in the call-up against the Standing Offer.

6.2 Standard Clauses and Conditions

6.2.1 General Conditions

2010A (2015-09-03), General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity) apply to and form part of the Contract.

6.3 Term of Contract

6.3.1 Delivery Date

Delivery must be completed in accordance with the call-up against the Standing Offer.

6.4 Payment

6.4.1 Basis of Payment

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid a firm price, as specified in Annex B – Basis of Payment for a cost of \$ _____. Customs duties are included and Applicable Taxes are extra.

Canada will not pay the Contractor for any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work, unless they have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work.

6.4.2 Single Payment

H1000C (2008-05-12) – Single Payment

6.4.3 SACC Manual Clauses

C2000C (2007-11-30) – Taxes – Foreign-based Contractor

6.5 Invoicing Instructions

1. The Contractor must submit invoices in accordance with the section entitled "Invoice Submission" of the general conditions. Invoices cannot be submitted until all work identified in the invoice is completed.
2. Invoices must be distributed as follows:
 - a. The original and one (1) copy must be forwarded to the address shown on page 1 of the Contract for certification and payment.
 - b. One (1) copy must be forwarded to the Contracting Authority identified under the section entitled "Authorities" of the Contract.

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6.6 Insurance

SACC Manual clause [G1005C](#) (2008-05-12) Insurance

6.7 SACC Manual Clauses

B7500C (2006-06-16) - Excess Goods

ANNEX "A"

REQUIREMENT

The Public Health Agency of Canada, located at 1015 Arlington in Winnipeg, Manitoba, has a requirement to establish up to 2 Standing Offers for the supply and delivery of specialized positive pressure suits. The Standing Offer will be in place for an initial 2 year period with 3 optional 1 year periods.

CL4 Suits

In order to work in our high containment lab (CL4), we require that everyone wear a positive pressure suit. These suits are highly specialized and must meet certain criteria.

Mandatory requirements

1. Must be compatible with CSCHAH Air System
2. Minimum of 2 exhaust valves
3. Weights of suits must be 7 lbs or less
4. One piece suit to cover from head to toe
5. Large visor with a minimum visibility of 300 degrees
6. Leak proof, sealable zipper enclosure which provides an air and water tight seal
7. One person procedure to take on and off
8. Must provide minimum of 5 sizes of suits (S,M, L, XL, XXL), Boot sizes 9 -13.
9. Must be able to deliver a minimum of 5 suits within 90 days of order placement
10. Must be able to stand up to constant chemical disinfections
11. Resistant to tears and punctures without losing clarity and integrity

We will be using the suits for two streams of containment work. Below, is a detailed overview of how each suit style will be used:

Suit A

Suit A will be used for studies involving intensive animal work. These studies will require staff to wear suits that can withstand labour intensive activities and physical stress. Suits must be made of a durable heavyweight material to withstand manual labour (lifting/cleaning), brushing up against cages, and primates potentially grabbing at suits.

Suit B

Suit B will be used for laboratory work performed in a biosafety cabinet and therefore these suits will likely be used for extended periods of time within CL4. This will require the need for staff to be able to communicate with each other and listen for alarms on equipment. This suit must demonstrate minimal noise level to ensure that staff is able to remain hooked up to breathing air and still communicate. This is crucial in order to hear equipment beeping and to relay information to colleagues. Due to long hours that staff may spend in the suits, we require a very lightweight, form fitting suit to prevent fatigue. The ability to provide custom suit sizes for this type of work would be very beneficial.

ANNEX "B"

BASIS OF PAYMENT

Years 1 & 2

Item	Description	Annual Estimated Usage	Unit of Issue	Year 1	Year 2
1	Suit A	10	Each	\$ _____	\$ _____

Item	Description	Annual Estimated Usage	Unit of Issue	Year 1	Year 2
2	Suit B	10	Each	\$ _____	\$ _____

Option Year 1

Item	Description	Annual Estimated Usage	Unit of Issue	Option Year 1
1	Suit A	10	Each	\$ _____

Item	Description	Annual Estimated Usage	Unit of Issue	Option Year 1
2	Suit B	10	Each	\$ _____

Option Year 2

Item	Description	Annual Estimated Usage	Unit of Issue	Option Year 1
1	Suit A	10	Each	\$ _____

Item	Description	Annual Estimated Usage	Unit of Issue	Option Year 1
2	Suit B	10	Each	\$ _____

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Option Year 3

Item	Description	Annual Estimated Usage	Unit of Issue	Option Year 1
1	Suit A	10	Each	\$ _____

Item	Description	Annual Estimated Usage	Unit of Issue	Option Year 1
2	Suit B	10	Each	\$ _____