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Request for Information (RFI)

For the provision of In-Service Support of the *Halifax*-class Combat Systems

1. Purpose

The Department of National Defence (DND) has a requirement to establish an In-Service Support Contract (ISSC) for six systems in the *Halifax*-class Combat Systems (HCCS) Equipment Group. The Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) currently operates twelve (12) *Halifax*-class ships and intends to operate them until their estimated end of life in 2036. The HCCS Equipment Group is an integral component of the *Halifax*-class ships and will require In-Service Support within this expected life span.

As the project progresses towards a formal Request for Proposal (RFP), this RFI will provide a continuous single point of official communication with industry. The project will use this RFI process for multiple purposes such as:

- a) Collaborating with industry on the Performance Work Statement, the Performance Requirements Specification, the procurement strategy, the Industrial and Technological Benefits and Value Proposition strategy, relational agreement, basis of payment and bid evaluation.
- b) Ensuring all interested participants receive the same information.
- c) Presenting the draft Pre-qualification process and soliciting comments and feedback.
- d) Presenting draft RFP documents to pre-qualified bidders and soliciting comments and feedback.

This initial RFI release is to:

- a) Request industry feedback on the draft Statement of Objectives, the draft Performance Work Statement and the draft Performance Requirements Specification. Note the Appendices and Attachments referenced in these draft documents will not be released with this RFI.
- b) Request industry feedback on the draft Industrial and Technological Benefits and Value Proposition (ITB/VP) approach.
- c) Request that industry provides answers to the questions listed in Annex 4 using an Excel template provided in section 7.

The information provided by industry may be used to support Canada's decision-making process such as finalizing requirements and determining the procurement strategy.

2. Nature of this RFI

This RFI is neither a call for tender nor a Request for Proposal (RFP). No agreement or contract will be entered into based on this RFI. The issuance of this RFI is not to be considered in any way a commitment by the Canada, nor as authority to potential respondents to undertake any work that could be charged to Canada. This RFI is not to be considered as a commitment to issue a subsequent solicitation or to award contract(s) for the work described herein.

Although the information collected may be provided as commercial-in-confidence (and, if identified as such, will be treated accordingly by Canada), Canada may use the information for budgetary purposes and to assist in drafting the Statement of Objectives, the Performance Work Statement, the Performance Requirements Specification, and the ITB/VP approach. All documents may be subject to change at the discretion of Canada.

Respondents are encouraged to identify, in the information they share with Canada, any information that they feel is proprietary, third party or personal information. Please note that Canada may be obligated by law (e.g. in response to a request under the Access to Information and Privacy Acts) to disclose proprietary or commercially-sensitive information concerning a respondent (for more information: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/a-1/>).

Respondents are asked to identify if their response, or any part of their response, is subject to the Controlled Goods Regulations.

Participation in this RFI is encouraged, but is not mandatory. There will be no short-listing of potential suppliers for the purposes of undertaking any future work resulting from this RFI. Similarly, participation in this RFI is not a condition or prerequisite for the participation in any potential subsequent solicitation.

Respondents will not be reimbursed for any cost incurred by participating in this RFI.

3. Background Information:

The Department of National Defence *Halifax*-class Modernization (HCM) Program includes the replacement of six systems, now referred to as the *Halifax*-class Combat Systems (HCCS) Equipment Group (EG). This equipment group was retrofitted through the *Halifax*-class Modernization/Frigate Life Extension (HCM/FELEX) Combat System Integration (CSI) Design-and-Build (DAB) contract. Installation commenced in 2010 and is scheduled to be completed by 2018.

The HCCS EG comprises the following:

- 3D Radar System SMART-S (OEM: Thales, Netherlands);
- 2D Radar System SG-180 (OEM: Saab Microwave, Sweden);
- Navigation Radar NSC-26 (OEM: Raytheon Anschutz, Germany);
- Fire Control System CEROS200 (OEM: Saab Systems, Sweden);
- Identification Friend or Foe System MK XIIA (OEM: Telephonics, USA);
- NS9003A-V2HC Electronic Support Measures (OEM Elisra, Israel; licenced Canadian Repair Facility is Lockheed Martin Canada); and,
- Associated Test Equipment and Training Aids.

Limited In-Service Support is currently being provided through separate contracts with each Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM). Each OEM may hold the Intellectual Property Rights for their respective systems. These interim contracts are limited in that they are intended to provide only the minimum essential support services until a more comprehensive In-Service Support Contract can be established.

4. Requirement:

The Contractor will be required to provide In-Service Support on the HCCS Equipment Group systems installed in all twelve (12) *Halifax*-class ships, RCN Fleet Schools, Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott (FMFCS), Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton (FMFCB), and the Naval Electronic Systems Test Range Atlantic and Pacific (NESTRA, NESTRP). Special Tools and Test Equipment (STTE) located at some of these sites will also require In-Service Support.

