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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

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

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**NURSING AGENCY SERVICES TO REMOTE, ISOLATED, AND SEMI ISOLATED
FIRST NATION (FN) COMMUNITIES ON BEHALF OF HEALTH CANADA (HC)**

SOLICITATION NO. HT426-172611/C

AMENDMENT 004

This amendment contains the following sections:

1. Questions and Answers
2. Modifications to the Solicitation

Section 1: Questions and Answers

Note: Questions are numerically sequenced upon arrival at PSPC. A question and its answer will be provided via BuyandSell as the response becomes available. Potential Bidders are therefore advised that questions and answers may be issued via BuyandSell out of sequence. The following questions have been received. In accordance with Article 13 of the 2003 Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements (2017-04-27), which has been incorporated into the RFP, the questions and corresponding answers are provided to all potential Bidders as set out below:

Question 9:

Can you please provide clarity on the following enquiries regarding *Annex A: Statement of Work, Appendix A to Annex A: Designated Transportation Hubs for Agency Nurses*, for Manitoba, Quebec, and Alberta:

- a. Many nurses providing service to Health Canada today are cross-licensed in multiple provinces, and many of these are from the eastern Canadian provinces. Would Canada consider expanding the list of hubs to include those such as Halifax in the east?
- b. Would Canada consider expanding the hubs for Annex A–Manitoba so that there is reciprocity? For example, Winnipeg is a hub for Ontario but Thunder Bay, Toronto, and Ottawa are not hubs for Manitoba?
- c. Would Canada consider expanding the hubs for Annex A–Quebec so that Halifax is included?
- d. Would Canada consider expanding the hubs for Annex A–Alberta so that Calgary, Vancouver and Winnipeg are included?
- e. Would Canada consider making all Designated Transportation Hubs common to the services delivered in all provinces?

Otherwise, the cost of travel will increase significantly, which will translate into higher rates.

Answer 9:

Canada considers the Designated Transportation Hubs, as currently stated in Appendix A to Annex A for each Region, as appropriate and does not anticipate adding additional cities. However, Canada will accept alternate Designated Transportation Hubs where an equivalent cost, or cost savings, can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Task Authorization Authority (TAA).

Please see modifications 55 to 58.

Section 2: Modifications to the Solicitation

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is hereby modified as follows:

49. At Part 7, Page 50 of 72, Subsection 1.2.1:

DELETE: The Work to be performed under the Contract will be on an "as and when requested basis" using a Task Authorization (TA). The Work described in the TA, inclusive of any revisions, must be in accordance with the scope of the Contract.

INSERT: Work described at Annex A, Statement of Work, will be performed under the Contract on an "as and when requested basis".

50. At Part 7, Page 51 of 72, Subsection 1.2.2:

DELETE: With respect to the Work mentioned under article 1.2.1:

1. an obligation will come into force when the Contractor receives a Task Authorization (TA), inclusive of any revisions;
2. the TA Authorization Authority and limit will be determined in accordance with article 1.2.6 below;
3. the Contractor must not commence Work until a TA, inclusive of any revisions, has been authorized and issued in accordance with the Contract. The Contractor acknowledges that Work performed before a TA, inclusive of any revisions, has been authorized and issued in accordance with the Contract will be done at the Contractor's own risk and expense; and
4. the TA, inclusive of any revisions, will be authorized under the Contract through the use of Annex E, Task Authorization Form. An authorized TA is a completed Annex E signed by the TA Authorization Authority.

INSERT: With respect to the Work mentioned under article 1.2.1:

1. an obligation will come into force only when the Contractor receives a Task Authorization (TA), inclusive of any revisions, authorized and issued in accordance with this clause, and only to the extent designated in the authorized TA;
2. the TA Authority and limit will be determined in accordance with article 1.2.6 below;
3. the Contractor must not commence Work until a TA, inclusive of any revisions, has been authorized and issued in accordance with the Contract. The Contractor acknowledges that Work performed before a TA, inclusive of any revisions, has been authorized and issued in accordance with the Contract will be done at the Contractor's own risk and expense;

4. the task description, inclusive of any revisions, included in an authorized TA must fall within the scope of the Statement of Work, in Annex A; and
5. the TA, inclusive of any revisions, will be authorized under the Contract through the use of Annex E, Task Authorization Form. An authorized TA is a completed Annex E signed by the TA Authority.

