



A.1 ELECTRONIC BID SUBMISSION

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Request for Proposals (RFP)

for

The Performance of the Work described in Appendix 1, Annex A – Statement of Work

A2. RFP AUTHORITY

The Authority for this RFP is:

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THIS CONTRACT DOES NOT CONTAIN A SECURITY REQUIREMENT

A3. TITLE Cost-Benefit Analysis For Proposed Regulatory Measures For Vaping Products To Require Labelling and Information Disclosure Requirements.	
A4. BID CLOSING DATE July 13, 2017	
A5. SOLICITATION NUMBER 1000190367	A6. ISSUE DATE June 02, 2017
A7. ENQUIRIES All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the designated RFP Authority identified in A2 by no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the Closing Date in order to allow sufficient time to provide a response.	
A8. APPLICABLE LAWS In accordance with GI13, any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the Parties determined, by the laws in force in the Province of Ontario, Canada.	
A9. BID SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS The RFP is divided into six (6) parts as follows: 1. Section I – Bid Submission Requirements 2. Section II – Bid Evaluation Procedures and Evaluation Criteria 3. Section III – Financial Bid 4. Section IV – General Instructions 5. Section V – Certifications 6. Appendix 1 – Resulting Contract Clauses Annex A – Statement of Work Annex B – Basis of Payment Annex C – Security Requirements	
A10. BID DELIVERY Bids must be received by no later than 14:00 (2 p.m) on July 13, 2017 (Eastern Daylight Time) at the bid receiving address indicated in A1. Bids received after the closing date and time (referred to as the “Closing Date”) will be considered non-responsive.	
A11. BID VALIDITY Bids will remain valid for a period of One Hundred and Twenty (120) calendar days following the Closing Date.	
A12. BID CONTENT Bids must be structured in the following manner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) electronic copy of a Covering Letter, signed by an authorized representative of the Bidder; • One (1) electronic copy of the Technical Bid; • One (1) electronic copy of the Certifications – Section V and, • One (1) electronic copy of Financial Bid – Section III contained in separate attachment <p>Please refer to Section 1 – Bid Submission Requirement, point 1.2 for further instructions.</p>	
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SECTION I – BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1.1 REQUIRED INFORMATION

This section outlines the information Bidders are required to submit. To be declared responsive, a bid must:

- a. comply with all the requirements of the RFP;
- b. meet all the mandatory technical evaluation criteria;
- c. obtain the required minimum overall score for the technical evaluation criteria which are subject to a point rating.

Bids not meeting (a) or (b) or (c) will be declared non-responsive. An evaluation team comprised of representatives of Canada will evaluate the bids.

1.2 SUBMISSION OF THE BID

You are invited to submit electronic copies in either official language (English or French) of both the Technical and Cost Proposals. The RFP Reference Number and the title of the Requirement must be in the subject line of your email and your proposal must be structured in accordance to section A12 – Bid Content on the cover page.

No price or cost information should appear in any other section of the bid. Failure to provide the Financial Bid in a separate attachment will render a bid non-responsive.

If the email including attachments is larger than 20mb, please submit your bid in separate emails to not exceed Health Canada's server limitation.

1.2.1 Bidders who submit a bid in response to this RFP agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the RFP and accept the terms and conditions of the resulting contract (see Appendix 1).

1.2.2 It is the Bidder's responsibility to obtain, if necessary, clarification of the requirements contained in the RFP and to prepare its bid in accordance with the instructions contained in the RFP. Enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Authority identified in A2 (RFP Authority) and in accordance with section A7 (Enquiries).

1.2.3 The RFP documents contain all the requirements relating to the bid solicitation. Any other information or documentation provided to or obtained by a Bidder from any other source is not relevant and not part of this RFP. Bidders should not assume that practices used under previous RFPs or contracts will continue, unless they are identified in the RFP. Bidders should also not assume that their existing capabilities meet the requirements of the RFP simply because they have met previous requirements.

1.3 GREENING GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

The Government of Canada has directed federal departments and agencies to take the necessary steps to acquire products and services that have a lower impact on the environment than those traditionally acquired. The environmental impact assessment of a product and/or service considers the whole life cycle of the product and/or service. Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada procurements will be including more demanding environmental criteria to encourage product/service suppliers to improve their operations to reduce any possible negative impact on the environment.

1.3.1 Canada requests that Bidders follow the format instructions described below in the preparation of their bid:

- a. use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper for hardcopy submissions;
- b. use a numbering system that corresponds to the RFP.

In order to promote environmental considerations, bidders are further encouraged to:

- 1) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper containing fibre certified as originating from a sustainably-managed forest and/or containing minimum 30% recycled content; and
- 2) use an environmentally-preferable format including black and white printing instead of colour printing, printing double sided/duplex, using staples or clips instead of cerlox, duotangs or binders.

1.4 SET-ASIDE FOR COMPREHENSIVE LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENT(S) BENEFICIARIES

This RFP is not being set aside to Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s) Beneficiaries.

1.5 SET-ASIDE UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR ABORIGINAL BUSINESS (PSAB)

This RFP is not being set aside under the federal government's Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business (PSAB)

1.6 DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENTS

Health Canada has adopted electronic direct deposit as the method for paying invoices. Suppliers are asked to register for electronic direct deposit and to provide their account information upon request. For help with online registration, send an email to: DD@hc-sc.gc.ca.

1.7 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

This RFP does not contain a Security Requirement.

SECTION II – BID EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

2.1 BID EVALUATION PROCEDURES

2.1.1 The Technical Bid will first be evaluated against the mandatory technical criteria of the RFP. If the bid meets all the mandatory criteria, and the RFP contains point-rated criteria, the evaluation committee will then evaluate the point-rated technical criteria. If the mandatory technical criteria are not met, the point-rated technical criteria will not be evaluated and the bid will be given no further consideration.

2.1.2 Only technical bids that meet the mandatory technical criteria and the minimum score required in the point-rated technical criteria will be further evaluated against the financial criteria on the basis of the Bidder's Financial Bid.

2.1.3 Supplier Selection Method

Highest combined rating of technical merit and price

For each responsive bid, the technical merit score and the pricing score will be added to determine its total combined score. The responsive bid with the highest combined rating of technical merit and price will be recommended for award of a contract. If two (2) or more responsive bids have the same combined total score, the responsive bid with the lowest evaluated price will be recommended for contract award.

To determine the overall score obtained by a bidder, the following weighting will be used to establish the technical and financial score:

Technical weighting: 70%
Price weighting: 30%

Technical score = $\frac{\text{Bidder's technical points} \times 70\%}{\text{Maximum points}}$

Financial score = $\frac{\text{Lowest priced bid} \times 30\%}{\text{Bidder's total evaluated price}}$

Total score = Technical score + Financial score

NOTE: Bids for which the total evaluated bid price is 150% greater than the lowest price of all bids received will automatically receive a score of "0 points" for the financial score.

The following is an example that illustrates how this calculation would be made. The dollar figures shown are for the purposes of this example only; they do not suggest a desired price.

	Bid 1	Bid 2	Bid 3	Bid 4
Total evaluated price of each responsive bid	\$100,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$220,000.00

In the example above, bid 4 would receive “0 points” for its financial score as it exceeds the lowest priced bid by more than 150% ($\$100,000 * 150\% = \$150,000$).

2.2 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation of the following criteria is based on a “rules of evidence” approach in that the evaluation committee can only conduct its evaluation based on the contents of the Bidder’s bid. The onus is on the Bidder to ensure that its bid is complete, clear, and provides sufficient detail for the evaluation committee to evaluate the bid. Simply repeating or copying a statement contained in the RFP is not sufficient.

To facilitate the evaluation of the bid, Canada also requests that Bidders address and present topics in the order of the evaluation criteria under the same headings. To avoid duplication, Bidders may refer to different sections of their bids by identifying the specific paragraphs and page numbers where the subject topic has already been addressed.

For the purpose of the technical criteria specified below, the experience of the Bidder includes the experience of the parent, subsidiaries or other affiliates of the Bidder, or its subcontractors.

2.2.1 Mandatory Criteria

The bid must meet the mandatory criteria set out below. The Bidder must provide the necessary documentation to support compliance. Bids which fail to meet the mandatory criteria will be declared non-responsive. Mandatory criteria are evaluated on a simple pass or fail basis. This will be evaluated as either a “Yes” or a “No.”

ATTENTION BIDDERS:			
Write beside each of the criterion the relevant page number(s) from your bid which addresses the requirement identified in the criteria.			
#	Mandatory Technical Criteria	Met (Yes/No)	Cross-Reference to bid (indicate page #)
MT1	Corporate experience in carrying out economic analysis on health related issues and risk assessments The Bidder as a corporate entity must have a minimum of four (4) completed projects in the last ten (10) years in		

	<p>the fields of applied health economics and risk assessments in public sector regulations.</p> <p>In order for these projects to be considered relevant they must be:</p> <p>a) at least 45 days in duration and be a separate project on its own right.</p>		
MT2	<p>Corporate experience with developing cost-benefit analyses in public sector regulations</p> <p>The Bidder as a corporate entity must have a minimum of three (3) projects in the last ten (10) years in which they undertook the development of a cost-benefit analysis to support a regulatory initiative in the public service domain, at a national or provincial/state level.</p> <p>In order for these projects to be considered relevant they must be:</p> <p>a) at least 45 days in duration and be a separate project on its own right.</p>		
MT3	<p>Project Lead experience in carrying out economic analysis on health related issues and risk assessments</p> <p>The resource proposed as the Project Lead must have a minimum of three (3) projects in the last ten (10) years in which they led projects in the fields of applied health economics and risk assessments in public sector regulations.</p> <p>In order for these projects to be considered relevant they must be:</p> <p>a) at least 45 days in duration and be a separate project on its own right; and studies that include the estimation of public and private sector costs, averted medical treatment and lost productivity costs, and primary research or benefits transfer approaches relying on revealed (e.g., hedonic wage studies) or stated preference (contingent valuation or choice experiments) methods.</p>		

MT4	<p>Project Lead experience with developing cost-benefit analyses in public sector regulations</p> <p>The resource proposed as the Project Lead must have a minimum of three (3) projects in the last ten (10) years in which they undertook the development of a cost-benefit analysis to support a regulatory initiative in the public service domain, at a national or provincial/state level.</p> <p>In order for these projects to be considered relevant they must be:</p> <p>a) at least 45 days in duration and be a separate project on its own right.</p>		
MT5	<p>Work Plan and Methodology</p> <p>The Bidder must provide in their Technical Proposal a Work Plan and Proposed methodology in sufficient detail which describes how it relates to the Statement of Work (SOW) and includes:</p> <p>a) allocation of resources and estimated timelines to complete the work within the designated project period and budget;</p> <p>b) an outline of the approach and description of the methodology used for all of the tasks in the SOW;</p> <p>c) identification of any issues that may need to be addressed with respect to timelines or deliverables and propose solutions to address them;</p> <p>d) an outline of the final report.</p>		
	<p>Mandatory Financial Criteria</p>		
MF1	<p>The total value of the contract emanating from this RFP shall not exceed \$125,000.00, including all applicable taxes.</p>		

2.2.2 Point-rated Technical Criteria

In addition to meeting the Mandatory Criteria, the Bidder must also address the Point-Rated Criteria identified below.

Minimum overall score

The overall minimum cumulative score is of 16 points for the sum of technical criteria R1, R2, R3 and R4. Bids that fail to meet the minimum score of 16 points will be declared non-responsive and no further consideration will be given to the bid.

#	Point-Rated Technical Criteria	Points allocated	Actual Score	Cross-Reference to bid (<i>indicate page #</i>)
RT1	<p>Resource experience in carrying out economic analysis on health related issues and risk assessments</p> <p>Beyond the experience cited for M3, the resource proposed as the Project Lead should have experience with leading projects in the last ten (10) years in the fields of applied health economics and risk assessments in public sector regulations.</p> <p>In order for these projects to be considered relevant they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) must be at least 45 days in duration and be a separate project on its own right; and b) must be studies that include the estimation of public and private sector costs, averted medical treatment and lost productivity costs, and primary research or benefits transfer approaches relying on revealed (e.g., hedonic wage studies) or stated preference (contingent valuation or choice experiments) methods. <p>Points Allocation:</p> <p>One (1) point for each additional project that meets the criteria to a maximum of four (4) points.</p>	4		
RT2	<p>Resource experience with developing cost-benefit analyses in public sector health regulations</p> <p>Beyond the experience cited for M4, the</p>	6		

	<p>resource proposed as the Project Lead should have additional experience in the last ten (10) years in which they undertook the development of a cost-benefit analysis to support a regulatory initiative in the public service domain, at a national or provincial/state level.</p> <p>In order for these projects to be considered relevant they must be:</p> <p>a) at least 45 days in duration and be a separate project on its own right.</p> <p>Points Allocation:</p> <p>One (1) point for each additional project that meets the criteria to a maximum of six (6) points.</p>			
RT3	<p>Resource Experience with changes to the tobacco industry regulations</p> <p>The resource proposed as the Project Lead should have experience in the last ten (10) years in which they have undertaken reviews and analysis of changes to the tobacco industry as a result of a proposed regulation at a federal/national level of government.</p> <p>Points Allocation:</p> <p>Two (2) points for each project that meets the criteria to a maximum of six (6) points.</p>	6		
RT4	<p>Proposed Approach and Methodology</p> <p>The proposed Approach and Methodology should meet the objectives and tasks identified in the SOW.</p> <p>A score of 8 points will be assigned if the Bidder demonstrated extensive, in-depth description of all elements of the project and methodology. The approach and methodology mentioned are up to date and innovative while being presented in a clear and coherent manner. The knowledge, experience or approach demonstrated should ensure highly effective performance on this aspect of the work. The approach and methodology addresses all elements as outlined in the Statement of Work.</p>	8		

	<p>A score of 6 points will be assigned if the Bidder demonstrated a good description of all elements of the project and methodology. The approach and methodology mentioned are up to date while being presented in a clear and coherent manner. The knowledge, experience or approach demonstrated should ensure more than adequate performance on this aspect of the work. The approach and methodology addresses all elements as outlined in the Statement of Work.</p> <p>A score of four (4) points will be assigned if the Bidder demonstrated a partial description of the project and methodology. Some elements are not clearly addressed. The knowledge, experience or approach demonstrated should meet the minimum needed for adequate performance on this aspect of the work. The approach and methodology addresses most elements as outlined in the Statement of Work.</p> <p>A score of two (2) points will be assigned if the Bidder's response minimally addresses the criterion. The knowledge, experience or approach demonstrated is insufficient for the effective performance of the work. The approach and methodology addresses some elements as outlined in the Statement of Work.</p> <p>A score of zero (0) points will be assigned if the Bidder does not address the criterion. The approach and methodology does not address any elements as outlined in the Statement of Work.</p>			
	Total Points (Minimum score 16)		24 16	

SECTION III – FINANCIAL BID

Bidders must not submit expenses which normally fall under the normal cost of doing business
All the information required in this section must be provided in the Bidders' Financial Bid.