The Contractor must achieve the RCN's HCCS readiness and sustainment objectives by performing all activities necessary for the provision of In-Service Support associated with supporting the HCCS Equipment Group in accordance with the Contract, including:

- a. ISS Management;
- b. Technical Schedule Management;
- c. In-Service Support Activities, including: Planning ISS activities, Design Intent Management, Configuration Management, Technical Problem Management Support, Obsolescence Management, Technical Data Management, Facilities and Government Property Management, Engineering Support, Maintenance and Material Management;
- d. Training Support;
- e. Electronic Information Environment;
- f. Performance Monitoring and Assessment.

The HCCS In-Service Support Contract will be long-term, flexible, performance based and will evolve over the life cycle of the *Halifax*-class. The contract will be for an initial period of six (6) years, followed by a series of optional contract extensions for additional periods of one (1) year in a 'rolling wave' concept which will continue until the end of life of the *Halifax*-class. HCCS ISSC performance outcomes will be one of the factors used in determining the award of contract extensions.

5. Legislation, Trade Agreements, and Government Policies:

The following is indicative of some of the legislation, trade agreements and government policies that could impact any follow-on solicitation(s):

- a) This procurement may not be subject to the trade agreements as the National Security Exception has been sought;
- b) Comprehensive Land Claim Agreements (CLCA): (if applicable)
The provisions of the Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements will not apply to this procurement unless work is performed and / or goods are delivered within a land claim settlement area.
- c) Industrial and Technological Benefits and Value Proposition (ITBs):
The ITB policy will apply to this procurement. The ITB Policy is administered by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) with assistance from the Regional Development Agencies. To obtain information about Canada's ITB Policy, visit:
<http://www.ic.gc.ca/irb>;
- d) Controlled Goods Program (CGP):
This procurement will be subject to the Controlled Goods Program. For further information on the CGP, visit: <http://ssi-iss.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/dmc-cgd/index-eng.html>;
- e) Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity (FCP-EE): (if applicable)
The Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity will apply to this procurement. For further information on the Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity, visit:
<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/supply-manual/annex/5/1>; and
- f) Fairness Monitor:
A Fairness Monitor will act as a formal oversight mechanism for obtaining independent validation on the fairness of the process for selecting an ISS contractor.

6. Estimated Project Schedule:

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| • Request For Information (RFI): | Aug-Sep 2016 |
| • Industry Engagement Session: | Oct-Dec 2016 |
| • Pre-qualification: | Jan 2017 |
| • One on One sessions and Working Group Sessions: | Apr-Aug 2017 |
| • RFP issued: | Dec 2017 |
| • Contract Award: | Dec 2018 |

7. Important Notes to Respondents:

Interested Respondents may submit their responses and questions to the PWGSC Contracting Authority, identified below via email:

Name: Marie-Andrée Fortin
Title: Supply Team Leader

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A point of contact for the Respondent should be included in the package.

Changes to this RFI may occur and will be advertised on Buyandsell.gc.ca. Canada asks Respondents to visit Buyandsell.gc.ca regularly to check for changes, if any.

All enquiries and other communications related to this RFI shall be directed exclusively to the PWGSC Contracting Authority. All enquiries must be submitted to the Contracting Authority no later than ten (10) calendar days before the RFI closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Because this is not a bid solicitation, Canada reserves the right to respond to enquiries pertinent to the requirement.

Please include, using the below response template, the appropriate SOO/PWS/PRS paragraph number in any comments or questions that you provide/ask, as shown in the below table. Please provide your feedback using an Excel file and return the Excel file to the PWGSC Contracting Authority.

Comment	Company/Section	Author of Comment	Document Name	RFI Question Number	Paragraph ID
			ITB/VP	1a	
			PRS	1b	eg. PRS-107
			PWS	1c	eg. PWS-27
			RFI	2a	
			SOO	2b	eg. SOO-12
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				3b	
				4a	
				5a	
				5b	
				5c	
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				ITB/VP	

8. Language of Response

Correspondence, questions and responses may be submitted in either official language of Canada.

9. Review Team

A review team composed of representatives of the Department of National Defence, ISEDC and PWGSC will review the responses. Canada reserves the right to hire any independent consultant, or use any Government resources that it considers necessary to review any response. Not all members of the review team will necessarily review all responses.

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10. Closing date for the RFI

The RFI closing date is 30 June 2017.

Responses to this RFI are to be submitted to the PWGSC Contracting Authority identified above.

Specific response dates are specified in Annexes 4 and 5.

11. List of Annexes

Annex 1 – Draft Statement of Objectives
Annex 2 – Draft Performance Work Statement
Annex 3 – Draft Performance Requirements Specification
Annex 4 – Industry Engagement Questions
Annex 5 – ITB/VP Presentation Package