51. At Annex A, Statement of Work - Alberta, Page 2 of 12, Article 4, b):

DELETE: **Call-back Time:** means one continuous period of time commencing with the start time of the initial Call-back and ending either three hours later, or at the time of the conclusion of any subsequent Call-back that was initiated prior to the end of the 3 hour period, whichever is later. Any subsequent Call-back(s) initiated within a Call-Back Time will have the effect of extending the end of the Call-Back Time and does not constitute a separate Call-Back Time.

INSERT: **Call-back Time:** means one continuous period of time commencing with the start time of the initial Call-back and ending either three hours later, or at the time of the conclusion of the initial Call-back or any subsequent Call-back that is initiated prior to the end of the 3 hour period, whichever is later. Any subsequent Call-back(s) initiated within a Call-back Time has the effect of extending the end of the Call-back Time to the time of the conclusion of the subsequent Call-back(s) and does not constitute a separate Call-Back Time. If the Call-back Time overlaps with a Contract Nurse's scheduled Regular Working Hours, then the Call-back Time is considered concluded at the time that the Contract Nurse begins its scheduled Regular Working Hours, or three hours after the commencement of the initial Call-back, whichever is later.

52. At Annex A, Statement of Work - Manitoba, Page 2 of 12, Article 4, b):

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53. At Annex A, Statement of Work - Ontario, Page 2 of 12, Article 4, b):

DELETE: **Call-back Time:** means one continuous period of time commencing with the start time of the initial Call-back and ending either three hours later, or at the time of the conclusion of any subsequent Call-back that was initiated prior to the end of the 3

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54. At Annex A, Statement of Work - Quebec, Page 2 of 11, Article 4, b):

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55. At Appendix A to Annex A, Designated Transportation Hubs for Agency Nurses, Alberta Region, Page 1 of 1:

DELETE: In exceptional circumstances, and on a case by case basis, the TAA will consider, for approval, alternative Designated Transportation Hubs where cost savings can be demonstrated by the Contractor to the satisfaction of Canada.

INSERT: On a case by case basis, the TAA will consider, for approval, alternative Designated Transportation Hubs where an equivalent cost, or cost savings, can be demonstrated by the Contractor to the satisfaction of Canada.

56. At Appendix A to Annex A, Designated Transportation Hubs for Agency Nurses, Manitoba Region, Page 1 of 1:

DELETE: In exceptional circumstances, and on a case by case basis, the TAA will consider, for approval, alternative Designated Transportation Hubs where cost savings can be demonstrated by the Contractor to the satisfaction of Canada.

INSERT: On a case by case basis, the TAA will consider, for approval, alternative Designated Transportation Hubs where an equivalent cost, or cost savings, can be demonstrated by the Contractor to the satisfaction of Canada.

57. At Appendix A to Annex A, Designated Transportation Hubs for Agency Nurses, Ontario Region, Page 1 of 1:

DELETE: In exceptional circumstances, and on a case by case basis, the TAA will consider, for approval, alternative Designated Transportation Hubs where cost savings can be demonstrated by the Contractor to the satisfaction of Canada.

INSERT: On a case by case basis, the TAA will consider, for approval, alternative Designated Transportation Hubs where an equivalent cost, or cost savings, can be demonstrated by the Contractor to the satisfaction of Canada.

58. At Appendix A to Annex A, Designated Transportation Hubs for Agency Nurses, Quebec Region, Page 1 of 1:

DELETE: In exceptional circumstances, and on a case by case basis, the TAA will consider, for approval, alternative Designated Transportation Hubs where cost savings can be demonstrated by the Contractor to the satisfaction of Canada.

INSERT: On a case by case basis, the TAA will consider, for approval, alternative Designated Transportation Hubs where an equivalent cost, or cost savings, can be demonstrated by the Contractor to the satisfaction of Canada.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED