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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.

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### Vendor/Firm Name and Address

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<b>Title - Sujet</b> HCCS IN-SERVICE SUPPORT	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> W8482-168150/C	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 005
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> W8482-168150	<b>Date</b> 2017-04-13
<b>GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG</b> PW-\$SFX-008-26224	
<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> 008fx.W8482-168150	<b>CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME</b>
<b>Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin</b> <b>at - à 02:00 PM</b> <b>on - le 2017-04-28</b>	
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<b>Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à:</b> Fortin, Marie-Andrée	<b>Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur</b> 008fx
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<b>Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm</b> <b>(type or print)</b> <b>Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/</b> <b>de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

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**Invitation to Qualify (ITQ)**  
**Questions and Answers (Q&A)**  
**In-Service Support of the *Halifax*-class Combat Systems**  
**Amendment no. 05**

This amendment is issued to provide responses to questions raised by Industry on the Invitation to Qualify for the In-Service Support of the Halifax-class Combat Systems dated 7 March 2017.

Q8 – At least one of the OEMs is in fact refusing to provide the letter of support required by Qualification Item #1 of the ITQ.

The selection process for the in-service support of a number of fleets, such as; Victoria Class Submarine In-Service Support Contract (VISSC), Minor Warships Auxiliary Vessels (MWAV) Project, CF-18 Avionics Optimized Weapon System Support (CF-18 AVS OWSS), CF-18 Primary Air Vehicle Optimized Weapon System Management (CF-18 PAV OWSM), CP-140 Optimized Weapon System Management (CP-140 OWSM), and CC-130 Optimized Weapon System Management (CC-130 OWSM), to name only a few, did not require pre-qualification phases nor were there requirements to obtain OEM support letters as part of the RFP responses. Rather, Canada advised the OEMs of its intention to select an in-service support contractor, and that subsequent to contract awards, the OEMs would be contacted by those contractors and would be encouraged to cooperate in establishing formal support arrangements. In all these procurements, the OEMs supported this approach.

A similar approach was used in the case of the recently awarded Arctic/Offshore Patrol Ship (AOPS) and Joint Support Ship (JSS) In-Service Support (AJISS) contract where OEMs were advised that Canada would be selecting a support contractor and that they would be required to work with this contractor. There was no pre-qualification phase and there was no obligation for bidders to obtain support letters from OEMs. Four bids were received, all but one were from non-AOPS OEMs.

Once Canada has received the ITQ responses, if one or more Respondents have qualified then it could be grounds for challenge from these Respondents if Canada were to modify the process to remove qualification requirements and allow other firms to qualify against these revised requirements.

We consider that the need for OEM support letters is an artificial requirement that has no operational or contractual basis, nor viable precedent. Canada's position in response to the reference questions has set the conditions to unequivocally limit competition on this procurement, and raises considerable doubt that fairness, transparency, and integrity of the procurement process will be achieved on the HCCS ISS project, resulting in Canada not receiving best value. It is therefore, again, strongly recommended that Canada employ another approach that does not unfairly or unnecessarily limit competition.

In consideration of the exceptional issues surrounding the Proof of Compliance with respect to Qualification Item #1, and the continuing Q&A on this issue in an effort to reach a fair resolution, we request an extension to the ITQ closing of 3 weeks to May 19, 2017.

A8 - As Canada's approach is fully aligned with the Sustainment Initiative, having been established through extensive consultation with Senior Management, Canada maintains its position and will not be changing any aspect of the HCCS ITQ process. ITQ Criterion 1 assesses

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the OEM support to the Contractor, which is critical to the performance of the work required for the HCCS ISSC.

Please note that Canada will not extend the ITQ closing date. If there are no qualified respondents upon the conclusion of the ITQ process, Canada will re-evaluate its options.

**All other terms and conditions remain the same**