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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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## **AMENDMENT 004 TO SOLICITATION W2B03-160090/A**

This Amendment incorporates questions raised by vendors and therefore must be considered by vendors in their response. Vendors are requested to re-submit their questions to the Contracting Authority if further clarification is required.

### **Question 1:**

There are two primary cost components for maintenance periods of this type: generic work period based costs (supervision, infrastructure, equipment, etc.); and task specific based direct labour costs. The pricing methodology provided at Annex E is only valid when the work items to be performed are known so that the generic work period costs can be allocated across all known work items. Given that the bidders will not know which items will be tasked in each maintenance period, the current pricing methodology encourages the application of full generic work period costs to each and every work item price. Canada is requested to revise Annex E to include a line item for "Generic Work Period Support Fee" to be bid as a fixed price for each 6 week work period and payable in two installments of 50% at the start and conclusion of each work period.

### **Answer to Question 1:**

Annex E was revised in Amendment 003 to include specific line items for Generic Support for a Short Work Period. Each Generic Support line item include all costs other than the direct labour and material costs associated with the other Preventative Maintenance activities specified in the Pricing Schedule.

"Generic Support for a Short Work Period for the First Submarine: 6-Week Short Work Period" is based on a unit of 6 weeks. Therefore the firm unit price must be for the complete 6-Week Short Work Period for the first submarine being worked on during a Short Work Period.

"Generic Support for a Short Work Period for the First Submarine: Beyond the First 6 Weeks of a Short Work Period" is based on a unit of 1 week. Therefore the firm unit price must be for a complete week of Generic Support for the first submarine being worked on that goes beyond the initial 6-Week Short Work Period.

"Generic Support for a Short Work Period for the Second Submarine: During a Short Work Period for the First Submarine" is based on a unit of 1 week. Therefore the firm unit price must be for a complete week of Generic Support for the second submarine being worked on while the Short Work Period for the First Submarine is in progress.

"Generic Support for a Short Work Period for the Second Submarine: Continuing Past the Short Work Period for the First Submarine" is based on a unit of 1 week. Therefore the firm unit price must be for a complete week of Generic Support for the second submarine being worked on during the Short Work Period that continues past the conclusion of the Short Work Period for the First Submarine.

The request for installment payments for these line items will not be granted.

### **Question 2:**

Does the Canadian Shipbuilding Repair, Refit and Modernization policy apply to this requirement?

### **Answer to Question 2:**

The Solicitation has been revised to reflect that the Shipbuilding, Repair Refit and Modernization Policy applies.

**Question 3:**

Considering the sourcing strategy relating to this procurement will be limited to suppliers in the Area of Origin (Western Canada) in accordance with the Shipbuilding, Repair Refit and Modernization Policy, who can submit a bid in response to this solicitation?

**Answer to Question 3:**

Anyone can submit a response to the Solicitation. However to be considered for further evaluation, the Bidder (and resulting Contractor) must be:

- (a) A Canadian shipyard based in Western Canada; or
- (b) A Canadian company which proposes to sub-contract the work on the vessel to a Canadian shipyard based in Western Canada.

**Question 4:**

In Section 2.1 of Part 2 (Bidders Instructions), it states that bids will remain open for acceptance for a period of not less than 365 days from the closing date of the bid solicitation. Having bids open for a year is unreasonable as prices will be established now for work that could possibly only start in 12 months. Canada is requested to return the bid validity period to the standard 60 days.

**Answer to Question 4:**

Sections 7.4.1 and 7.4.2 of Part 7 (Resulting Contract Clauses) identifies the specific dates of the period of the Contract and the option periods respectively. It is Canada's intent to respect the specified dates of the periods. Therefore, regardless of the date of Contract, the period of the Contract will be from date of Contract to June 30, 2017 inclusive with the option to extend the Contract as per Section 7.4.2. That being said, Canada recognizes that the bid validity period may be contentious for some vendors, and revised the period in Amendment 003.

**Question 5:**

Section 7.2.1, 3. of Part 7 (Resulting Contract Clauses) indicates that Third Party liability is unlimited. Is this the case?

**Answer to Question 5:**

There is no limitation for third party losses identified in Section 7.2.1, 3. of Part 7.

