Question 1

Question 1: Since CMHC have access to the PWGSC NMSO Standing offer for hardware procurement, how does this RFSA intend to differentiate from that arrangement?

Answer 1

CMHC does not intend on using PWGSC's NMSO. CMHC's RFSA is a different requirement.

Question 2

Does CMHC intend to Migrate to a Windows 10 Operating System for the desktops as some of the requirements are not supported by modern Operating Systems like Windows 10 Enterprise

Answer 2

Yes this is the intention

Question 3

Will CMHC consider revising its requirement to align to modern device capabilities and security? Most new desktop / laptop / Tablet devices could not conform to the specifications in the RFSA. For example.

TR - 2   Requirements for computing devices
TR 2.1

Item #	Requirement	R/M/I	Weight
TR 2.1.3	System must allow for flashing the BIOS.	M	Newer Windows 10 systems use UEFI
TR 2.1.4	BIOS must be wake-on-LAN compatible.	M	
TR 2.1.5	System must be bootable from the following devices: USB CD-ROM/DVD Network Hard drive	M	Most modern devices have no CD/DVD drive. Such is the case with many of the newer / thin systems (tablets, ultrabooks, etc.). Some modern devices are not able to boot from a USB connected external CD/DVD drive for security reasons.

TR 2.2 Memory

Item #	Requirement	R/M/I	Comment
TR 2.2.1	System must have 8 GB memory DDR4	M	Many Modern devices use LPDDR3 1866mhz

TR 2.3 Storage

Item #	Requirement	R/M/I	Comment
TR 2.3.3	System must include a CD-RW/DVDRW combo rated at a minimum of 48x CD Read and 16x DVD Read.	R	Most modern devices have no CD/DVD drive. Such is the case with many of the newer / thin systems (tablets, ultrabooks, etc.)..

.7 Communications

Item #	Requirement	R/M/I	Comment
TR 2.7.1	System must include an Integrated Gigabit 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet NIC card.	R	Many modern Devices only have built-in WiFi adapter. You would require a USB adapter or docking station. In addition, even though this is a rated requirement, it states it "must include"
TR 2.7.2	The adaptor must come with a RJ-45 port.	R	Many modern Devices only have built-in WiFi adapter. You would require a USB adapter or docking station. In addition, even though this is a rated requirement, it states it "must"

Answer 3
CMHC will not be revising these specifications.

Question 4
Will CMHC add a criteria for the financial stability of the OEM vendor to prevent "dumping" of products that would be below market value and uncompetitive?

Answer 4
CMHC has covered the 'Financial' aspect of in Sec. 4.7.2 and in Sec. 5.7 of the solicitation document.

Question 5
Will CMHC allow for the addition of products such as Virtual Reality / Augmented Reality devices on this RFSA?

Answer 5
Yes, CMHC will add both VR/AR and regular professional phone headsets to Stream #1 of the RFSA.