Firm Lot Price

The Bidder must provide a firm all-inclusive lot price, inclusive of any overhead and profit, and costs such as travel, equipment, rentals, subcontractors, FOB destination charges, Canadian customs, duties and excise taxes.

The total amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) must be shown separately, if applicable.

3.0.1 Bidders must provide their Financial Bid in accordance with the table referenced at 3.1 – Pricing Schedule. All payments will be made in accordance with the proposed Basis of Payment (Appendix 1, Annex B) of the Resulting Contract Clauses.

3.0.2 Exchange rate fluctuation protection is not offered.

3.0.3 The Financial Bid must contain a detailed breakdown of the **total estimated price**, by major tasks.

a. Travel (GST/HST included)

There are no travel and living expenses associated with this requirement.

b. Other Expenses (GST/HST included)

Not Applicable

c. Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax

Various items in the Financial Bid may be subject to GST/HST or custom duties, and this charge must be included in the cost estimates for travel and other expenses and as a separate line item for the professional services.

3.0.4 Financial Bids not meeting the above requirements will be considered non-responsive and will not be given any further consideration.

3.1 PRICING SCHEDULE

MILESTONES

Schedule of Milestones	Delivery date	Firm amount
#1. REVIEW AND UPDATE TO THE DETAILED WORK PLAN AND METHODOLOGY	2 WEEKS AFTER CONTRACT AWARD	\$_____
#2. INDUSTRY PROFILE	6 WEEKS AFTER CONTRACT AWARD	(10%) \$_____
#3. COST ANALYSIS	10 WEEKS AFTER CONTRACT AWARD	(20%) \$_____
#4. BENEFITS ANALYSIS	12 WEEKS AFTER CONTRACT AWARD	(20%) \$_____
#5. DETERMINING THE NET PRESENT VALUE (NPV)	14 WEEKS AFTER CONTRACT AWARD	(30%) \$_____
#6. FINAL REPORT	16 WEEKS AFTER CONTRACT AWARD	(20%) \$_____
Subtotal (excluding GST/HST)		\$_____
Estimated applicable taxes		\$_____
TOTAL		\$_____

be returned. All bids will be treated as confidential, subject to the provisions of the *Access to Information Act* (R.S. 1985, c. A-1) and the *Access to Information Act* (R.S. 1985, c. A-1) and *Privacy Act* (R.S., 1985, c. P-21).

GI11 PRICE JUSTIFICATION

In the event that the Bidder's bid is the sole responsive bid received, the Bidder must provide, on the RFP Authority's request, one or more of the following price justifications:

- 11.1 a current published price list indicating the percentage discount available to Canada; or
- 11.2 copies of paid invoices for like quality and quantity of the goods, services or both sold to other customers; or
- 11.3 a price breakdown showing the cost of direct labour, direct materials, purchased items, engineering and plant overheads, general and administrative overhead, transportation, profit, etc.; or
- 11.4 price or rate certification; or
- 11.5 any other supporting documentation as requested by the RFP Authority

GI12 ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDER

- 12.1 If this RFP was advertised on the "Buyandsell.gc.ca" tendering service, the name of the successful Bidder will be announced on Buyandsell.gc.ca upon contract award and sign off.
- 12.2 If this RFP was not advertised on "Buyandsell.gc.ca," Canada will communicate to all Bidders the name and address of the successful Bidder as well as the total dollar value and award date for the contract only after contract sign-off.

GI13 APPLICABLE LAWS

- 13.1 Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Ontario. The Bidder may propose a change to the applicable laws in his/her bid. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified in this RFP are acceptable to the bidder.

GI14 CONTINGENCY FEE

- 14.1 The Bidder declares that the Bidder has not, directly or indirectly, paid or agreed to pay, and will not, directly or indirectly pay, a Contingency Fee to any individual for the solicitation, negotiation or obtaining of the contract if the payment of the fee would require the individual to file a return under section 5 of the *Lobbying Act*, R.S.C., 1985, c. 44 (4th Supp.). In this section, "Contingency Fee" means any payment or other compensation that is contingent upon or is calculated upon the basis of a degree of success in soliciting or obtaining a government contract or negotiating the whole or part of its terms.

GI15 CONFLICT OF INTEREST – UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

In order to protect the integrity of the procurement process, Bidders are advised that Canada may reject a bid in the following circumstances:

- (a) if the Bidder, any of its subcontractors, any of their respective employees or former employees was involved in any manner in the preparation of the bid solicitation or in any situation of conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest; or
- (b) if the Bidder, any of its subcontractors, any of their respective employees or former employees had access to information related to the bid solicitation that was not available to other Bidders and that would, in Canada's opinion, give or appear to give the Bidder an unfair advantage.

- 15.2 The experience acquired by a Bidder who is providing or has provided the goods and services described in the RFP (or similar goods or services) will not, in itself, be considered by Canada as conferring an unfair advantage or creating a conflict of interest. This Bidder remains however subject to the criteria established above.

- 15.3 Where Canada intends to reject a bid under this section, the RFP Authority will inform the Bidder and provide the Bidder an opportunity to make representations before making a final decision. Bidders who are in doubt about a particular situation should contact the Contracting Authority before the bid Closing Date.

- 15.4 By submitting a bid, the Bidder represents that it does not consider itself to be in conflict of interest nor to have an unfair advantage. The Bidder acknowledges that it is within Canada's sole discretion to determine whether a conflict of interest, unfair advantage or an appearance of conflict of interest or unfair advantage exists.

GI16 CONDUCT OF EVALUATION

- 16.1 In conducting its evaluation of the bids, Canada may, but will have no obligation to, do the following:
 - (a) seek clarification or verification from Bidders regarding any or all information provided by them with respect to the bid solicitation;
 - (b) contact any or all references supplied by Bidders to verify and validate any information submitted by them;
 - (c) request, before award of any contract, specific information with respect to Bidders' legal status;
 - (d) conduct a survey of Bidders' facilities and examine their technical, managerial, and financial capabilities to determine if they are adequate to meet the requirements of the bid solicitation;
 - (e) correct any error in the extended pricing of bids by using unit pricing and any error in quantities in bids to reflect the quantities stated in the bid solicitation; in the case of error in the extension of prices, the unit price will govern;
 - (f) verify any information provided by Bidders through independent research, use of any government resources or by contacting third parties; and
 - (g) interview, at the sole costs of Bidders, any Bidder and any or all of the resources proposed by Bidders to fulfill the requirement of the bid solicitation.
- 16.2 Bidders will have the number of days specified in the request by the RFP Authority to comply with any request related to any of the above items. Failure to comply with the request may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

GI17 BIDDER DEBRIEFINGS

- 17.1 Should you require additional information or a debriefing regarding your bid, please contact the RFP authority identified in A2 within 15 calendar days of notification of results. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person. Debriefings provide bidders an opportunity to understand where their bids may need to be improved in response to future solicitations. After the debriefing, and if needed, you will be provided with information on other dispute resolution options available to you such as the Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO) or other appropriate recourses. For more information on the Office of the Procurement Ombudsman go to: <http://opo-boa.gc.ca>

SECTION V – CERTIFICATIONS

The following information must be submitted along with a signed covering letter, the Technical Bid, Financial Bid (Section III) as well as the Certifications (Section V).

5.1 LEGAL NAME AND BIDDER’S INFORMATION

(print clearly)

Bidder’s Legal Name

Bidder’s Complete Address

Bidder’s Phone number

(_____)_____

Bidder’s Authorized Representative

Bidder’s Authorized Representative Phone number

(_____)_____

Bidder’s Authorized Representative e-mail

5.2 CERTIFICATIONS

Bidders must provide the required certifications at bid submission. Canada may declare a bid non-responsive if the required certifications are not part of the bid content.

Compliance with the certifications bidders provide to Canada is subject to verification by Canada during the bid evaluation period (before and after awarding of a contract). The RFP Authority

will have the right to ask for additional information to verify Bidders' compliance with the certifications before award of a contract. The bid will be declared non-responsive if any certification made by the Bidder is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly. Failure to comply with the certifications or to comply with the request of the RFP Authority for additional information will also render the Bid non-responsive.

5.3 CERTIFICATION OF EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Bidder certifies that all statements made with respect to education and experience are true and that any person proposed by the Bidder to perform the Work or part of the Work is either an employee of the Bidder or under a written agreement to provide services to the Bidder.

Canada reserves the right to verify the above certification and to declare the bid non-responsive for any of the following reasons:

- an unverifiable or untrue statement; or
- unavailability of any person proposed whose statement of education and experience Canada has relied upon to evaluate the Bid and award the contract.

5.4 CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY AND STATUS OF PERSONNEL

5.4.1 Availability of Personnel and Facility

The Bidder certifies that, should it be authorized to provide services under any Contract resulting from this RFP, the persons and facility proposed in its bid will be available to commence performance of the Work within a reasonable time from Contract award and will remain available to perform the Work in relation to the fulfilment of this requirement.

5.4.2 Status of Personnel

If, in the fulfilment of this requirement, the Bidder has proposed any person who is not an employee of the Bidder, the Bidder hereby certifies that it has written permission from such person (or the employer of such person) to propose the services of such person in relation to the Work to be performed and to submit such person's résumé to the RFP Authority.

During the evaluation of its bid, the Bidder must upon the request of the RFP Authority provide a copy of such written permission, in relation to any or all resources proposed. The Bidder agrees that failure to comply with such a request may lead to disqualification of the Bidder's bid from further consideration.

5.5 FORMER PUBLIC SERVANT CERTIFICATION

Contracts awarded to former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension or of a lump sum payment must be able to bear the closest public scrutiny, and reflect fairness in the spending of public funds. To comply with Treasury Board policies and directives on contracts with FPS, bidders must provide the information required below.

5.5.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this clause, "former public servant" is any former member of a department as defined in the *Financial Administration Act*, R.S., 1985, c. F-11, a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces or a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A former public servant may be:

- a. an individual;
- b. an individual who has incorporated;
- c. a partnership made of former public servants; or
- d. a sole proprietorship or entity where the affected individual has a controlling or major interest in the entity.

"lump sum payment period" means the period measured in weeks of salary, for which payment has been made to facilitate the transition to retirement or to other employment as a result of the implementation of various programs to reduce the size of the Public Service. The lump sum payment period does not include the period of severance pay, which is measured in a like manner.

"pension" means a pension or annual allowance paid under the *Public Service Superannuation Act* (PSSA), R.S., 1985, c.P-36, and any increases paid pursuant to the *Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act*, R.S., 1985, c.S-24 as it affects the PSSA. It does not include pensions payable pursuant to the *Canadian Forces Superannuation Act*, R.S., 1985, c.C-17, the *Defence Services Pension Continuation Act*, 1970, c.D-3, the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act*, 1970, c.R-10, and the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act*, R.S., 1985, c.R-11, the *Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act*, R.S., 1985, c.M-5, and that portion of pension payable to the *Canada Pension Plan Act*, R.S., 1985, c.C-8.

5.5.2 Former Public Servant in Receipt of a Pension

As per the above definitions, is the Bidder a FPS in receipt of a pension?

Yes ()

No ()

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information, for all FPS in receipt of a pension, as applicable:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service.

By providing this information, Bidders agree that the successful Bidder's status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports in accordance with [Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2](#) and the [Guidelines on the Proactive Disclosure of Contracts](#).

5.5.3 Work Force Adjustment Directive

Is the Bidder a FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of the Work Force Adjustment Directive?

Yes ()

No ()

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. conditions of the lump sum payment incentive;
- c. date of termination of employment;
- d. amount of lump sum payment;
- e. rate of pay on which lump sum payment is based;
- f. period of lump sum payment including start date, end date and number of weeks;
- g. number and amount (professional fees) of other contracts subject to the restrictions of a work force adjustment program.

For all contracts awarded during the lump sum payment period, the total amount of fees that may be paid to a FPS who received a lump sum payment is \$5,000, including Applicable Taxes.

5.6 JOINT VENTURE/PARTNERSHIP

A joint venture is not considered a "person" for registration purposes, whereas a partnership is. Therefore, a partnership can have a Procurement Business Number (PBN); a joint venture cannot. A joint venture is limited in scope; a partnership is generally an ongoing business relationship that exists between persons carrying on common business.

A joint venture is an arrangement where two or more persons (participants) work together in a limited and defined business undertaking. Ordinarily, all participants of the joint venture contribute assets, share risks, and have mutual liability.

The Bidder certified that its bid is submitted to Canada as a: *(please choose one)*

- Sole proprietorship ()
- A corporation ()
- Partnership ()
- A joint venture ()

* In the case of a Joint Venture, the Bidder must provide the following details as part of its bid:

- a. the name of each member of the joint venture;
- b. the name of the representative of the joint venture, i.e. the member chosen by the other members to act on their behalf, if applicable;
- c. the name of the joint venture, if applicable.

5.7 INTEGRITY PROVISIONS

Bidders who are incorporated, including those bidding as a joint venture, must provide a complete list of names of all individuals who are currently directors of the Bidder.

Bidders bidding as sole proprietorship, as well as those bidding as a joint venture, must provide the name of the owner(s).

Bidders bidding as societies, firms or partnerships do not need to provide lists of names.

5.7.1 [The Ineligibility and Suspension Policy](#) (the “Policy”) in effect on the date the bid solicitation is issued, and all related Directives in effect on that date, are incorporated by reference into, and form a binding part of the bid solicitation. The Bidder must comply with the Policy and Directives, which can be found at Ineligibility and Suspension Policy.

5.7.2 Under the Policy, charges and convictions of certain offences against a Supplier, its affiliates or first tier subcontractors, and other circumstances, will or may result in a determination by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) that the Supplier is ineligible to enter, or is suspended from entering into a contract with Canada. The list of ineligible and suspended Suppliers is contained in PWGSC’s Integrity Database. The Policy describes how enquiries can be made regarding the ineligibility or suspension of Suppliers.

5.7.3 In addition to all other information required in the bid solicitation, the Bidder must provide the following:

- a. by the time stated in the Policy, all information required by the Policy described under the heading “Information to be Provided when Bidding, Contracting or Entering into a Real Property Agreement”; and
- b. with its bid, a complete list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions pertaining to itself, its affiliates and its proposed first tier subcontractors that, to the best of its

knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the listed offences in the Policy. The list of foreign criminal charges and convictions must be submitted using an Integrity Declaration Form, which can be found at Declaration form for procurement.