**Question 6:**

Annex A, Section 4.3(e) indicates that all on-board Contractor representatives must have a minimum of 24 months' experience working on a VICTORIA Class Submarine. Does this mandatory requirement apply to all Contractor representatives who are on board regardless of job function?

**Answer to Question 6:**

Section 4.3(e) was revised in Amendment 003. All Contractor representatives working on-board the vessel must meet the mandatory requirements identified in Section 4.3 of Annex A regardless of job function.

**Question 7:**

In various sections of the Solicitation, where it indicates experience requirements for the company, the Contractor's On-Site Manager, and the Contractor's on-board representatives, must the required experience be continuous or can it be cumulative?

**Answer to Question 7:**

The required experience does not need to be continuous. The bid must clearly demonstrate how the requirement is met.

**Question 8:**

In Section 3 of Annex J (Technical Evaluation Criteria), Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criterion (f) states, "The bid must demonstrate how the Bidder will ensure that all of the Bidder's on-board representatives will meet all of the minimum mandatory requirements for on-board representatives as set out in Article 4.3 of Annex A."

The only minimum mandatory requirement specified under section 4.3 is in (e). Please advise if that is the intent of Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criterion 3(f)?

**Answer to Question 8:**

The intent of the word "minimum" in "minimum mandatory requirement" is that the Contractor must, at a minimum, meet the identified mandatory requirements, and not only the requirements which specify a minimum quantity. Amendment 003 includes revised text that clarifies this potential confusion.

**Question 9:**

Please advise as to what exactly constitutes "Professional Management Professional certification".

**Answer to Question 9:**

The use of "Professional Management Professional certification" in Annex A and Annex J were typographical errors. Those references should have read "Project Management Professional certification". Please refer to Amendment 003.

**Question 10:**

In the Pricing Schedule in Annex E, why is Period 1 pricing being factored in twice?

**Answer to Question 10:**

Please refer to "Annex E - PRICING SCHEDULE - W2B03-160090A - Version 2.xls" which includes several revisions to the Pricing Schedule include the evaluation weightings, evaluation formulae, and line items. Please refer to Question 11.

**Question 11:**

Please confirm that a reasonable estimate of the initial contract value would be based on 3,000 hours per work period factored by 2 work periods during the initial contract period and then 1.5 work periods per option year after that. Please confirm.

**Answer to Question 11:**

Based on military estimate, that is a reasonable estimate and it includes preparation work, access work, disassembly, and re-assembly. However, the number of man-hours may be higher or lower based with industry. Trials will be done by Ship Staff and it is not part of the Contract. Note that the resulting contract is based on work being performed on an as and when requested basis therefore these estimates cannot be guaranteed.

**Question 12:**

Will Canada considering revising the Minimum Contract Value?

**Answer to Question 12:**

The Minimum Contract Value has been revised. Please refer to Amendment 003.

**Question 13:**

Can Canada re-consider the requirements in Section 4 of Annex A?

**Answer to Question 13:**

Please refer to Amendment 003.

**Question 14:**

Specific petroleum, oil, and lubricant is required in the maintenance of the submarine. Will these be provided by the Department of National Defence (DND)?

**Answer to Question 14:**

Please refer to Section 3.16 of Annex A.

**Question 15:**

Will services such as, but not limited to, pumper trucks, waste oil disposal, crane services, diving services, rigging, gas free certification, howdah, confined entry inspections and sewage disposal be provided by the Contractor or are these services provided by DND/FMF in support of the Short Work Period and, therefore, accessible by the contractor when executing the preventative maintenance package? If yes, what is the planning and authorisation process for this?

**Answer to Question 15:**

Please refer to Section 3.16 of Annex A.

**Question 16:**

What is the anticipated date of the first Short Work Period?

**Answer to Question 16:**

Please refer to Section 3.2 of Annex A.

**Question 17:**

What is the mechanism for the Contractor to provide a firm fixed price quote when a new Preventative Maintenance activity is introduced?

**Answer to Question 17:**

Please refer to Section 3.19 of Annex A.

**Question 18:**

Is there any mechanism to task the Contractor to execute preventative maintenance outside of a Short Work Period (i.e. during AMP, SMP, or other opportunity periods)?

**Answer to Question 18:**

Opportunities outside of a tasked Short Work Period are outside the scope of the Solicitation and any resulting contract.

