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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.

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Title - Sujet Helicopter Charter	
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This amendment is to address questions received.

1. A) Part 7, Section 1.5.2 states, "*the Contractor agrees to stand in readiness throughout the contract period to perform the work.*" If the contract period is April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019 inclusive, is it Parks Canada's intention to keep one or more aircraft at Fort Smith, NWT (or at another location) on a year-round basis?

Answer: NO.

B) If that is not the intention, will there be an annual, formal "call-up" and/or "stand-down" of the aircraft by Parks Canada, resulting in "*the annual operational period*?" If so, how many days will the operator have to mobilize the aircraft, assuming the operator is free to use the aircraft for other work during those months that do not form part of the annual operational period?

Answer: Refer to Part 7 par 1 Tasking procedure and par 2 of SOW.

2. Part 7, Section 1.5.2 states, "*Minimum work guarantee can be reconciled at the end of each annual operational period (once a year) by mutual agreement.*" Does this mean that Canada retains the right to "average" the minimum work guarantee over the entire contract period (i.e. 3 years)? Should Canada exercise its right to extend the contract by an additional year or two years (as per Section 3.2), does Canada retain the right to "average" the minimum work guarantee over the entire contract period including the option years?

Answer: yes

3. a) Annex A, Table 1 states "*Helicopter One, Helicopter Two, and Additional Helicopters*". Are bidders allowed to bid just one helicopter?

Answer: no

b) Do Helicopter One and Helicopter Two have to be the same make and model, or can bidders supply two different aircraft so long as they conform to the solicitation requirement (Annex A, Section 7)?

Answer: refer to SOW for minimum requirements.

c) What is the bidders obligations to Canada with respect to "Requested Additional Helicopters"—if the bidder is unable to supply these additional helicopters, is this possible grounds for Canada to find the bidder to be in default?

Answer: no

d) Should bidders list all available "additional helicopters" even if some of these aircraft do not conform to the solicitation requirement (i.e. Bell 206B Jet Ranger) and/or if these aircraft supersede the solicitation requirement (i.e. Bell 212HP, Bell 205++)?

Answer: no

4. Can the bidder submit different rates for Helicopter One, Helicopter Two, and/or the various helicopter types that may be supplied under the "Additional Helicopters" category, even if they are the same make and model?

Answer: no

5. Annex A, Table 1 states that "Estimated Period in Field" for Helicopter One to be Myr. 16 to Aug 3. Which month is represented by Myr (in English please)?

Answer: may

6. Annex A, Table 1 states that "Estimated Period in Field" for Helicopter Two to be Mai 30 to Aug 17. Which month is represented by Mai (in English please)?

Answer: may

7. Annex A, Table 1 states that "Estimated Flying Hours Per Helicopter Per Year" is 225. This conflicts with the 200 hours shown in the Financial Proposal Table included in Attachment 2 to Part 3 (excel spreadsheet). Please clarify.

Answer: The estimated forecast hours is 225. Attachment 2 of RFP will be amended accordingly.

8. Annex A, Section 3 states "The point of hire and the point of release shall be Fort Smith, Saskatchewan". Is this a typo?

Answer: Main location of operation is the Fort, Smith NWT airport (ICAO designation YSM)

9. Annex A, Section 5 lists various pilot requirements. Will these requirements ever be waived by Parks Canada, and if so, under what circumstances?

Answer: no

10. Annex A, Section 5.2 states that "Aircraft Maintenance Engineers supplied by the contractor must reside in Fort Smith, NWT for the duration of the contract". Is this requirement intended for the operational period only?

Answer: yes, only when Tasking are "active" and a helicopter is actually on site.

11. Annex B, Table 1 asks the bidder to provide an "All inclusive firm rate per flying hour". Can bidders provide multiple rates conditional upon certain criteria?

Answer: no, only rates for helicopter meeting SOW requirement is admissible.

12. Attachment 2 to Part 3 (Excel Spreadsheet) Section 3 states, "the contractor is responsible for supplying fuel and will be reimbursed at cost without any allowance for overhead or profit. The supplier is expected to maintain fuel caches strategically located to support operations.". As the operating area includes Wood Buffalo National Park, Alberta, and all other National Parks, this could be a large (infinite) commitment. Can you be more specific?

Answer: correction. Generally speaking, Parks Canada supplies fuel and the supplier is NOT required to create and maintain fuel caches. The language reference in the above question is to allow under certain condition the possibility for the supplier to obtain fuel and be able to get reimbursement from Parks Canada. Any fuel buy will require advance written approval from the project authority.

13. The incumbent contractor will have knowledge as to previous utilization on this contract. Please provide the previous 10 years of flying activity (utilization), so that bidders can provide Canada with the best price.

Answer: Such historical information is not available. Please refer to SOW Table 1.