5.7.4 Subject to subsection 5.75, by submitting a bid in response to this bid solicitation, the Bidder certifies that:

- a. it has read and understands the Ineligibility and Suspension Policy;
- b. it understands that certain domestic and foreign criminal charges and convictions, and other circumstances, as described in the Policy, will or may result in a determination of ineligibility or suspension under the Policy;
- c. it is aware that Canada may request additional information, certifications, and validations from the Bidder or a third party for purposes of making a determination of ineligibility or suspension;
- d. it has provided with its bid a complete list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions pertaining to itself, its affiliates and its proposed first tier subcontractors that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the listed offences in the Policy;
- e. none of the domestic criminal offences, and other circumstances, described in the Policy that will or may result in a determination of ineligibility or suspension, apply to it, its affiliates and its proposed first tier subcontractors; and
- f. it is not aware of a determination of ineligibility or suspension issued by PWGSC that applies to it.

5.7.5 Where a Bidder is unable to provide any of the certifications required by subsection 4, it must submit with its bid a completed Integrity Declaration Form, which can be found at Declaration form for procurement.

5.7.6 Canada will declare non-responsive any bid in respect of which the information requested is incomplete or inaccurate, or in respect of which the information contained in a certification or declaration is found by Canada to be false or misleading in any respect. If Canada establishes after award of the Contract that the Bidder provided a false or misleading certification or declaration, Canada may terminate the Contract for default. Pursuant to the Policy, Canada may also determine the Bidder to be ineligible for award of a contract for providing a false or misleading certification or declaration.

5.8 FEDERAL CONTRACTOR'S PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY CERTIFICATION

5.8.1 The Federal Contractors Program (FCP) ensures that contractors who do business with the Government of Canada achieve and maintain a workforce that is representative of the Canadian workforce. The Program applies to non-federally regulated contractors that:

- have a combined workforce in Canada of 100 or more permanent full-time, permanent part-time and/or temporary employees having worked 12 weeks or more; and
- received an initial federal government goods and services contract, a standing offer, or a supply arrangement valued at \$1 million or more (including applicable taxes).

The Federal Contractors Program was established in 1986 to further the goal of achieving workplace equity for designated groups experiencing discrimination in the Canadian labour market. These groups are:

- women;
- Aboriginal peoples;
- persons with disabilities; and
- members of visible minorities.

Effective June 27, 2013 a redesigned FCP will be in effect which includes:

- an increase in the contract threshold from \$200,000 to \$1 million to support the Government's commitment to reduce regulatory red tape burden for small- to medium-sized employers;
- assessment that focus on achievement of results enabling contractors to determine initiatives best suited to their organization in order to achieve employment equity objectives.

5.8.2 [Agreement to Implement Employment Equity](#)

Contractors who bid on an initial goods and services contract, a standing offer, or a supply arrangement estimated at \$1 million or more (including applicable taxes) with the Government of Canada must first certify their commitment to implement employment equity by signing the [Agreement to Implement Employment Equity \(LAB1168\)](#) prior to contract award.

Once the goods and services contract, the standing offer, or the supply arrangement is awarded to the contractor, the contractor is assigned a unique Agreement to Implement Employment Equity number and is informed by Labour Program that they are now subject to the FCP. Contractors are then required to implement employment equity and, if representation gaps exist, to make all reasonable efforts most appropriate within the context of their specific organizational environment and structural needs to close any identified gaps. This obligation is on-going and not only subject to the period of the contract, including future contracts.

- 5.8.3 By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder, and any of the Bidder's members if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, is not named on the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](#)" list (http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards_equality/eq/emp/fcp/list/inelig.shtml) available from [Human Resources and Skills Development Canada \(HRSDC\) - Labour's](#) website

Canada will have the right to declare a bid non-responsive if the Bidder, or any member of the Bidder if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, appears on the "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](#)" list at the time of contract award.

5.9 DETERMINING THE POTENTIAL FOR COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Is there potential for commercial exploitation of any Intellectual Property that may be generated by the resulting contract?

- Yes
- No

5.10 SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the information submitted by the Bidder in response to the above requirements is accurate and complete.

Signature

Date

Print Name and Capacity

APPENDIX 1 – RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES**1. GENERAL INFORMATION****1.1. Contact Information****1.1.1. Contracting Authority**

The Contracting Authority is identified in section C1, page 1, of the Contract.

Any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the Contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from anybody other than the Contracting Authority.

1.1.2. Project Authority

The Project Authority is: To Be Determined At Contract Award

Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____

Phone number: _____
Email: _____

The Project Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract, and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Contract.

NOTE: Invoices must not to be sent to the Project Authority directly. Invoices must be sent to the address indicated on page 1 of the Contract, section C8.

1.1.3. Contractor's Authorized Representative

The Contractor's Authorized Representative is:

Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____

Phone number: _____
Email: _____

1.2. PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT

The initial period of the Contract is identified in section C3, on page 1 of the Contract.

1.3. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

There is no security requirement applicable to this Contract.

1.4. BASIS OF PAYMENT

Please refer to Annex B

1.5. METHOD OF PAYMENT**1.5.1. MILESTONE PAYMENTS**

Canada will make milestone payments in accordance with the Schedule of Milestones detailed in the Contract and the payment provisions of the Contract if:

- i. an accurate and complete claim for payment, and any other document required by the Contract have been submitted in accordance with the invoicing instructions provided in the Contract;
- ii. all work associated with the milestone and as applicable any deliverable required has been completed and accepted by Canada.

Health Canada has adopted electronic direct deposit as their method for paying invoices. Suppliers are asked to register for electronic direct deposit and to provide their account information upon request. For help with online registration, send an email to: DD@hc-sc.gc.ca.

1.6. INVOICING INSTRUCTIONS

One (1) copy of each invoice must include the following:

- a. the Contract title, number and financial code;
- b. the date;
- c. a description of the Work performed;
- d. timesheets (if payment is based on hourly/per diem rates);
- e. evidences of actual Cost (Cost Reimbursable Elements);
- f. the amount of the progress payment being claimed; and the amount of any tax (including GST/HST)

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

GC1. Interpretation

- 1.1. In the Contract,
 - 1.1.1. “Contracting Authority” means the officer or employee of Canada who is designated by the Articles of Agreement and includes a person authorized by the Contracting Authority to perform any of the Contracting Authority's functions under the Contract;
 - 1.1.2. “Cost” means Cost determined according to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Contract Cost Principles (CCP) 1031-2 as revised to the date of the bid solicitation or, if there was no bid solicitation, the date of the Contract. CCP 1031-2 are found on the PWGSC website at the following address: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/3/1031-2>
 - 1.1.3. “Minister” includes a person acting for, or if the office is vacant, in place of the Minister and the Minister's successors in the office, and the Minister's or their lawful deputy and any of the Minister's or their representatives appointed for the purpose of the Contract;
 - 1.1.4. “Work”, unless otherwise expressed in the Contract, means all the activities, services, goods, equipment and things required to be done, delivered or performed by the Contractor under the Contract.

GC2. Date of Completion of Work and Description of Work

- 2.1. The Contractor shall, between the start date and the end date specified in section C3 (Contract Period of the Articles of Agreement), perform and complete with care, skill, diligence and efficiency the Work that is described in the Statement of Work (Annex A).

GC3. Successors and Assigns

- 3.1. The Contract is to the benefit of and binds the successors and permitted assignees of Canada and of the Contractor.

GC4. Subcontractors

- 4.1. Subcontractors must obtain the equivalent level of screening or clearance as deemed required for the Contractor.
- 4.2. All contracts and subcontracts with outside parties which contain security requirements are not to be awarded without prior written permission from the Contracting Authority.

GC5. Assignment

- 5.1. The Contractor must not assign the Contract without first obtaining the written consent of the Contracting Authority. Any assignment made without that consent is void and will have no effect. The assignment will be effective upon execution of an assignment agreement signed by the Parties and the assignee.
- 5.2. Assignment of the Contract does not relieve the Contractor from any obligation under the Contract and it does not impose any liability upon Canada.

GC6. Time of the Essence and Excusable Delay

- 6.1. It is essential that the Work be performed within or at the time stated in the Contract.
- 6.2. A delay in the performance by the Contractor of any obligation under the Contract that is caused by an event that:
 - a. is beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor;

- b. could not reasonably have been foreseen;
 - c. could not reasonably have been prevented by means reasonably available to the Contractor; and
 - d. occurred without the fault or neglect of the Contractor, will be considered an “Excusable Delay” if the Contractor advises the Contracting Authority of the occurrence of the delay or of the likelihood of the delay as soon as the Contractor becomes aware of it. The Contractor must also advise the Contracting Authority, within fifteen (15) working days, of all the circumstances relating to the delay and provide to the Contracting Authority for approval a clear work around plan explaining in detail the steps that the Contractor proposes to take in order to minimize the impact of the event causing the delay.
- 6.3. Any delivery date or other date that is directly affected by an Excusable Delay will be postponed for a reasonable time that will not exceed the duration of the Excusable Delay.
 - 6.4. However, if an Excusable Delay has continued for thirty (30) days or more, the Contracting Authority may, by giving notice in writing to the Contractor, terminate the Contract. In such a case, the Parties agree that neither will make any claim against the other for damages, Costs, expected profits or any other loss arising out of the termination or the event that contributed to the Excusable Delay. The Contractor agrees to repay immediately to the Minister the portion of any advance payment that is unliquidated at the date of the termination.
 - 6.5. Unless Canada has caused the delay by failing to meet an obligation under the Contract, Canada will not be responsible for any Costs incurred by the Contractor or any of its subcontractors or agents as a result of an Excusable Delay.

GC7. Indemnification

- 7.1. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless Canada, the Minister and their employees, servants and agents from and against all claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses, actions and other proceedings, made, sustained, brought, prosecuted, threatened to be brought or prosecuted, in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributable to any injury to or death of a person or damage to or loss of property arising from any willful or negligent act, omission or delay on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor's employees, servants, agents or subcontractors in performing the Work or as a result of the Work.
- 7.2. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless Canada, the Minister and their employees, servants and agents from all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever that Canada sustains or incurs in all claims, actions, suits and proceedings for the use of the invention claimed in a patent, or infringement or alleged infringement of any patent or any registered industrial design or any copyright or other intellectual property right resulting from the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, and in respect of the use of or disposal by Canada of anything furnished pursuant to the Contract.
- 7.3. The Contractor's liability to indemnify, save harmless or reimburse Canada under the Contract shall not affect or prejudice Canada from exercising any other rights under law.
- 7.4. The Contractor agrees that Canada shall not be liable for, and agrees to protect, indemnify and save harmless Canada, the Minister and their employees, servants and agents with respect to, any injury or damage (including death) to the Contractor or to the person of any officer, servant or agent of the Contractor or for the loss of or damage to the

property of the Contractor or its officers, servants or agents in any manner based upon, occasioned by, or in any way attributable to the performance of the said Work unless the injury, loss or damage is caused by the negligence of an employee, servant or agent of Canada while acting within the scope of his or her employment.

GC8. Notices

- 8.1. Where in the Contract any notice, request, direction, or other communication is required to be given or made by either Party, it shall be in writing and is effective if delivered in person, sent by registered mail, facsimile or electronic mail addressed to the Party for whom it is intended at the address mentioned in the Contract and any notice, request, direction or other communication shall be deemed to have been given by registered mail, when the postal receipt is acknowledged by the other Party; and facsimile or electronic mail, when transmitted. The address of either Party may be changed by notice in the manner set out in this provision.

GC9. Termination for Convenience

- 9.1. At any time before the completion of the Work, the Contracting Authority may, by giving notice in writing to the Contractor, terminate for convenience the Contract or part of the Contract. Once such a notice of termination for convenience is given, the Contractor must comply with the requirements of the termination notice. If the Contract is terminated in part only, the Contractor must proceed to complete any part of the Work that is not affected by the termination notice. The termination will take effect immediately or, as the case may be, at the time specified in the termination notice.
- 9.2. If a termination notice is given pursuant to subsection 9.1, the Contractor will be entitled to be paid, for Costs that have been reasonably and properly incurred to perform the Contract to the extent that the Contractor has not already been paid or reimbursed by Canada. The Contractor will be paid:
- a. on the basis of the Contract Dollar Value, for all completed Work that is inspected and accepted in accordance with the Contract, whether completed before, or after the termination in accordance with the instructions contained in the termination notice;
 - b. the Cost to the Contractor plus a fair and reasonable profit for all Work terminated by the termination notice before completion; and
 - c. all Costs incidental to the termination of the Work incurred by the Contractor but not including the Cost of severance payments or damages to employees whose services are no longer required, except wages that the Contractor is obligated by statute to pay.
- 9.3. The Minister may reduce the payment in respect of any part of the Work, if upon inspection, it does not meet the requirements of the Contract.
- 9.4. The total of the amounts, to which the Contractor is entitled to be paid under this section, together with any amounts paid, due or becoming due to the Contractor must not exceed the Contract Dollar Value. The Contractor will have no claim for damages, compensation, loss of profit, allowance arising out of any termination notice given by Canada under this section except to the extent that this section expressly provides. The Contractor agrees to repay immediately to Canada the portion of any advance payment that is unliquidated at the date of the termination.

GC10. Termination Due to Default of Contractor

- 10.1. The Minister may, by notice to the Contractor, terminate all or any part of the Work if:

10.1.1 the Contractor becomes bankrupt or insolvent, makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or takes the benefit of any statute relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors, or if a receiver is appointed under a debt instrument or a receiving order is made against the Contractor, or an order is made or a resolution passed for the winding down of the Contractor, the Contracting Authority may, to the extent permitted by the laws of Canada, by giving written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate for default the Contract or part of the Contract; or

10.1.2 the Contractor fails to perform any of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, or, in the Minister's view, so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of the Contract in accordance with its terms.

10.2. In the event that the Minister terminates the Work in whole or in part under GC10.1, the Minister may arrange, upon such terms and conditions and in such manner as the Minister deems appropriate, for all or part of the Work to be completed that was so terminated, and the Contractor shall be liable to Canada for any excess costs relating to the completion of the Work.

10.3. Upon termination of the Work under GC10.1, the Minister may require the Contractor to deliver and transfer title to Canada, in the manner and to the extent directed by the Minister, any finished Work which has not been delivered and accepted prior to such termination and any materials or Work-in-process which the Contractor has specifically acquired or produced for the fulfilment of the Contract. Canada shall pay the Contractor for all finished Work delivered pursuant to the direction of, and accepted by, the Minister, the Cost to the Contractor of the finished Work plus the proportionate part of any fee fixed by the Contract and shall pay or reimburse the Contractor the fair and reasonable Cost to the Contractor of all materials or Work-in-process delivered pursuant to the direction. Canada may withhold from the amounts due to the Contractor the sums that the Minister determines to be necessary to protect Canada against excess Costs for the completion of the Work.

10.4. The Contractor shall not be entitled to be reimbursed any amount which, taken together with any amounts paid or becoming due to the Contractor under the Contract, exceeds the Contract Dollar Value applicable to the Work or the particular part of the Work.