**Question 19:**

Will the time to execute the Preventative Maintenance activities by the Contractor be fixed at 6 weeks even when a Short Work Period is extended for other reasons (defect rectification or EC work) or when executed during an intermediate docking period (8 weeks)?

**Answer to Question 19:**

The Short Work Period for the Contractor is typically six weeks and the Contractor must perform the requested Preventative Maintenance tasks within the specified dates of the Short Work Period. The Contract provides Canada the ability to extend the Short Work Period by additional week(s) should Canada deem it necessary to do so. Please refer to the Answer to Question 1.

**Question 20:**

Will the Contractor be provided access to relevant information and references (technical data package) outlined in Annex B "Preventative Maintenance Activities"?

**Answer to Question 20:**

After contract award, relevant information and references (TDP) will be provided to the Contractor on an as required basis.

**Question 21:**

What is the planning process for the Short Work Period preventative maintenance work? Is the work package planned in conjunction with the Fleet Maintenance Facility (FMF) work package in advance or is the planning for the execution of the maintenance reactive to all other scheduled activities?

**Answer to Question 21:**

Since the Work focuses on first line maintenance which is lower priority than the normal FMF work package, planning would be reactive. However, as the work is first level in nature, de-confliction should be relatively easy to do.

**Question 22:**

Will the Contractor be expected to attend on-site planning meetings prior to the start date of the SWP? Is there a prescribed period for these meetings?

**Answer to Question 22:**

Please refer to Section 3.10 of Annex A

**Question 23:**

When preventative maintenance contains an "inspect" component, does the client expect a report on condition or state resulting from the inspection? If yes, in what format?

**Answer to Question 23:**

The condition or state resulting from the inspection can be in the format of a Defect Notification Form as noted in Annex A. It should be submitted in the event there is a defect or an unsatisfactory condition or any issue deviating from design intent of the equipment.

**Question 24:**

What is the means for the Contractor to report identified defects? Is the contractor expected to work within DRMIS for the submission of ND defects and the reporting of completed N9 notifications? If yes, will DRMIS access be granted to the contractors on site representative?

**Answer to Question 24:**

Please refer to Section 3.13 of Annex A. The Contractor is not expected to work within DRMIS or submit any ND defects or completion of any N9 notifications within DRMIS.

**Question 25:**

When preventative maintenance contains a requirement for Ship Staff to review and identify expiry dates of associated flex hoses within the flex hose register, is the contractor expected to complete this aspect of the ships staff role?

**Answer to Question 25:**

Affirmative. If that maintenance is assigned to the Contractor, registers will be provided to the Contractor.

**Question 26:**

When preventative maintenance contains a maintenance requirement that must be conducted by Ship Staff while at sea, is the Contractor responsible for submitting a report on the results based on Ship Staff information?

**Answer to Question 26:**

At sea preventative maintenance should not be assigned to the Contractor the Contract. In the event that it is assigned, the Contractor must raise it to the attention of the Technical Authority or his/her delegate.

**Question 27:**

When preventative maintenance is completed by the Contractor, does it require a third party inspection to verify completion? What is the mechanism for reporting a preventative maintenance activity complete?

**Answer to Question 27:**

A third party inspection to verify completion is not required. However, reverting the system to SOP lineup post completion by removing any lock out is required and Ship Staff are to be informed when a maintenance routine is completed. Preventative Maintenance activities will be assigned in an Excel spreadsheet as stated in Section 3.5 of Annex A and the reporting of completion will be on the same Excel spreadsheet.

**Question 28:**

If specialist skills are required to execute a preventative maintenance activity (e.g., divers), will the contractor have to identify these potential sub-contractors in the proposal or will the contract allow for subcontracting these elements on an as and when required basis? If not, will the client provide a mechanism (i.e., provide the skills through FMF) for executing this type of element when and if required?

**Answer to Question 28:**

Please refer to Section 2.1.1 of the Solicitation and Section 06 of 2030 (2015-09-03) General Conditions – Higher Complexity Goods. Subcontracting specialist skills (e.g. divers) will be permitted on an as and when requested basis. DND does not intend on providing any mechanism for specialist skills required to execute this contract.

**Question 29:**

How will special maintenance support items (such as SPTATE) be provided to the Contractor when required to conduct the identified preventative maintenance activity? Is there a defined time period in which these items will have to be identified by the Contractor to ensure availability during the SWP?

