

Questions and Answers

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Questions:	Answers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please extend the closing date to provide enough time to complete the bid after the amendment is published with the changes to comply with the SA specifications. In preparation of this bid, we have come across a number of items that contradict the SA. Although the SA does allow for Non-SA products to be included with approval from Acquisitions Branch, we have noticed that the non-SA specifications would put the amount of non-SA products well over the allowed 20%. Therefore, we would ask that the RFB be revised to remove these additional specifications or that you exercise the option to cancel the RFB and re-issue the request as an RFP with the specifications you require. The following items from the additional specification do not comply with the Supply Arrangement or do not correspond with the requirements previously noted in the RFB documents. 1.8.2 - The panel heights must consist 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Closing date will be extended to October 10th, 2017.....New delivery date of November 20th, 2017. NRC is a custodial department that is not subject to the PSPC standard workplace 2.0 fit-up at this time. However having said that NRC had chosen to stay as close to the Government of Canada Standard as possible and have only made specific changes to the amenities within the standard to account for the unique work performed in most of our facilities. This being said all items in our fit-up may not fall within the SA's. We have chosen items off the SA that fit our specifications as closely as possible....when in question it is the specification document that should be referred to and referenced. For the items listed please refer to the specification document as reference. 	

of a base panel with or without an add-on...This does not follow the SA specification in Annex A 3.4: base panels to be 28" to 38", worksurface privacy height to be 42" to 48" and consist of a base panel plus and add-on, and finally the seated privacy height to be 50" to 54" and consist of a base panel plus and add-on.

Part 2, 2.2.1.3, as above, the panel heights in the SA at found in 6.1 "The overall panel height, including any panel mounted component must not exceed 1.37 m (54 in.). Panels must be stackable." The glass add-on exceeds the allowable height of the SA specification.

Part 2, 2.2.2.2 requests glass. The SA allows for glass, acrylic and plexiglass, please see Annex A 6.23.4.

Part 2, 2.2.6.1, the requirement of panels to stack up to 90" high is not an SA requirement, please see Annex A 3.4.

Part 2, 2.2.8.1 The SA states "Fabric for panels, tack boards and seated cushions must be manufactured from 100% recycled material or from other environmentally appropriate materials." Please revise specification to adhere to these requirements.

Part 2 2.3.5.1.2, the SA states that height adjustable tables with a sit/stand range must be capable of a height adjustment of 710mm to 1040mm (27 to 41 in.). The range of 27" to 45"

Part 2 2.3.7 Storage tower dimensions contradict the code PSTxW2FCxxx2424Lxx listed. The code is for a 54"h max tower. Please advise what is required while keeping in mind that the SA does not allow for the tower to exceed the height of the seated privacy height panel when located within a workstation.

Part 2 2.3.8 The SA does not allow for a Tool Bar, but does allow for an Accessory Element, please see Annex A 6.19
"Panel-mounted accessories must be integrated into the panel frame or

attached to the panels separately.
Panel-mounted accessory widths must correspond with panel widths".

Part 2 2.3.12.3 The SA allows for duplex and triples outlet, not simplex. Please see Annex A 6.14.4 "Each workstation must be provided with three (3) duplex power outlets six (6) receptacles and one (1)voice / data outlet."

4. 2.1.2 - You have listed a limited number of acceptable manufacturers but it is our understanding that under the Supply Arrangement any SA holder would be an acceptable bidder for the Category that they hold under the SA. Please confirm that all bidders who hold Supply Arrangements for Category 1, 2, 3 and 5 are acceptable.

4. **All manufacturers meeting the specifications outlined within our reference documents are welcome to bid.**

Upon request, the text above can be provided in French.



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