GC11. Records to be Kept by Contractor

11.1. The Contractor shall keep proper accounts and records of the cost of the Work and of all expenditures or commitments made by the Contractor including invoices, original receipts and vouchers, which shall at reasonable times be open to audit and inspection by the authorized representatives of the Minister who may make copies and take extracts.

11.2. The Contractor shall afford facilities for audit and inspection and shall furnish the authorized representatives of the Minister with such information as the Minister or they may from time to time require with reference to the documents referred to in GC11.1.

11.3. The Contractor shall not dispose of the documents referred to in GC11.1 without the written consent of the Minister, but shall preserve and keep them available for audit and inspection for the period of time specified elsewhere in the Contract or, in the absence of such specification, for a period of six years following completion of the Work.

GC12. Conflict of Interest

12.1. The Contractor acknowledges that individuals who are subject to the provisions of the *Conflict of Interest Act*, 2006, c. 9, s. 2, the *Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons*, the *Values and Ethics Code for the Public Service* or all other codes of values and ethics applicable within specific organizations cannot derive any direct benefit resulting from the Contract.

GC13. Contractor Status

13.1. This is a Contract for the performance of services and the Contractor is an independent contractor engaged by Canada to perform the Work. Nothing in the Contract is intended to create a partnership, a joint venture or an agency between Canada and the other Party or Parties. The Contractor must not represent itself as an agent or representative of Canada to anyone. Neither the Contractor nor any of its personnel is engaged as an employee or agent of Canada. The Contractor is responsible for all deductions and remittances required by law in relation to its employees.

GC14. Conduct of the Work

- 14.1. The Contractor represents and warrants that:
- a. it is competent to perform the Work;
 - b. it has everything necessary to perform the Work, including the resources, facilities, labour, technology, equipment, and materials; and
 - c. it has the necessary qualifications, including knowledge, skill, know-how and experience, and the ability to use them effectively to perform the Work.
- 14.2. The Contractor must:
- a. perform the Work diligently and efficiently;
 - b. except for Government property, supply everything necessary to perform the Work;
 - c. use, as a minimum, quality assurance procedures, inspections and controls generally used and recognized by the industry to ensure the degree of quality required by the Contract;
 - d. select and employ a sufficient number of qualified people;
 - e. perform the Work in accordance with standards of quality acceptable to Canada and in full conformity with the specifications and all the requirements of the Contract; and
 - f. provide effective and efficient supervision to ensure that the quality of workmanship meets the requirements of the Contract.
- 14.3. The Work must not be performed by any person who, in the opinion of Canada, is incompetent, unsuitable or has conducted himself/herself improperly.

GC15. Member of Parliament

15.1. No Member of Parliament shall be admitted to any share or part of this Contract or to any benefit to arise from this Contract.

GC16. Protection of Work

16.1. The Contractor shall keep confidential all information provided to the Contractor by or on behalf of Canada in connection with the Work, including any information that is confidential or proprietary to third parties, and all information conceived, developed or produced by the Contractor as part of the Work where copyright or any other intellectual property rights in such information (except a licence) vests in Canada under the Contract. The Contractor shall not disclose any such information to any person without the written permission of the Minister, except that the Contractor may disclose to a subcontractor information necessary for the performance of the

subcontract, on the condition that the subcontractor agrees that it will be used solely for the purposes of such subcontract. Information provided to the Contractor by or on behalf of Canada shall be used solely for the purpose of the Contract and shall remain the property of Canada or the third party, as the case may be. Unless the Contract otherwise expressly provides, the Contractor shall deliver to Canada all such information, together with every copy, draft, working paper and note thereof that contains such information, upon completion or termination of the Contract or at such earlier time as the Minister may require. This section does not apply to any information that:

- 16.1.1. is publicly available from a source other than the Contractor; or
 - 16.1.2. is or becomes known to the Contractor from a source other than Canada, except any source that is known to the Contractor to be under an obligation to Canada not to disclose the information.
- 16.2. When the Contract, the Work, or any information referred to in GC16.1 is identified as TOP SECRET, SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL or PROTECTED by Canada,
- 16.2.1. the Contractor shall, at all times, take all measures reasonably necessary for the safeguarding of the material so identified, including any other instructions issued by the Minister; and
 - 16.2.2. the Minister shall be entitled to inspect the Contractor's premises and the premises of a subcontractor at any tier for security purposes at any time during the term of the Contract, and the Contractor shall comply with, and ensure that any subcontractor complies with, all written instructions issued by the Minister dealing with the material so identified, including any requirement that employees of the Contractor or of any subcontractor execute and deliver declarations relating to reliability screenings, security clearances and other procedures.

GC17. Contingency Fees, Auditing and Public Disclosure

- 17.1. The Contractor declares that the Contractor has not, directly or indirectly, paid or agreed to pay, and will not, directly or indirectly, pay a Contingency Fee to any individual for the solicitation, negotiation or obtaining of this Contract if the payment of the fee would require the individual to file a return under section 5 of the *Lobbying Act* R.S.C., 1985, c. 44 (4th Supp.).
- 17.2. All accounts and records relating to any payment by the Contractor of fees or other compensation for the solicitation, obtaining or negotiation of the Contract shall be subject to the accounting and auditing provisions of this Contract.
- 17.3. The Contractor consents, in the case of a contract that has a value in excess of \$10,000, to the public disclosure of basic information - other than information described in any of paragraphs 20(1)(a) to (d) of the *Access to Information Act* - relating to the Contract.
- 17.4. If the Contractor makes a false declaration under clause 17.1 or 21.1 or fails to comply with the terms set out in clause 17.2 or 17.3, it is an act of default under the Contract and the Contractor agrees, in addition to any other remedies that may be available against the Contractor, to immediately return any advance payments and agrees that the Contracting Authority may terminate the Contract in accordance with the default provisions of this Contract.
- 17.5. In this section, "Contingency Fee" means any payment or other compensation that is contingent upon or is

calculated upon the basis of a degree of success in soliciting or obtaining a government contract or negotiating the whole or any part of its terms.

GC18. Work Force Reduction Programs

- 18.1. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any person, including the Contractor, carrying out this Contract, shall make available to the Contracting Authority any details of the status of the person with respect to cash out benefits as well as details of any pension payments under work force reduction programs.
- 18.2. The Contractor shall, if asked in writing and where necessary, sign or cause to have signed on behalf of any person, a waiver of privacy with respect to any and all information in relation to any such benefits and payments.

GC19. Amendments

- 19.1. No amendment of the Contract nor waiver of any of the terms and provisions shall be deemed valid unless effected by a written amendment. For greater certainty, to be effective, any amendment to the Contract must be done in writing by the Contracting Authority and the authorized representative of the Contractor.

GC20. Replacement Personnel

- 20.1. The Contractor shall provide the services of the persons named in its bid and any additional persons necessary to perform the Work and provide the services required under this Contract, unless the Contractor is unable to do so for reasons beyond the Contractor's control.
- 20.2. Should the Contractor, at any time, be unable to provide their services, the Contractor shall be responsible for providing replacements who shall be of similar ability and attainment and who shall be acceptable to the Contracting Authority. In such case the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Authority in writing and provide:
- 20.2.1. the reason for the removal of the named person from the project;
- 20.2.2. the name of the proposed replacement;
- 20.2.3. an outline of the qualifications and experience of the proposed replacement; and
- 20.2.4. an accepted security clearance certificate, if applicable.
- 20.3. The notice shall be sent at least seven (7) days in advance of the date upon which the replacement is to commence Work. Any change in the terms and conditions of this Contract which result from a replacement of personnel shall be effected by a contract amendment.
- 20.4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor is required to perform the Work and provide the services in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

GC21. Criminal Code of Canada

- 21.1. The Contractor agrees to comply with the Code of Conduct for Procurement (the "Code") and to be bound by its terms. The Code can be accessed at the following Internet address: <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/cndt-cndct/contexte-context-eng.html> Furthermore, in addition to the Code, the Contractor must comply with the terms set out in this section.
- 21.2. The Contractor declares and it is a term of this Contract that the Contractor has, and any of the Contractor's employees assigned to the performance of the Contract have, not never been convicted of an offence, other than an offence for which a pardon has been granted under the following sections of the *Criminal Code* of Canada:
- 21.2.1. Section 121, Frauds on the government;
- 21.2.2. Section 124, Selling or purchasing office; or
- 21.2.3. Section 418, Selling defective stores to Canada.

GC22. Inspection/Acceptance

- 22.1. All the Work is subject to inspection and acceptance by Canada. Inspection and acceptance of the Work by Canada does not relieve the Contractor of its responsibility for defects or other failures to meet the requirements of the Contract. Canada will have the right to reject any Work that is not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract and require its correction or replacement at the Contractor's expense.

GC23. Taxes

- 23.1. Federal governments and agencies are to pay Applicable Taxes.
- 23.2. Applicable Taxes will be paid by Canada as provided in the Invoice Submission section. It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to charge Applicable Taxes at the correct rate in accordance with applicable legislation. The Contractor agrees to remit to appropriate tax authorities any amounts of Applicable Taxes paid or due.
- 23.3. The Contractor is not entitled to use Canada's exemptions from any tax, such as provincial sales taxes, unless otherwise specified by law. The Contractor must pay applicable provincial sales tax, ancillary taxes, and any commodity tax, on taxable goods or services used or consumed in the performance of the Contract (in accordance with applicable legislation), including for material incorporated into real property.
- 23.4. In those cases where Applicable Taxes, customs duties, and excise taxes are included in the Contract Price, the Contract Price will be adjusted to reflect any increase, or decrease, of Applicable Taxes, customs duties, and excise taxes that will have occurred between bid submission and contract award. However, there will be no adjustment for any change to increase the Contract Price if public notice of the change was given before bid submission date in sufficient detail to have permitted the Contractor to calculate the effect of the change.
- 23.5. Tax Withholding of 15 Percent – Canada Revenue Agency Pursuant to the *Income Tax Act*, 1985, c. 1 (5th Supp.) and the *Income Tax Regulations*, Canada must withhold 15 percent of the amount to be paid to the Contractor in respect of services provided in Canada if the Contractor is not a resident of Canada, unless the Contractor obtains a valid waiver from the *Canada Revenue Agency*. The amount withheld will be held on account for the Contractor in respect to any tax liability which may be owed to Canada.

GC24. Title

- 24.1. Except as otherwise provided in the Contract including the intellectual property provisions, and except as provided in subsection 24.2, title to the Work or any part thereof shall vest in Canada upon delivery and acceptance thereof by or on behalf of Canada.
- 24.2. Except as otherwise provided in the intellectual property provisions of the Contract, upon any payment being made to the Contractor for or on account of materials, parts, Work-in-process or finished Work, either by way of progress payments or accountable advances or otherwise, title in and to all materials, parts, Work-in-process and finished Work so paid for shall vest in and remain in Canada unless already so vested under any other provision of the Contract.
- 24.3. Notwithstanding any vesting of title referred to in this section and except as otherwise provided in the Contract, the risk of loss or damage to the materials, parts, Work-in-process or finished Work or part thereof so vested shall remain with the Contractor until their delivery to Canada in accordance with the Contract. The Contractor shall be

- liable for any loss or damage to any part of the Work caused by the Contractor or any subcontractor after such delivery.
- 24.4. Any vesting of title referred to in subsection 24.2 shall not constitute acceptance by Canada of the materials, parts, Work-in-process or finished Work, and shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract.
- 24.5. Where title to any materials, parts, Work-in-process or finished Work becomes vested in Canada, the Contractor shall, upon the Minister's request, establish to the Minister's satisfaction that the title is free and clear of all claims, liens, attachments, charges or encumbrances and shall execute such conveyances thereof and other instruments necessary to perfect that title as the Minister may request.
- 24.6. If the Contract is a defence contract within the meaning of the *Defence Production Act*, R.S. 1985, c. D-1, title to the Work or to any materials, parts, Work-in-process or finished Work shall vest in Canada free and clear of all claims, liens, attachments, charges or encumbrances, and the Minister shall be entitled at any time to remove, sell or dispose of it or any part of it in accordance with section 20 of that Act.
- GC25. Entire Agreement**
- 25.1. The Contract constitutes the entire and only agreement between the Parties and supersedes all previous negotiations, communications and other agreements, whether written or oral, unless they are incorporated by reference in the Contract. There are no terms, covenants, representations, statements or conditions binding on the Parties other than those contained in the Contract.
- GC26. Harassment in the Workplace**
- 26.1. The Contractor acknowledges the responsibility of Canada to ensure, for its employees, a healthy work environment, free of harassment. A copy of the Policy on the Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Workplace, which is also applicable to the Contractor, is available on the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada website.
- 26.2. The Contractor must not, either as an individual, or as a corporate or unincorporated entity, through its employees or subcontractors, harass, abuse, threaten, discriminate against or intimidate any employee, contractor or other individual employed by, or under contract with, Canada. The Contractor will be advised in writing of any complaint and will have the right to respond in writing. Upon receipt of the Contractor's response, the Contracting Authority will, at its entire discretion, determine if the complaint is founded and decide on any action to be taken.
- GC27. No Bribe or Conflict**
- 27.1. The Contractor declares that no bribe, gift, benefit, or other inducement has been or will be paid, given, promised or offered directly or indirectly to any official or employee of Canada or to a member of the family of such a person, with a view to influencing the entry into the Contract or the administration of the Contract.
- 27.2. The Contractor must not influence, seek to influence or otherwise take part in a decision of Canada knowing that the decision might further its private interest. The Contractor must have no financial interest in the business of a third party that causes or would appear to cause a conflict of interest in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract. If such a financial interest is acquired during the period of the Contract, the Contractor must immediately declare it to the Contracting Authority.
- 27.3. The Contractor warrants that, to the best of its knowledge after making diligent inquiry, no conflict exists or is likely to arise in the performance of the Contract. In the event the Contractor becomes aware of any matter that causes or is likely to cause a conflict in relation to the Contractor's performance under the Contract, the Contractor must immediately disclose such matter to the Contracting Authority in writing.
- 27.4. If the Contracting Authority is of the opinion that a conflict exists as a result of the Contractor's disclosure or as a result of any other information brought to the Contracting Authority's attention, the Contracting Authority may require the Contractor to take steps to resolve or otherwise deal with the conflict or, at its entire discretion, terminate the Contract for default. Conflict means any matter, circumstance, interest, or activity affecting the Contractor, its personnel or subcontractors, which may or may appear to impair the ability of the Contractor to perform the Work diligently and independently.
- GC28. Government Property**
- 28.1. The Contractor must take reasonable and proper care of all Government property while it is in its possession or subject to its control. The Contractor is responsible for any loss or damage resulting from its failure to do so other than loss or damage caused by ordinary wear and tear.
- GC29. Suspension of Work**
- 29.1. The Contracting Authority may at any time, by giving written notice, order the Contractor to suspend or stop the Work or part of the Work under the Contract. The Contractor must immediately comply with any such order in a way that minimizes the cost of doing so.
- GC30. Right of Set-Off**
- 30.1. Without restricting any right of set-off given by law, the Minister may set-off against any amount payable to the Contractor under the Contract, any amount payable to the Government of Canada by the Contractor under the Contract or under any other current contract. The Minister may, when making a payment pursuant to the Contract, deduct from the amount payable to the Contractor any such amount payable to the Government of Canada by the Contractor which, by virtue of the right of set-off, may be retained by the Government of Canada.
- GC31. Powers of Canada**
- 31.1. All rights, remedies, powers and discretions granted or acquired by Canada under the Contract or by law are cumulative, not exclusive.
- GC32. International Sanctions**
- 32.1. Persons in Canada, and Canadians outside of Canada, are bound by economic sanctions imposed by Canada. As a result, the Government of Canada cannot accept delivery of goods or services that originate, either directly or indirectly, from the countries or persons subject to economic sanctions.
- 32.2. The Contractor must not supply to the Government of Canada any goods or services which are subject to economic sanctions.
- 32.3. The Contractor must comply with changes to the regulations imposed during the period of the Contract. The Contractor must immediately advise Canada if it is unable to perform the Work as a result of the imposition of economic sanctions against a country or person or the addition of a good or service to the list of sanctioned

goods or services. If the Parties cannot agree on a work around plan, the Contract will be terminated for the convenience of Canada in accordance with section GC9.