**Answer to Question 29:**

If SPTATE is required, Ship Staff will provide that equipment to the Contractor. As with all maintenance activities, SPTATE requirements should be brought up during PLOD meetings 5 days prior to the commencement of the activity.



**Question 30:**

What is the process for executing preventative maintenance when the equipment identified in the notification is either no longer fitted or if the notification contains mistakes? Does the Technical Authority have the authority to accept the Contractor's work even if the work prescribed in the preventative maintenance activity text cannot be completed as prescribed?

**Answer to Question 30:**

If the Preventative Maintenance activity text contains a mistake, it is to be brought up by the Contractor soonest during a PLOD meeting. Please refer to Section 3.15 of Annex A.

**Question 31:**

In Section 3.1 of Annex A, it states, "There may be occasions when work on two submarines may be requested during the same period, but the scope of work on the second submarine would be smaller." Why is that? How smaller?

**Answer to Question 31:**

DND resources will be utilized on the submarine that the Contract is not mainly applied on. In the event there is insufficient DND resources to support the second submarine, there may be occasions when work on two submarines may be requested. The scope of work on the second submarine cannot be determined without evaluating available DND resources, commitments and priorities at a certain given time period.

**Question 32:**

We understand that corrective maintenance is excluded from this contract. However some corrective maintenance activities may interfere with preventive maintenance activities on board a submarine. In that case, how are both activities coordinated and by whom?

**Answer to Question 32:**

Priorities and de-confliction will occur at the PLOD meetings between Ship Staff, FMF Project Leaders, the Contractor's On-Site Manager and any other stakeholder within that work period. The priorities will be determined by DND.

**Question 33:**

Can you confirm that no activity of driving/operating the submarine is planned (including for the purpose of maintenance work)?

**Answer to Question 33:**

The submarine will not dive during the proposed maintenance period. As Ship Staff retains operational control of the platform, operating the submarine remains with Ship Staff and is not part of the Contract.

**Question 34:**

Can you clarify the sparing policy for preventive maintenance: who provides them? For submitting the bid, we need to have a list of spare parts and cross-check with the maintenance plan: is it possible to have this list?

**Answer to Question 34:**

Please refer to Section 3.16 of Annex A. A list of spare parts is not being provided to bidders.

**Question 35:**

Can you explain how the different operation and maintenance (SWP, DWP) cycles are organized?

**Answer to Question 35:**

Please refer to Section 3.2 of Annex A. SWP can take place in the dock, but in current terminology, it is a docked SWP and the term DWP does not apply to submarines. DND does not intend on briefing bidders on the intricacy of submarines' operating cycles.

**Question 36:**

Could you take into account experience on other types of diesel-electric submarines?

**Answer to Question 36:**

Experience on other types of diesel electric submarines will not be taken into consideration for this requirement.

**Question 37:**

Is there asbestos, COV, Freon or other "forbidden" gasses and products?

**Answer to Question 37:**

Yes.

**Question 38:**

Are there any insurance items and/or long lead items? If yes, which ones?

**Answer to Question 38:**

Insurance requirements are outlined in the Solicitation.  
Please refer to Sections 3.16 and 3.17 of Annex A.

**Question 39:**

Is there a list of obsolescences? Is obsolescence management excluded or included?

**Answer to Question 39:**

Please refer to Annex B.

**Question 40:**

What is excluded from the scope of this contract: weapons, navy equipment, communication systems...?

**Answer to Question 40:**

Please refer to Section 3.4 of Annex A.

**Question 41:**

Will DND FMF facilities and industrial means (cranes, scaffolding, tooling, workshops...) be available to the Contractor?

**Answer to Question 41:**

FMF facilities and industrial means will not be available to the Contractor under the resulting contract.

**Question 42:**

During the course of the preventive maintenance work, it might be necessary to design and implement some modifications/changes. Who is taking care of that?

**Answer to Question 42:**

Modifications and changes are not part of the Contract. In the event that there are suggestions for modifications/changes, they can be submitted via the Defect Notification Form. Refer to Section 3.19 of Annex A.

**Question 43:**

Do we have to anticipate some maintenance engineering? or is it provided? How is it managed?

**Answer to Question 43:**

If it is engineering support to production level, that is not expected. However, it would largely depend on the internal organization setup of the Contractor. This question is difficult to answer because one vendor's version of maintenance engineering is not the same as another.

