
THIS AMENDMENT IS BEING RAISED TO REFLECT THE FOLLOWING: BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY FAX OR COURIER ONLY

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PART 2 - OFFEROR INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

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Offerors who submit an offer agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the RFSO and accept the clauses and conditions of the Standing Offer and resulting contract(s).

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Subsection 5.4 of [2006](#), Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, is amended as follows:

Delete: 60 days

Insert: 90 days

The 2006 standard instructions is amended as follows:

- Section 5, entitled Submission of offers, is amended as follows:
 - subsection 1 is deleted entirely and replaced with the following: "Canada requires that each offer, at RFSO closing date and time or upon request from the Standing Offer Authority, for example in the case of epost Connect service, be signed by the Offeror or by an authorized representative of the Offeror. If an offer is submitted by a joint venture, it must be in accordance with the section entitled Joint venture."
 - subsection 2.d is deleted entirely and replaced with the following: "send its offer only to the specified Bid Receiving Unit of Public Works and Government Service Canada (PWGSC) in the RFSO or to the specified address in the RFSO."
 - subsection 2.e is deleted entirely and replaced with the following: "ensure that the Offeror's name, return address and procurement business number, RFSO number, and RFSO closing date and time are clearly visible on the offer; and"
- Section 6, entitled Late offers, is deleted entirely and replaced with the following: "PWGSC will return offers delivered after the stipulated RFSO closing date and time, unless they qualify as a delayed offer as described in the section entitled Delayed offers. For offers submitted using means other than Canada Post Corporation's epost Connect service, the physical offer will be returned. For offers submitted using Canada Post Corporation's epost Connect service, conversations initiated by the Bid Receiving Unit via the epost Connect service that contain access, records and information pertaining to a late offer will be deleted."
- Section 07, entitled Delayed offers, is amended as follows:
 - Subsection 1 is amended to add the following piece of evidence: "d. a CPC epost Connect service date and time record indicated in the epost Connect conversation activity;"

- Section 8, entitled Transmission by facsimile, is deleted entirely and replaced with the following section:

"Transmission by facsimile or by epost Connect

1. Facsimile

- a. Unless specified otherwise in the RFSO, offers may be submitted by facsimile. The only acceptable facsimile number for responses to RFSOs issued by PWGSC headquarters is 819-997-9776 or, if applicable, the facsimile number identified in the RFSO. The facsimile number for responses to RFSOs issued by PWGSC regional offices is identified in the RFSOs.
- b. For offers transmitted by facsimile, Canada will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the faxed offer including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. receipt of garbled or incomplete offer;
 - ii. availability or condition of the receiving facsimile equipment;
 - iii. incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment;
 - iv. delay in transmission or receipt of the offer;
 - v. failure of the Offeror to properly identify the offer;
 - vi. illegibility of an offer; or
 - vii. security of offer data.
- c. An Offer transmitted by facsimile constitutes the formal offer of the Offeror and must be submitted in accordance with the section entitled Submission of offers.

2. ePost Connect

- a. Unless specified otherwise in the RFSO, offers may be submitted by using the [epost Connect service provided by Canada Post Corporation](https://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/products/details.page?article=epost_connect_send_a) (https://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/products/details.page?article=epost_connect_send_a).
- b. To submit an offer using epost Connect service, the Offeror must either:
 - i. send directly its offer only to the specified PWGSC Bid Receiving Unit, using its own licensing agreement for epost Connect provided by Canada Post Corporation; or
 - ii. send as early as possible, and in any case, at least six business days prior to the RFSO closing date and time, an email that includes the RFSO number to the specified PWGSC Bid Receiving Unit requesting to open an epost Connect conversation. Requests to open an epost Connect conversation received after that time may not be answered.
- c. If the Offeror is sending an email to the Bid Receiving Unit, the Bid Receiving Unit will then initiate an epost Connect conversation which will allow the Offeror to transmit its offer afterward at any time prior to the RFSO closing date and time. The epost Connect conversation will create an email notification from Canada Post Corporation prompting the Offeror to access the message within the conversation, and the Offeror can reply to the email notification by transmitting its offer.
- d. If the Offeror is using its own licensing agreement to send its offer, the Offeror must keep the epost Connect conversation open until at least 30 business days after RFSO closing date and time.
- e. The email address of PWGSC Bid Receiving Unit in Headquarters is: TPSGC.DGAreceptiondessoumissions-ABBidReceiving.PWGSC@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca. The RFSO number must be identified in the epost Connect message field of all electronic transfers.
- f. It should be noted that the use of epost Connect service requires a Canadian mailing address. Should an offeror not have a Canadian address, they may use the Bid Receiving Unit address specified on page 1 of the RFSO in order to register for the epost Connect service.
- g. For offers transmitted by epost Connect service, Canada will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the offer including, but not limited to, the following:

- i. receipt of a garbled or incomplete offer;
 - ii. availability or condition of the epost Connect service;
 - iii. incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment;
 - iv. delay in transmission or receipt of the offer;
 - v. failure of the Offeror to properly identify the offer;
 - vi. illegibility of the offer;
 - vii. security of offer data; or
 - viii. inability to create an electronic conversation through the epost Connect service.
- h. An offer transmitted by epost Connect service constitutes the formal offer of the Offeror and must be submitted in accordance with the section entitled Submission of offers."

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