GC33. Transportation Costs

33.1. If transportation Costs are payable by the Minister under the Contract and the Contractor makes the transportation arrangements, shipments must be made by the most direct and economical means consistent with normal shipping practice. The Costs must be shown as a separate item on the invoice.

GC34. Contract administration and dispute resolution

34.1. In the event that concerns or issues arise regarding the application of the terms and conditions of a contract, or regarding its administration, the Contractor should contact the contracting officer identified in the Contract to schedule a meeting by phone or in person to discuss and/or resolve any disagreements or misunderstandings. After this initial meeting has taken in place, and if needed, contractors will be provided with information on other dispute resolution options available to them such as the Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO) or other appropriate recourses.

34.2. At the request and consent of both Parties, the Office of the Procurement Ombudsman may be requested to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process to resolve any dispute between the Parties respecting the interpretation or application of the terms and conditions of the resulting Contract and their consent to bear the costs of such a process. The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman may be contacted by phone at 1-866-734-5169 or by email at boa.opo@boa.opo.gc.ca.

GC35. Transportation Carriers' Liability

35.1. The Government of Canada's policy of underwriting its own risks precludes payment of insurance or valuation charges for transportation beyond the point at which ownership of goods passes to the Government of Canada (determined by the FOB point of Incoterms). Where increased carrier liability is available without charge, the Contractor must obtain the increased liability for shipment.

GC36. Integrity Provisions in Contracts

36.1 Statement

- a. The Contractor must comply with the [Code of Conduct for Procurement](#) and must comply with the terms set out in these Integrity Provisions.
- b. The Contractor confirms that it understands that convictions of certain offences, a false declaration in its bid, a false declaration under the Contract or failing to maintain up-to-date information requested may lead to a termination for default. If the Contractor or any of its Affiliates fail to remain free and clear of any convictions and any conditional or absolute discharges specified in these Integrity Provisions during the contract period, Canada may, following a notice period, terminate for default. The Contractor understands that a termination for default will not restrict Canada's right to exercise any other remedies that may be available against the Contractor and agrees to immediately return any advance payments.

36.2 **List of Names**
The Contractor must immediately inform Canada in writing of any changes affecting the list of names of directors and owners during the contract period.

36.3 **Information Verification**
The Contractor certifies that it is aware, and its Affiliates

are aware, that Canada may verify at any time during the contract period, the information provided by the Contractor, including the information relating to the acts or convictions and any conditional or absolute discharges specified in these Integrity Provisions. Canada may request additional information, validations from a qualified third party, consent forms and other evidentiary elements proving identity and eligibility to contract with Canada.

36.4 Lobbying Act

The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its Affiliates have directly or indirectly, paid or agreed to pay, and will not, directly or indirectly, pay a contingency fee to any individual for the solicitation, negotiation or obtaining of the Contract if the payment of the fee would require the individual to file a return under section 5 of the [Lobbying Act](#).

36.5 Canadian Offences Resulting in Legal Incapacity

- a. The Contractor has certified that neither it nor any of its Affiliates have been convicted of or have pleaded guilty to an offence under any of the following provisions, which result in legal incapacity under section 750(3) of the [Criminal Code](#), and for which they have not been pardoned or received a record of discharge under the Canadian Pardons subsection:
 - i. paragraph 80(1)(d) (*False entry, certificate or return*), subsection 80(2) (*Fraud against Her Majesty*) or section 154.01 (*Fraud against Her Majesty*) of the [Financial Administration Act](#), or
 - ii. section 121 (*Frauds on the government and Contractor subscribing to election fund*), section 124 (*Selling or Purchasing Office*), section 380 (*Fraud*) for fraud committed against Her Majesty or section 418 (*Selling defective stores to Her Majesty*) of the [Criminal Code](#), or
- b. the Contractor has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to the offences described in paragraph (a) and has certified that it has not directed, influenced, authorized, assented to, acquiesced in or participated in the commission or omission of the acts or offences that would render that Affiliate ineligible to be awarded a contract under (a).

36.6 Canadian Offences

The Contractor has certified that:

- a. it and its Affiliates have not, in the last three years, from the date of contract award, been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offence under any of the following provisions for which it would be ineligible for contract award under these Integrity Provisions and for which they have not been pardoned or received a record of discharge under the Canadian Pardons subsection:
 - i. section 119 (*Bribery of judicial officers, etc*), section 120 (*Bribery of officers*), section 346 (*Extortion*), sections 366 to 368 (*Forgery and other offences resembling forgery*), section 382 (*Fraudulent manipulation of stock exchange transactions*), section 382.1 (*Prohibited insider trading*), section 397 (*Falsification of books and documents*), section 422 (*Criminal breach of contract*), section 426 (*Secret commissions*), section 462.31 (*Laundering proceeds of crime*) or sections 467.11 to 467.13 (*Participation in activities of criminal organization*) of the [Criminal Code](#), or
 - ii. section 45 (*Conspiracies, agreements or arrangements between competitors*), section 46 (*Foreign directives*), section 47 (*Bid rigging*), section 49 (*Agreements or arrangements of federal financial institutions*), section 52 (*False*

- or misleading representation), section 53 (*Deceptive notice of winning a prize*) of the [Competition Act](#), or
- iii. section 239 (*False or deceptive statements*) of the [Income Tax Act](#), or
- iv. section 327 (*False or deceptive statements*) of the [Excise Tax Act](#), or
- v. section 3 (*Bribing a foreign public official*), section 4 (*Accounting*), or section 5 (*Offence committed outside Canada*) of the [Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act](#), or
- vi. section 5 (*Trafficking in substance*), section 6 (*Importing and exporting*), or section 7 (*Production of substance*) of the [Controlled Drugs and Substance Act](#), or
- b. the Contractor has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to the offences described in paragraph (a) and has certified that it has not directed, influenced, authorized, assented to, acquiesced in or participated in the commission or omission of the acts or offences that would make that Affiliate ineligible for contract award.
- 36.7 Foreign Offences**
The Contractor has certified that:
- a. it and its Affiliates have not, in the last three years, from the date of contract award, been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offence in a jurisdiction other than Canada of having committed an act or omission that would, in Canada's opinion, be similar to an offence referenced in the Canadian Offences Resulting in Legal Incapacity and the Canadian Offences subsections and for which it would be ineligible for contract award under these Integrity Provisions and for which they have not been pardoned or received a record of discharge under the Foreign Pardons subsection:
- i. the court before which the Contractor or the Affiliate of the Contractor appeared acted within the court's jurisdiction;
- ii. the Contractor or the Affiliate of the Contractor appeared during the court's proceedings or submitted to the court's jurisdiction;
- iii. the court's decision was not obtained by fraud; and
- iv. the Contractor or the Affiliate of the Contractor was entitled to present to the court every defence that the Contractor or the Affiliate of the Contractor would have been entitled to present had the proceeding been tried in Canada; or
- b. it has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to the offences described in paragraph (a) and has certified that it has not directed, influenced, authorized, assented to, acquiesced in or participated in the commission or omission of the acts or offences that would render that Affiliate ineligible to be awarded a contract under (a).
- 36.8 Ineligibility to Contract with Canada**
a. The Contractor confirms that it understands that if after contract award they have been convicted of certain offences, as described in the Canadian Offences Resulting in Legal Incapacity, the Canadian Offences and the Foreign Offences subsections, they will be ineligible to contract with Canada. If, after contract award, a Contractor becomes ineligible for contract award, Canada may, following a notice period, declare the Contractor to be ineligible and, to the extent that a contract has been awarded:
- i. terminate the contract for default; or
- ii. require the Contractor to enter into an Administrative Agreement with the Minister of
- PWGS on such terms and conditions as are necessary to safeguard the integrity of the procurement process.
- b. The Contractor confirms that it understands that where its Affiliate has been convicted of certain offences, as described in the Canadian Offences Resulting in Legal Incapacity, the Canadian Offences and the Foreign Offences subsections, the Affiliate is ineligible to contract with Canada. If, after contract award, an Affiliate of a Contractor becomes ineligible to contract with Canada, Canada may, following a notice period, declare the Contractor to be ineligible and, to the extent that a contract has been concluded:
- i. terminate the contract for default if, in the opinion of Canada, there is evidence that the Contractor directed, influenced, authorized, assented to, acquiesced in or participated in the commission or omission of certain acts or offences that make that Affiliate ineligible; or
- ii. require the Contractor to enter into an Administrative Agreement with the Minister of PWGS on such terms and conditions as are necessary to safeguard the integrity of the procurement process.
- c. The Contractor confirms that it understands that where it has been declared to be ineligible to contract with Canada under the [Ineligibility and Suspension Policy](#), it is also ineligible to contract with Canada under these Integrity Provisions for the duration of the period that has been determined by the Minister of PWGS. Where the Contractor has been declared to be ineligible under the [Ineligibility and Suspension Policy](#) after contract award, Canada may, following a notice period:
- i. terminate the contract for default; or
- ii. require the Contractor to enter into an Administrative Agreement with the Minister of PWGS on such terms and conditions as are necessary to safeguard the integrity of the procurement process.
- d. The Contractor confirms that it understands that where it or its Affiliates have been held responsible for breaches under the Lobbying Act subsection, it is ineligible to contract with Canada under these Integrity Provisions for the duration of the period that has been determined by the Minister of PWGS. Where the Contractor has been declared to be ineligible under the [Ineligibility and Suspension Policy](#) after contract award, Canada may, following a notice period:
- i. terminate the contract for default; or
- ii. require the Contractor to enter into an Administrative Agreement with the Minister of PWGS on such terms and conditions as are necessary to safeguard the integrity of the procurement process.
- 36.9 Declaration of Offences Committed**
The Contractor understands that it has a continuing obligation to immediately declare all convictions to Canada under the Canadian Offences Resulting in Legal Incapacity, the Canadian Offences and the Foreign Offences subsections.
- 36.10 Period of Ineligibility**
The following rules determine the period for which a Contractor or its Affiliate that has been convicted of certain offences is, ineligible to contract with Canada:
- a. for all offences referenced under the Canadian Offences Resulting in Legal Incapacity subsection for which a Contractor or its Affiliate has pleaded guilty to or has been convicted of, the period of ineligibility

- to be awarded a contract is indefinite, subject to the Canadian Pardons subsection;
- b. subject to an Administrative Agreement, for all offences referenced under the Canadian Offences and Foreign Offences subsections for which a Contractor or its Affiliate has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of, as the case may be, in the last three years, the period of ineligibility to contract with Canada is ten years from the date of determination by the Minister of PWGS, subject to the Canadian Pardons and Foreign Pardons subsections;
 - c. subject to an Administrative Agreement, for all breaches under the Lobbying Act subsection for which a Contractor or its Affiliate has been found responsible, in the last three years, the period of ineligibility to contract with Canada is ten years from the date of determination by the Minister of PWGS.
- 36.11 Canadian Pardons**
A determination of ineligibility to contract with Canada will not be made or maintained by the Minister of PWGS under these Integrity Provisions, in respect of an offence or act that gave rise or that could give rise to a determination of ineligibility, if the Contractor or its Affiliate has:
- a. been granted an absolute discharge in respect of the offence, or has been granted a conditional discharge in respect of the offence and those conditions have been satisfied;
 - b. been granted a pardon under Her Majesty's royal prerogative of mercy;
 - c. been granted a pardon under section 748 of the [Criminal Code](#);
 - d. received a record of suspension ordered under the [Criminal Records Act](#); and
 - e. been granted a pardon under the [Criminal Records Act](#), as that Act read immediately before the day section 165 of the [Safe Streets and Communities Act](#) comes into force.
- 36.12 Foreign Pardons**
A determination of ineligibility to contract with Canada will not be made or maintained, as the case may be, by the Minister of PWGS in respect of matters referenced in the Foreign Offences subsection and with respect to an

offence or act that gave rise or will give rise to a determination of ineligibility, if the Contractor or its Affiliate, has at any time, benefited from foreign measures that are similar to Canadian pardons at the sole discretion of Canada, conditional discharges, absolute discharges, records of suspension, or restoration of legal capacities by the Governor in Council.

36.13 Period of Ineligibility for Breaching Administrative Agreements

The Contractor confirms that it understands that where it has concluded an Administrative Agreement and that it has breached any of its terms and conditions, the Minister of PWGS will lengthen the period of ineligibility for a period to be determined by the Minister of PWGS.

36.14 Obligations on Subcontractors

The Contractor confirms that it understands that to the extent that it relies on a subcontractor(s) to perform the Contract, the Contractor will not enter into a subcontract with a company that has been convicted of or pleaded guilty or an Affiliate of the company has been convicted of or pleaded guilty, as the case may be, to any of the offences referenced in the Canadian Offences Resulting in Legal Incapacity, the Canadian Offences and the Foreign Offences subsections for which no pardon or equivalent has been received under the Canadian Pardons and Foreign Pardons subsections, without the prior written approval of the Minister of PWGS. Where the Contractor has entered into a contract with an ineligible subcontractor and for which no prior written approval has been received by Canada, the Minister of PWGS will declare the Contractor to be ineligible to contract with Canada for a period of five years.

GC37. Entire Agreement

37.1 The Contract constitutes the entire and only agreement between the Parties and supersedes all previous negotiations, communications and other agreements, whether written or oral, unless they are incorporated by reference in the Contract. There are no terms, covenants, representations, statements or conditions binding on the Parties other than those contained in the Contract.