**Question 44:**

Is there any technical availability measurement? Do you do it at the completion of the work? Who delivers the Safe To Dive? What is the process of the acceptance of the work?

**Answer to Question 44:**

There is no technical availability measurement. Safe to Dive is not part of the Contract. The process of acceptance is outlined in Section 5.2 of Annex A.

**Question 45:**

Is it be possible to access the list of maintenance documents and a sample for each type of documentation (Equipment Technical Manual, System Technical Manual, Drawings, check lists for trials) during the solicitation period?

**Answer to Question 45:**

Unfortunately not.

**Question 46:**

Is there a documentation management system? Recording of completed works?

**Answer to Question 46:**

Please refer to Section 5.2 of Annex A.

**Question 47:**

Since the work will be conducted on FMF property, will there be a need to include the price of work permits?

**Answer to Question 47:**

Please refer to Section 7.19 of Part 7 (Resulting Contract Clauses).

All permit fees for non-Affiliated workers (not just non-Union) described in Section 7.19 of Part 7 (Resulting Contract Clauses) are to be paid in a timely manner and directly to:

Federal Government Dockyard Trades and Labour Council (West)  
PO Box 1779  
Victoria, BC V8W 2Y3

An accounting of the workers and time weeks spent on job need to be accompanied with this payment. The Contractor must send all correspondence to [councilwest@shaw.ca](mailto:councilwest@shaw.ca) regarding this matter. If there is a question about the applicability of this to any Union members, please contact the above council office for information.

**Question 48:**

Can a more detailed explanation of the Pricing Schedule in Annex E be provided, which better identifies what constitutes the weighted value currently applied to each activity?

**Answer to Question 48:**

Please refer to "Annex E - PRICING SCHEDULE - W2B03-160090A - Version 2.xls" as several revisions were made to the Pricing Schedule.

In general, the "Evaluation Weighting" in the Pricing Schedule in Annex E is based on the Periodicity of each activity where:

- Periodicity  $\leq$  8M has an Evaluation Weighting of 1.000;
- Periodicity  $>$  8M but  $\leq$  16M has an Evaluation Weighting of 0.500;

Periodicity > 16M but ≤ 24M has an Evaluation Weighting of 0.333;  
Periodicity > 24M has an Evaluation Weighting of 0.250.

The “Evaluated Activity Price” in the Pricing Schedule in Annex E also takes into account the Answer to Question 11.

**Question 49:**

When a Preventative Maintenance activity is planned and it is not conducted because of reasons outside the Contractor’s control, what is the mechanism for re-authorizing the work to be scheduled and conducted at a later date during the SWP?

**Answer to Question 49:**

Please refer to Sections 3.14, 3.15, and 3.17 of Annex A.

**Question 50:**

When a Preventative Maintenance activity is not conducted during the Short Work Period but Canada would like it conducted during an opportunity shortly after the finish of the Short Work Period, will there be a mechanism to authorise this?

**Answer to Question 50:**

Opportunities outside of a tasked Short Work Period are outside the scope of the Solicitation and any resulting contract.

**Question 51:**

Since crane services are not being provided by FMF as part of this contract, can FMF or Construction Engineering (CE) cranes be used if billed through a suitable contracting mechanism by the contractor? If yes, what is the hourly cost of this service?

**Answer to Question 51:**

FMF or RP Ops (formerly Base Construction Engineering (BCE)) cranes can be used if billed through a suitable contracting mechanism by the contractor. The establishment of that contracting mechanism is the responsibility of the contractor and not Canada.

**Question 52:**

Who provides the contractor approval or validation that the Preventative Maintenance activity has been completed or accepted. How does the contractor obtain this validation?

**Answer to Question 52:**

Please refer to Section 5.2 of Annex A.

**Question 53:**

Is it the contractor's responsibility to identify the requirement for special tools and maintenance items (SPTATE)? Is there a defined time period in which these items will have to be identified by the contractor to ensure availability during the SWP?

**Answer to Question 53:**

For the purpose of planning each Preventative Maintenance activity, it will be the Contractor's responsibility to identify and ensure availability of SPTATE during the daily PLOD meeting. Please refer to the Answer to Question 29.

**Question 54:**

Is it the contractor's responsibility to provide a "parts list" prior to the start of the SWP so DND can identify and understand the availability of associated spares? If so, how soon before the start of the SWP would this be required?

