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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
AMENDMENT**

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.

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<b>Title – Sujet</b> 3 PRODUCTION PRINTERS FOR SHARED SERVICES CANADA/ 3 imprimantes de production pour les services partagés CANADA	
<b>Solicitation No. – N° de l'invitation</b> RFP 2BP533135	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 003
<b>Client Reference No. – N° référence du client</b> RAS 15-33135	<b>Date</b> 08 Feb 2016
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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AMENDMENT NO. 003

### *PRODUCTION PRINTERS*

**Request for Proposal Amendment no. 001 is raised for the following reasons: Questions and answers and to extend the date of the solicitation.**

Question 11:

A1.14 and A2.13 state: "Automatic document feeder capacity must be a minimum of 250 sheets. \*Competition Bureau will only accept a 200 sheet feeder tray if the device has a scanning speed of 200 images per minute simplex or 400 images per minute duplex"

In spite of what has been stated, will the Competition Bureau accept an ADF which holds 200 sheets if that device also allows you to put in an unlimited document size thru batch scanning? This would allow you to scan a stack of 600 sheets into a single document as you would load additional sheets into the feeder until all have been scanned. This is more productive and faster for the operator than a device with a 250 sheet feeder that does not provide batch scanning as you would need to scan the 600 sheets into three distinct documents and then combine the 250 sheet PDF files manually.

Answer 11:

A1.14 and A2.13 - We will only accept a 200 sheet feeder tray if the device has a scanning speed of 200 images per minute simplex and 400 images per minute duplex.

Question 12:

"A1.19 and A2.18 state: "Scan speed for 8.5"×11" paper at 600 dpi must be a minimum of 145 images per minute. \*Or the scan speed for 8.5"×11" paper at 600 dpi must be a minimum of 200 images per minute simplex and 400 images per minute duplex if the document feeder contains 200 sheets." In conjunction with our request for item A1.14, and in the interest of allowing for another competitor into the bidding process, would the Competition Bureau accept that a device with a 200 sheet feeder does not need to scan faster than the 145 images per minute? (assumes the batch scanning function is made available by the vendor.)

Answer 12:

A1.19 and A2.18 – The minimum required scanning speed is 145 ipm for both color and B&W.

Question 13:

A1.31 The printers must be able to adjust paper alignment profiles and colour uniformity correction in an automated manner without calling for service.

Please confirm that the need to adjust colour uniformity does not apply to the B&W printers.

Answer 13:

A1.31 - We accept to remove A1.31 in its entirety for the monochrome printers only.

Question 14:

A1.34 "The printers must have the ability to automatically recover after a job with tabs jams. The device must automatically purge non-useable tabs and re-start job without operator intervention to re-order tabs in the trays"

The request to "automatically purge non-useable tabs" is a function that is patented and proprietary to a single vendor while providing minimal benefit to a client unless they do a very high amount of tab printing and experience many jams. This method does nothing to automate the clearing of the jam itself in the printer or finishing area, it only clears a few non required tabs from the input tray. We would request that this specification be removed from the tender as long as the vendor can demonstrate automated job recovery following a jam with or without tabs.

Answer 14:

A1.34 - Some of the documents processed at the Bureau are legal in nature and it is imperative that they be absolutely error free. Error tolerance is 0. The reason for this criterion is not productivity. The fact that recovery of a tab jam does not require human intervention in the re-ordering of tabs, eliminates the risk of human error and reduces the overall risk factor. As mentioned by the vendor «...poses a limited advantage for the operator» is an advantage that we have been using and must remain available. For this reason, the criterion cannot be amended.

Question 15:

A1.36 The printers must allow operators to perform basic tasks for self-maintenance (Toner cartridge, Waste Toner bottles, Imaging modules, Staple cartridges, etc.) with no tools required. While our devices allow the operator to perform basic tasks such changing Toner cartridge, Waste Toner bottles, staple cartridges, etc without a need for tools; the Imaging Module does require a unique tool that is provided with the unit for proper maintenance procedures and proper positioning of the imaging module. Is this acceptable?

Answer 15:

A1.36 – Self maintenance with the vendor provided tools would be acceptable, as long as the training would be at the vendor's expense.

Question 16:

A1.37 and A2.13 state: "The printers must provide meter readings and usage data for reporting in a delimited file format. For cost recovery purposes, the operator must have the ability to print out a report. The report must include at a minimum the following: job name, number of impressions per job, date received, date printed, submitter name, account number, automated workflow used, print operator name, start date and completion date, number of impressions duplex/simplex, number of impressions colour and monochrome, paper size, paper type, and weight, time to rip and job ID."

All the above requirements describe a FreeFlow environment unique to only one vendor. In the interest of fair competition to allow more than one bidder, will Competition Bureau accept the following: job name, number of impressions per job, date received, date printed, submitter name, start date and completion date, number of impressions duplex/simplex, number of impressions colour and monochrome, paper size, paper type, and weight.

Answer 16:

A1.37 and A2.27 – Yes, we accept the following reporting requirements: job name, number of impressions per job, date received, date printed, submitter name, start date and completion date, number of impressions duplex/simplex, number of impressions colour and monochrome, paper size, paper type, and weight.

Question 17:

A2.21 The printer must have a finisher that can produce 20 sheet (80 pages) booklets and a minimum of 100 sheets stapled.

Will the Competition Bureau accept a finisher that can produce 20 sheet (80 pages) booklets and a minimum of 50 sheets stapled?

Answer 17:

Please see response to question 10

Question 18:

A2.22 The printer must have a stapling capacity of a minimum of 100 sheets.

Will the Competition Bureau accept a finisher with a stapling capacity of a minimum of 50 sheets?

Answer 18:

Please see response to question 10

Question 19:

A2.23 The printer must have an inline stitcher capable of stitching at least 100 sheets of 20lb bond paper with corner stitch or two side stitches in portrait or landscape format.

Will the Competition Bureau accept an inline stitcher capable of stitching at least 50 sheets of 20lb bond paper?

Answer 19:

A2.21, A2.22 and A2.23 – Yes, we accept that it can produce 20 sheets (80 pages) saddle stitch, but for regular job requests (ex. 8 ½ X 11), we need a stapling capacity of a minimum of 100 sheets.

Question 20:

Given the elaborate work involved in responding to this tender would the Competition Bureau consider extending this close date by one week to February 19th?

Answer 20:

We will be able to extend the solicitation as far as 16 February 2016 at 2:00PM, EST. We cannot extend further as the of requirement is 01 April 2016 and is crucial for the Competition Bureau to have the production printers by then. Please see modification 001.

Modification 003:

The date of solicitation has been extended until 16 February 2016 at 2:00PM, EST as per page 1.

**ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) REMAIN UNCHANGED.**