3. TERMS OF PAYMENT

TP1. Payment

- 1.1. Payments under this Contract, except advance payments, shall be conditional upon performance, completion and delivery of the Work, or any part of the Work to the satisfaction of the Minister but subject to the submission and receipt by Canada of a claim for payment.
- 1.2. Subject to parliamentary appropriation of funds and to TP1.1, payment by the Minister for the Work shall be made:
 - 1.2.1. in the case of an advance payment, within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Contract by both Parties or within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice requesting payment, whichever is later,
 - 1.2.2. in the case of progress payment, within thirty (30) days following the date of receipt of a duly completed Work or progress report or within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice requesting payment, whichever is later, and
 - 1.2.3. in the case of a final payment, within thirty (30) days following the date of receipt of the completed Work or within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice requesting payment whichever is later.
- 1.3. For purposes of this Contract, a full day is any period of seven and one half (7.5) hours within any twenty-four (24) hour period.
- 1.4. If the Contractor is engaged in the performance of the Work for any period that exceeds or is less than a full day, the Contractor will be paid a pro-rata portion of the firm daily rate that corresponds to the number of hours during which the Contractor was so engaged.
- 1.5. If Canada has any objections to the form of the invoice or the substantiating documentation, within fifteen (15) days of its receipt, Canada shall notify the Contractor of the nature of the objection.
- 1.6. "Form of the invoice" means an invoice which contains or is accompanied by such substantiating documentation as Canada requires. Failure by Canada to act within fifteen (15) days only results in the date specified in TP1.1 of the clause to apply for the sole purpose of calculating interest on overdue accounts.
- 1.7. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, no payment shall be made to the Contractor unless and until, with respect to all parts of the Work in respect of which payment is claimed, the Contractor, where required to do so, establishes to the satisfaction of the Minister that such parts of the Work will be free from all claims, liens, attachments, charges or encumbrances.

TP2. Interest on Overdue Accounts

- 2.1. For the purposes of this section:
 - (a) "average rate" means the simple arithmetic mean of the bank rates in effect at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time each day during the calendar month which immediately precedes the calendar month in which payment is made, where the "bank rate" means the rate of interest established from time to time by the Bank of Canada as the minimum rate at which the Bank of Canada makes short term advances to members of the Canadian Payments Association;
 - (b) "date of payment" means the date of the negotiable instrument drawn by the Receiver General for Canada and given for payment of an amount due and payable;
 - (c) an amount is "due and payable" when it is due and payable by Canada to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Contract; and
 - (d) an amount becomes "overdue" when it is unpaid on the first day following the day upon which it is due and payable.

- 2.2. Canada shall be liable to pay to the Contractor simple interest at the average rate plus three (3) percent per annum on any amount that is overdue, from the date such amount becomes overdue until the day prior to the date of payment, inclusive. Interest shall be paid without notice from the Contractor except in respect of payment which is less than 15 days overdue. No interest will be payable or paid in respect of payment made within such 15 days unless the Contractor so requests after payment has become due.
- 2.3. Canada shall not be liable to pay interest in accordance with this clause if Canada is not responsible for the delay in paying the Contractor.
- 2.4. Canada shall not be liable to pay interest on overdue advance payments.

TP3. Appropriation

- 3.1. In accordance with section 40 of the *Financial Administration Act*, payment under the Contract is subject to there being an appropriation for the particular service for the fiscal year in which any commitment hereunder would come in course of payment.

TP4. Travel and Living Expenses

Travel and living expenses incurred by the Contractor are entirely subject to the content of the current National Joint Council Travel Directive (<http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/travel-voyage/index-eng.php>) and the Treasury Board Secretariat Special Travel Authorities, Section 7, "Persons on Contract" (http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pubs_pol/hrpubs/tbm_113/statb-eng.asp). Travel and living expenses are considered to be part of the total Cost of the Contract. Expenses which exceed the Directive will not be paid. Prior authorization for projected travel and living expenses is required.

4.1. General

- 4.1.1. Travel and living expenses are to be claimed at actual Cost but are not to exceed current National Joint Council Travel Directive.
- 4.1.2. A statement indicating the names of travellers; places visited; dates and length of visits; and purpose of travel must be submitted with each claim for travel and living expenses.
- 4.1.3. Insurance for all methods of travel; accidents; illness; cancellations; immunizations; and other obligations are the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

4.2. Method of Transportation

- 4.2.1. Air travel. The standard for air travel is economy class only. Upgrades to Business or First class are the sole financial responsibility of the Contractor.
- 4.2.2. Rail Travel. The standard for rail travel is the next higher class after the full economy class.
- 4.2.3. Rental vehicle. The standard for rental vehicles is mid size. Vehicle rental must be pre-approved by the Project Authority.
- 4.2.4. Private vehicle. The Contractor may claim only for distances necessarily driven solely on government business, using the most direct, safe and practical road routes. The rate per kilometre which is payable is specified in the current National Joint Council Travel Directive. Insurance is the responsibility of the Contractor. Canada will not assume responsibility for deductible amounts related to comprehensive or collision coverage.

4.3. Meal, accommodation, transportation and other allowances

- 4.3.1. For same day travel, with no overnight stay, the applicable meals allowance is paid, as specified in the current National Joint Council Travel Directive. Receipts are not required.
- 4.3.2. For same day travel, with no overnight stay, the applicable transportation allowance is paid, as specified in the current National Joint Council Travel Directive. Copies of the receipts must be provided, except when private, non-commercial accommodation is used. Original receipts may be requested at any time by Canada, if so, the Contractor must provide original receipts prior to any payment being made.
- 4.3.3. For travel of two (2) or more consecutive days, the applicable meal allowances, and the incidental expenses allowances per day are paid, as specified in the current National Joint Council Travel Directive. Receipts are not required.
- 4.3.4. For travel of two (2) or more consecutive days, the applicable travel and accommodation allowances

per day are paid, as specified in the current National Joint Council Travel Directive. Copies of the receipts must be provided, except when private, non-commercial accommodation is used. Original receipts may be requested at any time by Canada, if so, the Contractor must provide original receipts prior to any payment being made.

- 4.3.5. Meal allowances are not paid in respect of meals included in a fare (e.g. airplane or club-car ticket), or provided free of charge in a government mess, or included as part of the Cost of an event or other function.
- 4.3.6. Professional fees, or similar equivalent Costs cannot be claimed for travel time.
- 4.3.7. Receipts and vouchers for accommodation and transportation are required to be submitted with each claim, except when private, non-commercial accommodation is used. Luxury accommodation is not permitted. Original receipts may be required upon request from Canada, if so, the Contractor must provide original receipts.
- 4.3.8. Entertainment is not an allowable expense.

4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

IP2. Canada to Own Intellectual Property Rights

1.0 Interpretation

In the Contract,

- 1.1 “Background Information” means all Intellectual Property that is not Foreground Information that is incorporated into the Work or necessary for the performance of the Work and that is proprietary to or the confidential information of the Contractor, its subcontractors or any other third party;
 - 1.2 “Firmware” means any computer program stored in integrated circuits, read-only memory or other similar devices within the hardware or other equipment;
 - 1.3 “Foreground Information” means all Intellectual Property first conceived, developed, produced or reduced to practice as part of the Work under the Contract;
 - 1.4 “Intellectual Property” means any information or knowledge of an industrial, scientific, technical, commercial, literary, dramatic, artistic or otherwise creative nature relating to the Work, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium and whether or not subject to copyright; this includes but is not limited to any inventions, designs, methods, processes, techniques, know-how, show-how, models, prototypes, patterns, samples, schematics, experimental or test data, reports, drawings, plans, specifications, photographs, manuals and any other documents, Software and Firmware;
 - 1.5 “Intellectual Property Right” means any intellectual property right recognized by law, including any intellectual property right protected by legislation such as patents, copyright, industrial design, integrated circuit topography, and plant breeders’ rights, or subject to protection under the as trade secrets and confidential information;
 - 1.6 “Software” means any computer program whether in source or object code (including Firmware), any computer program documentation recorded in any form or upon any medium, and any computer database, and includes modifications to any of the foregoing.
- 2.0 **Records and Disclosure of Foreground Information**
- 2.1 During and after the performance of the Contract, the Contractor must keep detailed records of the Foreground Information, including details of its creation, ownership and about any sale or transfer of any right in the Foreground Information. The Contractor must report and fully disclose to the Minister all Foreground Information as required by the Contract. If the Contract does not specifically state when and how the Contractor must do so, the Contractor must provide this information when requested by the Minister or a representative of the Minister, whether before or after completion of the Contract.
 - 2.2 The Contractor must, in each disclosure under this section, indicate the names of all subcontractors at any tier, if any, in which Intellectual Property Rights to any Foreground Information have vested or will vest.
 - 2.3 Before and after final payment to the Contractor, the Contractor must provide the Minister with access to all records and supporting data that the Minister considers pertinent to the identification of Foreground Information.
 - 2.4 For any Intellectual Property that was developed or created in relation to the Work, the Minister will be entitled to assume that it was developed or created by Canada, if the Contractor’s records do not list that Intellectual Property or do not indicate that it was created by the Contractor, or by someone on behalf of the Contractor, other than Canada.

3.0 Canada to Own Intellectual Property Rights in Foreground Information

- 3.1 All Intellectual Property Rights in the Foreground Information belong to Canada as soon as they come into existence. The Contractor shall have no right in or to any such Intellectual Property Rights in the Foreground Information except any right that may be granted under this Contract or otherwise in writing by Canada.
 - 3.2 The Contractor shall incorporate the copyright symbol and either of the following copyright notices, as appropriate, into all Foreground Information that is subject to copyright, regardless of the form in or medium upon which it is recorded:

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or

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 - 3.3 Any personal information, as defined in the *Privacy Act*, R.S. 1985, c. P-21, collected by the Contractor in the execution of the Work under the Contract becomes the property of Canada immediately upon collection and must be used only for the performance of the Work. The Contractor has no right in any such personal information.
 - 3.4 If the Work under the Contract involves the preparation of a database or other compilation using information or data supplied by Canada or any personal information referred to above, the Intellectual Property Rights in the database or compilation containing such information will belong to Canada. Unless the Contract otherwise expressly provides, the Contractor shall deliver to Canada all such information, data or personal information, together with every copy, draft, working paper and note thereof that contains such information, data, or personal information, upon the completion or termination of the Contract or at such earlier time as the Minister may require.
 - 3.5 The Contractor must, at its own expense and without delay, execute such documents relating to ownership of the Intellectual Property Rights in the Foreground Information as the Minister may require. The Contractor must, at Canada's expense, provide all reasonable assistance in the preparation of applications and in the prosecution of any applications for registration of any Intellectual Property Right in any jurisdiction, including the assistance of the inventor in the case of inventions.
- 4.0 **License to Intellectual Property Rights in Background Information**
- 4.1 The Contractor hereby grants to Canada a non-exclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, world-wide, fully-paid and royalty-free license to exercise the Intellectual Property Rights in the Background Information for Canada's activities. Subject to any exception described in the Contract, this license allows Canada to do anything that it would be able to do if it were the owner of the Background Information, other than exploit it commercially in competition with the Contractor and transfer or assign ownership of it. This license cannot be restricted in any way by the Contractor providing any form of notice to the contrary, including the wording on any shrink-wrap license or any other kind of packaging, attached to any deliverable.
 - 4.2 For greater certainty, Canada's license in the Background Information includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. the right to disclose the Background Information to third parties bidding on or negotiating contracts with Canada and to sublicense or otherwise authorize the use of that information by any contractor engaged by

- Canada solely for the purpose of carrying out such contracts. Canada will require these third parties and contractors not to use or disclose that information except as may be necessary to bid on, negotiate or carry out those contracts;
- b. the right to disclose the Background Information to other governments for information purposes;
 - c. the right to reproduce, modify, improve, develop or translate the Background Information or have it done by a person hired by Canada. Canada, or a person designated by Canada, will own the Intellectual Property Rights associated with the reproduction, modification, improvement, development or translation;
 - d. without restricting the scope of any license or other right in the Background Information that Canada may otherwise hold, the right, in relation to any custom-designed or custom-manufactured part of the Work, to exercise such of the Intellectual Property Rights in the Background Information as may be required for the following purposes:
 - i. for the use, operation, maintenance, repair or overhaul of the custom-designed or custom-manufactured parts of the Work;
 - ii. in the manufacturing of spare parts for maintenance, repair or overhaul of any custom-designed or custom-manufactured part of the Work by Canada if those parts are not available on reasonable commercial terms to enable timely maintenance, repair or overhaul;
 - e. for Software that is custom designed for Canada, the right to use any source code the Contractor must deliver to Canada under the Contract and to reproduce, use, modify, improve or translate the Software.
- 4.3 The Contractor agrees to make the Background Information, including in the case of Software, the source code promptly available to Canada for any purpose mentioned above. The license does not apply to any Software that is subject to detailed license conditions that are set out elsewhere in the Contract. Furthermore, in the case of commercial off-the-shelf software, the Contractor's obligation to make the source code promptly available to Canada applies only to source code that is within the control of or can be obtained by the Contractor or any subcontractor.
- 4.4 The Contractor represents and warrants that it has the right to grant to Canada the ownership in the Foreground Information and the license and any other rights to use the Background Information. The Contractor will ensure that any Intellectual Property Rights in any Foreground Information developed by a sub-contractor or any third party must be promptly transferred to and owned by Canada. If the Intellectual Property Rights in any Background Information are or will be owned by a subcontractor or any other third party, the Contractor must have or obtain promptly a license from that subcontractor or third party to grant promptly any required license directly to Canada.
- 4.5 Any information supplied by Canada to the Contractor for the performance of the Work remains the property of Canada. The Contractor must use Canada's information only to perform the Contract.
- 5.0 **Waiver of Moral Rights**
- 5.1 If requested by Canada, during and after the Contract, the Contractor must provide a written permanent waiver of moral rights, as defined in the *Copyright Act*, R.S. 1985, c. C-42, from every author that contributes to any Foreground Information subject to copyright protection that is a deliverable to Canada under the Contract. If the Contractor is an author of the Foreground Information, the Contractor permanently waives the Contractor's moral rights in that Foreground Information.

ANNEX A – STATEMENT OF WORK

1.0 SCOPE

1.1 Title

Cost-benefit analysis for proposed regulatory measures for vaping products for required labelling and information disclosure requirements.

1.2 Introduction

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of illness and premature death in Canada; every year, 37,000 Canadians die from a smoking related death or one Canadian every 14 minutes. The Government of Canada responded to this health crisis by introducing the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy (FTCS), in 2001; the strategy was renewed in 2012. The FTCS focuses on the following:

- Preventing children and youth from starting to smoke,
- Helping people to quit smoking, and;
- Helping people protect themselves from second-hand smoke.

The FTCS’s ultimate goal is to reduce tobacco-related death and disease among Canadians.

Since 2008, Canada and the world have seen a rise in the popularity of vaping products also known as e-cigarettes. The term “vaping products” includes both vaping devices and vaping liquids. Vaping devices usually consist of a battery, a heating element, a reservoir and a mouthpiece. They function by heating a vaping liquid, with many containing nicotine, to form an aerosol which is inhaled by the user. Knowledge on the potential benefits and harms of these products is evolving as well as their impact on tobacco control objectives.

In 2015, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health (HESA) investigated and reported on its findings of the potential harms and benefits of vaping products in the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health (HESA) report, [Vaping: Towards a Regulatory Framework for E-Cigarettes](#).

In response to this report, the Government of Canada introduced [Bill S-5, an Act to Amend the Tobacco Act and the Non-Smoker’s Health Act and to make consequential Amendments to other Acts](#) on November 22, 2016. The Bill’s framework for vaping products is based on the following principles:

- Protecting youth and non-users of tobacco products from nicotine addiction and inducements to tobacco use;
- Allowing adults, in particular adult smokers, to access nicotine-containing vaping products as less harmful alternative to tobacco;
- Providing a mechanism to address potential health and safety risks from nicotine-containing vaping products without therapeutic claims; and

- Preserving a path to market through the *Food and Drugs Act* (FDA) for vaping products with therapeutic claims, such as smoking cessation.

The Bill proposes to amend the *Tobacco Act* to regulate vaping products in addition to tobacco products and to change the name of the legislation to the Tobacco and Vaping Products Act (TVPA). The proposed legislation includes measures aimed at protecting youth from nicotine addiction and inducements to tobacco use while allowing adults to legally access vaping products as a less harmful alternative to tobacco.

The Bill proposes to define a vaping product in the TVPA as:

- a) a device that produces emissions in the form of an aerosol and is intended to be brought to the mouth for inhalation of the aerosol;
- b) a device that is designated to be a vaping product by the regulations;
- c) a part that may be used with those devices; and
- d) a substance or mixture of substances, whether or not it contains nicotine that is intended for use with those devices to produce emissions.

The following sets of regulations are proposed to be drafted under the authority of the TVPA:

- Mandatory labelling requirements that include nicotine concentration, a list of ingredients and text based health warnings related to the exposure of nicotine for vaping products that contains a vaping substance.
- Information disclosure requirements for vaping products
 - Manufacturers of vaping products would be required to regularly submit to the Minister of Health information about their vaping products such as ingredients, sales figures, promotional activities and research data. These reporting requirements will be similar in scope to a subset of the reporting requirements currently in place for tobacco products.
 - Additional measures for vaping products include record keeping requirements, requests for supplementary information and for the suspension of the sale of vaping products where manufacturers do not provide the required information.

The following sets of regulations are proposed to be drafted under the authority of the *Canada Consumer Product Safety Act* (CCPSA):

- Mandatory child-resistant closures for all vaping substance containers, and the tanks of vaping devices
- Mandatory labelling requirements for all containers that hold or are intended to hold a vaping substance that contains nicotine

A cost-benefit analysis is required to be completed for the proposed regulations in order estimate their impact on Canadian society as a whole and in particular to understand their impacts on the FTCS.

1.3 Estimated Level of Effort

The estimated level of effort for this requirement is 100 person days over approximately 16 weeks.

1.4 Objectives of the Requirement

The objective of this requirement is to obtain the services of a Contractor to undertake a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed regulatory measures for vaping products. This cost benefit analysis must be conducted and written so as to support the different proposed regulations separately. These proposed regulations include mandatory child-resistant containers for vaping substances, the display of mandatory labelling information for all vaping products, as well as mandatory information disclosure requirements for vaping product manufacturers, similar in scope to a subset of those in place for tobacco product manufacturers as per the TRR. Requirements would also specify that the Minister of Health can suspend the sale of vaping products if the manufacturer or importer does not provide the information required by the regulations, that the documents and data used for disclosure be kept for a period of six years, and that supplementary information can be requested by the Minister.

1.5 Background and Specific Scope of the Requirement

The Tobacco Control Directorate (TCD) will be responsible for the administration of the new TVPA, proposed in Bill S-5

(<http://www.parl.gc.ca/LegisInfo/BillDetails.aspx?Language=E&Mode=1&billId=8616151&View=0>), which will regulate the manufacture, sale, labeling and promotion of tobacco and vaping products.

Some of the activities undertaken by the organization include developing regulations under the TVPA and monitoring industry compliance with the TVPA and Regulations. As part of this work, the TCD would like to study the impact of proposed regulations that would establish mandatory labelling requirements for vaping products as well as the impact of a mandatory post-market information disclosure regime similar to the reporting requirements in place for tobacco products. There would also be additional authority to suspend the sale of vaping products when the information required by regulations is not submitted in a timely manner, to require record keeping of documents and data used to prepare information reports to facilitate compliance and enforcement activities and the ability to request supplementary information to improve Health Canada's understanding of the information disclosed by the vaping industry. TCD requires the services of a specialist to undertake a cost-benefit analysis on the impact of introducing these proposed labelling and reporting regulations for vaping products.

Bill S-5 includes a consequential amendment which would give Health Canada the authority under the CCPSA to address health or safety issues relating to vaping products that do not make therapeutic claims, whether or not they contain nicotine or are intended to be used with nicotine.

2.0 REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Tasks, Activities, Deliverables and Milestones

The Contractor must undertake the following tasks and produce the identified deliverables within the identified timeline.

Task 1: Review and Update to the detailed Work Plan and Methodology

Tentative Schedule: 2 weeks after Contract Award

Payment Schedule: n/a

Activities and Tasks: Via a teleconference or webinar with HC, the Contractor must review the scope of the project, the work plan and methodology and update it based on the Contract Award date from the version proposed in the bid.

HC will also provide access to available public and non-confidential background documents that may be relevant to expand the research for model refinement and validation.

Deliverable: Revised Work Plan and Methodology

Task 2: Industry Profile

Tentative Schedule: 4 weeks after Contract Award

Payment Schedule: 10%

Activities and Tasks: The Contractor must develop an industry profile characterizing the vaping industry, businesses, or other entities that the regulation would affect. In this case, it will be necessary for the Contractor to develop a thorough understanding of the vaping products manufacturing sector in Canada. Where possible, the Contractor will rely on existing analyses of the vaping industry if necessary, output and employment measures for the manufacturing sector from Statistics Canada and earlier studies of the industry.

A detailed industry profile on the tobacco industry is not required at this time. Health Canada will provide this information when required by contractor.

Deliverable: The Industry Profile is to include at a minimum a report on the Canadian vaping industry describing current stakeholders and suppliers, market segmentation, market shares and including a description of areas and issues relevant to the analysis of the proposed changes to labelling and reporting.

In particular, the Contractor should obtain information on, but not limited to:

- Number and size of manufacturers and importers (small, medium and large)
- Estimate of sales of vaping products in Canada by category including vaping substances, also known as e-liquids, vaping devices and their parts.
- Percentage of devices that are sold with prefilled with vaping substances
- Number of vaping products sold, by each category, per manufacturer/importer
- Percentage of products that contain nicotine
- Percentage of vaping products manufactured in Canada and those imported from other countries.

Task 3: Cost Analysis

Tentative Schedule	2 weeks after schedule (conceptual framework)
	8 weeks after schedule (annualized cost estimates)
Payment Schedule	20%

Activities and Tasks:

The Contractor must conduct a cost analysis of the total cost of implementation of each of the separate proposed regulatory measures (labelling, child resistant packaging and reporting).

In general, the cost must include the industry's cost of compliance, government administrative costs and any other cost imposed directly or indirectly by the proposed regulations. The cost estimate must include the actual or estimated compliance cost for major industry stakeholders grouped by product (e.g. vaping substances, devices and others) and by function in supply chain (e.g. suppliers, manufacturers, importers, retailer etc.). The Contractor must ensure to properly identify and isolate the change in the basic cost structure of the typical firm in each stakeholder category to accurately account for the incremental costs due to the proposal. If necessary, the Contractor will undertake key informant interviews with industry representatives, experts and printing suppliers in the industry. This analysis is limited to costs of Canadian businesses impacted by these regulations and does not include costs to foreign businesses to comply with these proposed Canadian requirements.

In general costs associated with changes to the regulations may include, but are not limited to:

- Capital costs (if any) for the purchase of new machinery and equipment in order to comply with the proposed regulations.
- Costs for redesign of vaping products to comply with proposed regulatory requirements.
- Changes in annual operating costs.
- Net present value of the change in the cost of producing vaping products and their packaging including devices and vaping substances (or other product)
- Anticipated change in product pricing, if any.
- Reductions in sales, measured both in terms of reduced quantity of vaping products sold, and reduced sales revenue. Reductions in sales should be differentiated by product category, and if possible by manufacturer and by region.
- Change in profits to vaping manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers,
- Identification of manufacturer/importer and retailer/distributor labelling and/or product inventory obsolescence during transition periods.
- Inclusion of any additional government administrative/or enforcement costs.

Labelling Costs

Proposed labelling requirements would include key health warnings to be affixed to the label and include: nicotine concentration, a list of ingredients, and a statement regarding the health hazards of nicotine (i.e. nicotine is addictive). Costs estimates specific for these proposed labeling requirements may include, but are not limited to:

- Manufacturer Costs associated with changing all vaping product packaging to display required information such as nicotine concentration, a warning statement and a list of ingredients.

- Manufacturer Costs associated with various possible label types (i.e. tags, and pamphlets etc.).
- Health Canada: cost of compliance and enforcement.

Child-Resistant Container Costs

Proposed requirements would include mandatory child-resistant closures on all containers that hold or are intended to hold vaping substances, including:

- Containers used to refill vaping device tanks.
- Cartridges intended to be inserted into vaping devices.
- Vaping device tanks.

Reporting Costs

Proposed post-market reporting requirements for vaping products include the disclosure to Health Canada of vaping product sales and marketing data, ingredients of liquids and details about devices and their parts including materials used, research and development information and information about promotional activities. This analysis is limited to costs of Canadian businesses (manufacturers and importers) impacted by information disclosure requirements. This information would be used by Health Canada to develop new or amended regulations or policies with regard to vaping products and tobacco control, including measures to reduce tobacco use and to prevent youth and non-smokers from taking up vaping products. Specifically, the information would be used to monitor how vaping products are marketed, track the evolution of the vaping product market and the vaping industry, including product types and design characteristics, and help assess vaping products' impact on the Canadian tobacco market. It could also be used to support internal and external research efforts regarding vaping products as well as efforts to enhance the public awareness of health hazards of vaping product use. Information disclosure requirements for vaping products would also include those that would suspend the sale should the manufacturer or importer fail to provide the required information. The other provision is to require manufactures and importers of vaping products to maintain their documents for six years. The documentation must be kept in a manner and form so that they could be readily accessed and viewed in Canada. The Minister will also have the authority to request supplementary information in the manner and form specified by the Minister.

Cost estimates for compliance of these proposed information disclosure regulations for vaping may include but are not limited to:

- An Estimation of a one-time initial implementation costs and ongoing costs of compliance with information disclosure requirements for manufacturers and importers, such as:
 - The time in hours required to file information reports x hourly rate of employees doing the work
 - The costs of any new computer or IT infrastructure required to be purchased
 - Information management costs to keep records for 6 years.
- An Estimation of the costs to Health Canada, such as:

- Costs to receive, store, review reports.

Deliverables:

Conceptual Framework

Annualized cost estimates: The cost analysis report must show the annual baseline and expected incremental cost estimates by key stakeholder group (e.g. manufacturers, importers, suppliers, consumers) and/or market segment (e.g. vaping liquids, devices, tobacco products etc.) over the policy horizon.

Task 4: Benefits Analysis

Payment Schedule: 20%

Step 1: Determining an appropriate Conceptual Framework (establishing the impact of the proposed regulatory measures for vaping products)

Tentative schedule: 8 weeks after contract award

The purpose of this task is to research, document and establish a theoretical framework that can support the assumption that the proposed vaping regulations, in conjunction with other regulatory directives, regulations and programs will support the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy to reduce tobacco-related death and disease among Canadians and will help reduce health or safety risks related to vaping products.

Instead of directly attributing the benefits of each regulation as a one-to-one reduction in tobacco use prevalence, the framework should assume that the benefits of these vaping regulations, along with other policies and programs, will support and contribute to the overall benefits that are expected to be achieved by the FTCS.

The Contractor must undertake this analysis of benefits of the proposed change in vaping products labelling, mandatory child-resistant containers for vaping substances, and mandatory information disclosure requirements through the lens of the TVPA's overarching purpose, to control and to lower the incidence of tobacco use in Canada as well as support the FTCS, and the CCPSA's overarching purpose to reduce health or safety risks from consumer products. They must begin by establishing a conceptual framework that can support the assumptions about expected societal benefits of the proposed regulations for vaping products.

While few studies exist that formalize the hypothesized relationship of vaping products to tobacco related harms in a manner that is well grounded in the literature; given the nature of this file, it is important that an estimation of beneficial impacts of the proposal is well grounded in theory, is defensible and supported by empirical data.

Deliverables: Conceptual Framework: A conceptual framework for understanding/ analyzing the impacts of the mandatory labelling of vaping products on consumer behavior and the collection of information on vaping products and vaping industry promotional activities.

Step 2: Assessing incremental benefits of the proposal:

Tentative schedule: 12 weeks after contract award

The Contractor must include the following activities as supported by the framework developed in Stage 1:

- Identification of the historical risk exposure profile posed by tobacco use in Canada and an analysis of the key drivers.
- Identification of the historical risk exposure profile posed by vaping products and an analysis of the key drivers.
- Quantify in monetary terms the socio-economic value of these health improvements including but not limited to:
 - Protection of young persons and non-users of tobacco products from inducements to use vaping products through health warning statements on vaping products,
 - Prevention of the public from being misled with respect to the health hazards of using vaping products, including health hazards regarding harmful effects of nicotine on developing foetus and addictiveness of nicotine
 - Protection of the health of young persons and non-users of tobacco products from exposure to and dependence on nicotine through the use of vaping products that could potentially lead to uptake of smoking

The benefit analysis of mandatory child resistant closures for vaping substance containers may include, but not be limited to the following:

- Determine if child-resistant containers for vaping substances reduces the risk that children will suffer harmful effects from ingesting toxic vaping substances.

The benefit analysis of mandatory labelling requirements may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Determine if a list of ingredients, including nicotine, on a label , enhances the public awareness about vaping product hazards such as nicotine exposure and risk of addiction,
- Consumer's right make informed choices with respect to their own health, and are prevented from being deceived or mislead with respect to the health hazards of using vaping products,
- Determine if warnings on labels of containers of vaping substances that contain nicotine reduces the risk that children will ingest toxic vaping substances.