**Answer to Question 54:**

It is not the Contractor's responsibility however the Contractor may choose to liaise with the Technical Authority on parts availability for Preventative Maintenance activities assigned as per the Task Authorization.

**Question 55:**

What is the equivalent of Red Seal – would 24 months working as a technical trade on board a VCS or equipment suffice?

**Answer to Question 55:**

Please refer to Section 4.3(f) of Annex A. It will be the Contractor's responsibility to demonstrate certification equivalency to the Technical Authority.

**Question 56:**

Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criterion (b) seeks experience performing Level Two Maintenance and/or Level Three Maintenance activities. How does Canada define the "activities" as there is a wide spectrum of activities from the rather simple to the complex.

**Answer to Question 56:**

As long as experience performing Level Two or Level Three (Second Line or Third Line) maintenance on-board a VICTORIA Class Submarine within the stated timeframe is demonstrated in the bid, it will be deemed as meeting the Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criterion (b), regardless of whether the maintenance activity is simple or complex.

**Question 57:**

Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criterion (b) seeks experience performing Level Two Maintenance and/or Level Three Maintenance activities on a VICTORIA Class Submarine. Please advise how bidders are to define “on” as it could be interpreted in two ways: One, the maintenance activities were to have been conducted on-board the vessel. The other, the VICTORIA Class Submarine was the subject of the maintenance activities, regardless of the location where activities were carried out (e.g. Contractor’s facility for Repair & Overhaul).

**Answer to Question 57:**

For Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criterion (b), Canada requires the experience to be actually on-board a VICTORIA Class Submarine platform. Experience working off-site for Repair & Overhaul (R&O) would not count however if the submarine was in a refit in a civilian shipyard and work was performed on-board that submarine, then it counts. Repair & Overhaul off-site does not count.

**Question 58:**

Section 6.2.1 of Part 6 talks about the submission of specified financial information during the evaluation of bids. When does it occur during the evaluation?

**Answer to Question 58:**

The Contracting Authority may request that the bidder submit the information identified in Section 6.2 of Part 6 after the technical and financial bid evaluations are completed.

**Section 59:**

Will there be office space for contractor staff provided within the Fleet Maintenance Facilities both during the Short Work Period and outside these periods?

**Answer to Question 59:**

There is no intention to provide office space for the Contractor. Any office space that would be provided during a Short Work Period would be minimal, if at all possible, and on a case by case basis so bidders should not count on any office space being provided.

**Question 60:**

Will there be a temporary area allocated for the contractor’s tool and stowage containers and will there be power hook-ups available? If power is allocated, at what capacity and voltage will it be rated?

**Answer to Question 60:**

If any on-site storage space is available, it will be limited and will be determined at the commencement of each SWP on a case by case basis so bidders should not count on any on-site storage being provided. For power hook-up, it would be what is fitted onboard a VICTORIA Class submarine.

**Question 61:**

Can the lay-down area associated with the Submarine Support Facility D-85 be used by the contractor during the Short Work Period to store a sea-can of tools and associated shop supplies?

**Answer to Question 61:**

If any on-site storage space is available, it will be limited and will be determined at the commencement of each SWP on a case by case basis so bidders should not count on any on-site storage being provided.

**Question 62:**

Are there any special procedures for confined space entry?

**Answer to Question 62:**

Annex D contains Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) S8 from the VICTORIA Class Safety Environment Management System (SEMS) which identifies how Ship Staff deal with confined space entries. Annex D also contains FMF Cape Breton Work Instruction as to how FMFCB deals with confined space entries. FMFCB utilize a Confined Space Isolation Plans (CSIP) that are particularized for individual spaces. If the Contractor wishes to utilize FMFCB's CSIP as well, DND is not opposed to it as both SEMS and CSIP fall within the Canada's Labour Code for confined space entries.

**Question 63:**

Please confirm that Steps 3 and 4 of the Task Authorization Process in Section 7.1.2.1 of Part 7 will apply to Task Authorizations involving activities with firm unit prices.

**Answer to Question 63:**

Affirmative. Even though pricing for those activities is firm, the Contractor will be required to provide or confirm the pricing following the Task Authorization Process in Section 7.1.2.1 of Part 7.

**ALL OTHER INSTRUCTIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.**