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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.

Comments - Commentaires

Vendor/Firm Name and Address
Raison sociale et adresse du
fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur

Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution
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Title - Sujet Temporary Help Services	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation EN578-172870/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 002
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 20172870	Date 2018-01-23
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File No. - N° de dossier 002zn.EN578-172870	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2018-02-12	
Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Harrington, Ingrid	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 002zn
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (613) 859-0469 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX () -
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date



**Amendment 2 to
Request for Information (RFI)
Temporary Help Services in the National Capital Region**

This amendment is issued to extend the closing date of the RFI.

Delete:

9. Closing Date:

Responses to this RFI will be accepted until 02:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) on January 26, 2018. Canada may, at its discretion, review and consider responses received after the RFI closing date.

Insert:

9. Closing Date:

Responses to this RFI will be accepted until 02:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) on February 12, 2018. Canada may, at its discretion, review and consider responses received after the RFI closing date.



ANNEX A

QUESTIONS

#	Question	Response
1	<p>What would you suggest the minimum mandatory criteria should be in order to qualify on the new method of supply?</p> <p>(e.g. Commercial office space, testing and interviews for various skills and aptitudes, experience (20 placements), previous contracts of similar nature etc.)</p> <p>The current THS mandatory requirements can be found at this link:</p> <p>https://buyandsell.gc.ca/cds/public/2014/01/14/5f9559a6db8752995be4bab95a0db38c/ABES.PR.OD.PW_ZN.B004.E26794.EBSU000.PDF</p> <p>The mandatory requirements are in Attachments 1 to Part 4 which starts on page 17.</p>	
2	<p>Currently the THS mandatory requirements for qualification on the Supply Arrangement require suppliers to implement a testing regime for the proposed candidates, as per Mandatory #3 in the link above.</p> <p>Should testing continue to be a mandatory requirement? If yes, what should be tested and how? Additionally, how should PSPC evaluate such tests?</p>	
3	<p>Do you think the proposed vendor performance regime, referenced in 2.3 of this RFI, is fair? Why or why not?</p>	



4	What other factors would you recommend be measured in terms of vendor performance?	
5	Do you think that the “Right Fit” selection methodology, described in 2.1 of the RFI, will be effective? What are the risks associated with this methodology and how could they be mitigated?	
6	For the “Right Fit” basis of selection what would be the ideal financial criteria that would define that prices are considered “similar”? i.e. prices must be within 10% of the lowest-priced bid, prices must fit within a given median rate band, etc.	
7	Are you aware of any other organizations, besides those listed in 2.2 of this RFI, that certify diverse suppliers or social enterprises?	
8	Based on the definition of a diverse supplier, do you meet the criteria to qualify as a diverse supplier?	
9	Certification bodies typically charge a fee to certify a business as a diverse supplier or social enterprise. Are you willing to pay an extra fee to be certified? Do you think it is fair or creates a barrier for your entry?	



10	Should PSPC use attestation (self-certification) followed by audits, or certification by established certification organizations to qualify diverse suppliers and social enterprises? What other methods would you propose we use to verify diverse suppliers?	
11	If one of the social procurement measures implemented was to ensure that a minimum percentage of suppliers in a bidders list was formed of diverse suppliers, what percentage of the bidders list should be dedicated to diverse suppliers? i.e. 2 out of a total of 7, 1 out of 5, etc...	
12	Are there any other social groups that should be included as diverse suppliers?	
13	Do you anticipate the government of Canada's commitment to increasing the diversity of businesses owned or led by Canadians from underrepresented groups will have an impact on your participation in the Supply Arrangement?	
14	What other measures could be incorporated into this method of supply to leverage the government's buying power to support the objectives of the Minister's mandate letter stated in 2.2 of the RFI?	
15	Are there any barriers that previously prevented you from becoming a THS supplier? How could these be overcome?	
16	Do you have any other comments or recommendations?	