The benefit analysis of mandatory information disclosure for vaping products may include, but not be limited to, an improved understanding of the vaping market and emerging health issues in order to improve policy decisions and new or amended regulations. These health issues may include:

- Trends in vaping product use prevalence,

- Protecting youth health hazards and harms related to vaping product use including from nicotine exposure and addiction,
- Prevent youth and non-users from harm of using vaping products which includes leading to tobacco use.

Deliverables: Annualized benefits: Quantified expected annual benefits of the proposed changes by stakeholder (.e.g. government, society) over the planning horizon. Options for analysis may include but are not limited to a value of information analysis or a breakeven analysis.

Task 5: Determining the Net Present Value (NPV)

Payment Schedule: 30%

Tentative Schedule:

- Draft results of analyses showing discounted flows and estimated NPV and sensitivity analysis and assumptions; (11 weeks)
- Draft results of distributional analyses and draft accounting statement. (12 weeks)
- Incorporate these results in a summary of CBA which will be used in the development of the Regulatory Impact Assessment Statement (RIAS). (14 weeks)

Activities and tasks:

The Contractor must conduct sensitivity analyses, distributional impact analyses and complete the Accounting Statement to include:

- Determining the NPV of the proposed change in vaping substance containers, vaping product labelling and reporting and testing the sensitivity of the estimate to plausible changes in key underlying assumptions (e.g., costs, benefits, discount rates etc.);
- Performing distributional analyses of the costs and/or benefits (e.g., by industry sector, geographic, socio-economic, cultural);
- Summarizing the results of the analyses in an accounting statement showing the distribution of monetized costs and benefits by major stakeholder and the distribution of benefits in non-monetary terms; and
- Preparing a summary of the Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) (see Section 1.4) which briefly describes the approach and the estimates presented in the accounting statement. The summary will be used in the development of the RIAS.

Deliverables:

Draft results of analyses showing discounted flows and estimated NPV and sensitivity analysis and assumptions

Draft results of distributional analyses and draft accounting statement.

Incorporate these results in a summary of CBA which will be used in the development of the RIAS.

Task 6: Final Report

Payment Schedule: 20%

Tentative Schedule:

- Draft Report (15 weeks after Contract Award)
- Final Report along with all final supporting data, calculations, assumptions, methodologies and notes. (16 weeks after Contract Award)

Activities and Tasks:

The Contractor must prepare a draft and final report incorporating results of all three aspects of the regulations (labelling, child resistant packaging and reporting) and full analyses conducted complete with bibliography. The Final report must include the technical detail. The HC Project authority will provide to the contractor a sample of the format and style of the report that they would require to be used no later than within 4 weeks of Contract Award.

Deliverables:

Draft Report

Final Report along with all final supporting data, calculations, assumptions, methodologies and notes.

Activities and Tasks	Tentative schedule	Payment schedule	Firm Amount
Task 1: Review and Update to the detailed Work Plan and Methodology	2 weeks after Contract Award		
Task 2: Industry Profile	6 weeks after Contract Award	10%	
Task 3: Cost Analysis	10 weeks after Contract Award	20%	
Task 4: Benefits Analysis	12 weeks after Contract Award	20%	
Task 5: Determining the Net Present Value (NPV)	14 weeks after Contract Award	30%	
Task 6: Final Report	16 weeks after Contract Award	20%	

2.2 Specifications and Standards

All reports must be written in Microsoft Office Word with Charts converted to a viewable format (pdf). The electronic file used to prepare the charts and diagrams (such as Excel and MS Visio) must be provided. The Contractor must submit in electronic format all cleaned datasets and spreadsheets (unweighted and weighted) used for the model. The Final Report is to include literature references and a list of subject-matter experts consulted.

All findings must be evidence based, and represent an objective critical analysis that is presented in a concise, logical manner.

2.3 Technical, Operational and Organizational Environment

The Contractor is expected to have their own working environment and appropriate software.

2.4 Method and Source of Acceptance

Health Canada will maintain regular bi-weekly contact by e-mail or teleconference with the Contractor to ensure that tasks, activities, deliverables and milestones are carried-out to the satisfaction of the Project Authority.

All deliverables shall be submitted to Health Canada's Project Authority within the timelines stipulated for review and approval. Each deliverable will be submitted as a draft to the HC's Project Authority for their review and approval. The Project Authority will consult with HC staff and provide comments to the Contractor on each draft. A final version of each deliverable should be provided to HC within three (3) working days of the comments received from Health Canada, unless otherwise agreed to by both parties.

All deliverables and services rendered under this Contract are subject to inspection by the HC Project Authority, who will consult with other HC staff during the inspection. The HC Project Authority or delegate (s) shall review all deliverables for completeness and to ensure that deliverables meet the requirements. Should any deliverables not be to the satisfaction of the HC Project Authority, as submitted, the HC Project Authority shall have the right to reject or require correction of any deliverable that does not satisfy the stated requirements before HC authorizes payment to the Contractor. A milestone will not be achieved until all requested changes are implemented to the satisfaction of the HC Project Authority.

With the exception of the final report, all deliverables must be provided in electronic copies only unless otherwise requested by the Health Canada (HC) Project Authority and agreed to by all parties.

Three (3) copies of the final report (incorporating all previously submitted and accepted deliverables) must be submitted to HC along with an electronic copy and all data files on an electronic storage device (such as a USB) in a format compatible with systems at HC to complete the project.

All final deliverables are to be provided to the HC Project Authority within the timelines stipulated.

All analyses conducted as part of the Contract will be consistent with TBS Guidelines on conducting Cost Benefit Analysis for regulatory purposes, unless explicitly directed otherwise by the Project Authority. A copy of this Guideline is available at <http://tbs-sct.gc.ca/rtrap-parfa/analys/analys-eng.pdf>.

Should the Contractor at any time be unable to provide the services described within the Contract, the Contractor shall be responsible for providing replacement services and/or personnel at the same cost and which shall be of similar or greater ability and attainment, and who shall be acceptable to the HC Project Authority.

In advance of the date upon which replacement resources and/or service delivery means are to commence, the Contractor shall notify in writing to the HC Project Authority of the reason for the unavailability of the resource(s) and/or services named in the Contract.

The Contractor shall then provide to the HC Project Authority the name(s) and/or an outline of the qualifications and capabilities of the proposed replacement resources/services, and their security screening level if applicable.

Under no circumstances shall the Contractor allow performance of replacement services that have not been authorized by the HC Project Authority.

2.5 Reporting Requirements

Weekly progress reports will be required bi-weekly by email to the Health Canada Project Authority, and should outline the progress and activities/meetings to date. The Contractor must include in the progress reports, at minimum, information on the activities that the Contractor accomplished since the last status report, those that were planned but not accomplished since the last status report and those planned for the next reporting period. The Contractor shall identify and report any issue that may arise that affects the project or that requires a decision from the HC Project Authority. The Contractor will also be available for meetings as required (e.g., in person, teleconference).

In addition to the timely submission of all deliverables and the fulfilment of all obligations under this Contract, the Contractor is responsible for facilitating and maintaining monthly communication with the HC Project Authority. This means using all reasonable effort to inform all parties of plans, decisions, proposed approaches, implementation, and results of work, to ensure that the work is progressing well and in accordance with expectations. Communication may include telephone calls, electronic mail, mailings and meetings.

2.6 Project Management Control Procedures

The HC Project Authority shall ensure that the work will be brought in on time and on budget, and be of an acceptable quality. The project authority shall meet bi-weekly with the Contractor to ensure progress is being achieved according to timeframes and to identify and address any emerging issues and:

- Obtain progress reports on a bi-weekly basis;
- Discuss potential challenges and solutions in a collaborative manner;
- Remind the Contractor to submit milestone deliverables by the date indicated for each milestone;

- Ensure that deliverables and invoices are submitted on time;
- Any limitations the Contractor may experience.

Unless otherwise indicated, all reports and other documents and deliverables submitted to HC shall be prepared using common business software compatible with Microsoft's Office Suite, or follow web compatibility if applicable for online deliverables. HC shall not convert or otherwise modify documents received before viewing them. Deliverables that cannot be readily accessed will be rejected and returned for reformatting.

2.7 Change Management Procedures

Health Canada does not anticipate any changes to the requirements detailed in this Statement of Work (SOW). However, if changes do arise they must be done in writing by the HC Project Authority, and a written Contract amendment must be prepared to reflect these changes in advance of the work being undertaken by the Contracting Authority.

2.8 Ownership of Intellectual Property

The Crown will own the Intellectual Property emanating from this work. The Crown will have the option to make the results of the report public, to distribute internally or to give the results to a third party for their own use and or publication.

3.0 OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SOW

3.1 Authorities

The Departmental Representative (or delegated representative) is the Health Canada Contracting Authority and is responsible for the management any Contract resulting from this SOW. Any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Departmental Representative. The Contractor is not to perform work in excess of or outside the scope of this Contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from any government personnel other than the aforementioned officer.

The Project Authority (or delegated representative) is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Contract. Any proposed changes to the scope of the Work are to be discussed with the Project Authority, but any resulting changes can only be confirmed by a Contract Amendment issued by the Departmental Representative.

The person who will handle invoicing and administrative questions will be Dorothy Stewart Paul.

3.2 Health Canada Obligations

Health Canada Project Authority shall provide the following:

- Ensure that the appropriate subject matter experts from within HC are available to the

Contractor to discuss and provide content, source, and/or public reference material such as surveillance data results or previous regulatory initiatives, as well as to facilitate cooperation with other HC representatives as required;

- Provide the Contractor with specific program related supporting documentation such as past cost-benefit analysis conducted to support tobacco regulations and any relevant public and non-confidential information in Health Canada's possession to support the Contractor to complete identified tasks and deliverables;
- Provide comments on all submitted deliverables within five (5) business days;
- Provide the Contractor with both physical and electronic Health Canada delivery addresses, to which deliverables are to be submitted.

3.3 Contractor's Obligations

In addition to the requirements specified under Article 2.0, the Contractor shall:

- Inform the HC Project Authority Coordinator as soon as possible should anything arise impeding the progress of the project as planned;
- Participate in teleconferences, as needed.
- Use own equipment for performance of SOW

3.4 Location of Work, Work site and Delivery Point

All work, including presentations in the form of teleconference or webinar to Health Canada, will be conducted at the Contractor's site.

Any Contract resulting from this RFP will be interpreted and governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario.

Without affecting the validity of its bid, the Bidder may, at its discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of its choice by deleting the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the Canadian province or territory of its choice. If no change is made, the Bidder acknowledges that the applicable law specified is acceptable.

Due to existing workload and deadlines, all personnel assigned to any Contract resulting from this RFP must be ready to work in close and frequent contact with the Departmental Representative and other departmental personnel.

3.5 Language of Work

All written and oral communication will be in English. The deliverables will be presented in English.

3.6 Insurance Requirements

It shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor to decide whether or not any insurance coverage is necessary for its own protection or to fulfil its obligations under the Contract and to ensure compliance with required federal, provincial or municipal law. Any such insurance shall be provided and maintained by the Contractor at its own expense.

3.7 Travel and Living

There is no travel associated with this requirement.

4.0 PROJECT SCHEDULE

4.1 Expected Start and Completion Dates

The services of the Contractor will be required for approximately 4 months commencing on or about August 1, 2017. The expected completion date of this project is December 1, 2017.

4.2 Project Schedule

The Project Schedule is identified in Article 2.1.

5.0 REQUIRED RESOURCES OR TYPES OF ROLES TO BE PERFORMED

Refer to Section 2.0 Requirements.

6.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS AND GLOSSARY

6.1 Relevant Terms and Acronyms

WHO – World Health Organisation

HC – Health Canada

ANNEX B – BASIS OF PAYMENT

1. BASIS OF PAYMENT

- 1.1.** Canada will pay the Contractor for the satisfactory performance of the agreed to services an amount not to exceed \$_____, inclusive of all expenses, customs and duties, and applicable taxes.
- 1.2.** All prices and amounts of money in the Contract are exclusive of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), whichever is applicable, unless otherwise indicated. GST or HST, to the extent applicable, will be incorporated into all invoices and progress claims for goods supplied or work performed and will be paid by Canada. The Contractor agrees to remit to Canada Revenue Agency any GST or HST paid or due.
- 1.3.** No increase in the total liability of Canada or in the price of Work resulting from any design changes, modifications or interpretations of specifications made by the Contractor will be authorized or paid to the Contractor unless such changes, modifications or interpretations have been approved in writing by the Contracting Authority prior to their incorporation into the Work. The Contractor is not obliged to perform any Work or provide any service that would cause the total liability of Canada to be exceeded without the prior written approval of the Contracting Authority. The Contractor will notify the Project Authority in writing as to the adequacy of this sum:
- a. when it is seventy five percent (75%) committed, or
 - b. four (4) months prior to the Contract expiry date, or
 - c. if the Contractor considers the funds provided to be inadequate for the completion of the Work, whichever comes first.

In the event that the notification refers to inadequate funds, the Contractor will provide to the Project Authority, in writing, an estimate for the additional funds required. Provision of such notification and estimate for the additional fund does not increase the liability of Canada.

2. PRICE BREAKDOWN

2.1. MILESTONES

The schedule of milestones for which payments will be made in accordance with the Contract is as follows. These amounts do not include GST/HST.

Schedule of Milestones	Delivery date	Firm amount
#1. REVIEW AND UPDATE TO THE DETAILED WORK PLAN AND METHODOLOGY	2 WEEKS AFTER CONTRACT AWARD	\$_____

#2. INDUSTRY PROFILE	6 WEEKS AFTER CONTRACT AWARD	(10%) \$_____
#3. COST ANALYSIS	10 WEEKS AFTER CONTRACT AWARD	(20%) \$_____
#4. BENEFITS ANALYSIS	12 WEEKS AFTER CONTRACT AWARD	(20%) \$_____
#5. DETERMINING THE NET PRESENT VALUE (NPV)	14 WEEKS AFTER CONTRACT AWARD	(30%) \$_____
#6. FINAL REPORT	16 WEEKS AFTER CONTRACT AWARD	(20%) \$_____
Subtotal (excluding GST/HST)		\$_____
Estimated applicable taxes		\$_____
TOTAL		\$_____

ANNEX C – SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**THERE IS NO SECURITY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS REQUIREMENT**

No security clearance required. Information which is to be used in the development of the Contracted product as reference material or otherwise made available to the Contractor must be unclassified material and considered to be releasable to the public by HC/PHAC and/or The Government of Canada.

No Protected or Classified information is to be made available to the Contractor, used in the production of the Contracted product, or produced as a result of this Contract.

The Contractor will will be escorted by an employee or Commissionaire at all times if visiting Government of Canada facilities.