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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.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

Comments - Commentaires

**Vendor/Firm Name and Address
Raison sociale et adresse du
fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur**

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Title - Sujet HCCS IN-SERVICE SUPPORT	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8482-168150/B	Amendment No. - N° modif. 011
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W8482-168150	Date 2017-03-10
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$FX-008-25939	
File No. - N° de dossier 008fx.W8482-168150	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2017-06-30	
Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Specified Herein - Précisé dans les présentes	
Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Fortin, Marie-Andrée	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 008fx
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (819) 939-3234 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX () -
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) – Request for Feedback
Questions and Answers (Q&A)
In-Service Support of the *Halifax*-class Combat Systems
Amendment no. 11

This amendment is issued to provide responses to questions raised by Industry on the draft Invitation to Qualify request for feedback which closed on 20 January 2017.

Q28 - Would it be possible for the requirements documents that are entered into DOORS software, to be provided in the DOORS format as well as the word / pdf / excel etc?

A28 - Canada will investigate the feasibility of releasing the native DOORS files to companies that request them in addition to pdf versions of the documents.

Q29 - Can the qualifying entity be a "Prime / Sub" relationship? We are unclear on whether "Multiple entities" refers to this or just Joint Ventures.

A29 - Note that in the official ITQ that was released on Buyandsell on 8 March 2017, Canada has modified Section 2.2 Composition of Respondent. If a response is submitted by a joint venture, it must be in accordance with section 17 Joint Venture, of the SACC 2003 Standard Instructions. As per section 04 Definition of Bidder in the 2003 Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) "Bidder" means the person or entity (or, in the case of a joint venture, the persons or entities) submitting a bid to perform a contract for goods, services or both. It does not include the parent, subsidiaries or other affiliates of the Bidder, or its subcontractors.

Q30 - If a Prime / sub relationship is permitted, can this be between two affiliates of the same Organisation? Currently, it appears the only way that experience from a wider organisation can be brought to bear is by two or more entities of a larger corporation forming a JV.

A30 - As described above, the Bidder submitting the Response to the ITQ must have the requisite experience. If the subcontractor does not fit into the definition of Bidder, then the experience of the subcontractor is not permitted.

Q31 - After reviewing Amendment no. 09 released for subject solicitation number we would like to ask if more details will be provided in the formal ITQ questions when released regarding the 'PSPC Secret security clearance with a caveat CANUS restriction'. Any help you can provide shedding more light on this requirement (document reference etc) would be much appreciated.

A31 - Canada has removed the Security requirement from the official ITQ that was released on 8 March 2017. There will be security requirements for the RFP. The anticipated Security Requirement Check List (SRCL) will have a secret caveat CANUS restriction. A draft SRCL will be released to the Qualified Respondents and the final SRCL will be released with the RFP.

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Q32 - Canada's responses to Question 22 (Ref: W8482-168150/B Amendment 010, dated 2017-03-02), clearly address the expectation that industry work together in presenting the best solution for HCCS EG ISS, a necessary requirement for a successful In-Service Support program.

What Canada's responses do not address; the OEMs are being put in a position of selecting the qualified bidders through the issuance or withholding of the aforementioned letters. Given that some of these OEMs are likely to also be bidders, we share the concern that this does not then form the basis of an open, fair and transparent competition.

The consequence is that the use of OEM endorsement letters allows OEMs to determine which of the bidders will qualify and which will not, for their own interests and not necessarily for the best interests of Canada.

In summary, we believe Question #22 referred to this issue, and not the more general question of industry cooperation. As a result, we also agree with the suggestion in the question that the outcome of the qualification process could now be determined by the actions of the HCCS Equipment Group OEMs, acting in their own interests, and encouraged by the responses provided by Canada.

A32 - Canada reaffirms its position that it is critical that the Contractor be able to work with all the OEMs and therefore it is incumbent that the ITQ Respondent demonstrate that the OEMs will work with them. Canada does not have the ability to force OEMs to enter into agreements with specific companies.

All other terms and conditions remain the same