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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.

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<b>Title - Sujet</b> Small Form Factor Link16	
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<b>Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm</b> <b>(type or print)</b> <b>Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/</b> <b>de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)</b>	
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**Amendment #3 is raised for Request for Proposal (RFP) number W8476-185886.**

***The intent of this amendment is to provide clarifying responses to Industry questions and where applicable, amend the RFP in response to Industry questions.***

**Question 3:**

We request that Canada re-evaluate the worth of the second integrated VHF/UHF Radio channel to either eliminate this non-Link16 requirement or reduce the points allocated to it.

**Answer 3:**

Please note the following:

- The rated second channel requirement as stipulated in Annex A1 Para 2.4.1, provides the flexibility for all Bidders to achieve the full potential score by integrating a second VHF/UHF radio to their system. There is a minimal mandatory requirement as it pertains to integration and doesn't preclude the possibility of having integrated off-the-shelf sub-systems.
- Canada requires a dedicated VHF/UHF for the ground to air missions. This is in addition to a separate and dedicated VHF/UHF radio for the LCSS Interface via satellite. Furthermore, integrated radios are required for the Mobile/Portable Gateway configuration where both Link16 and UHF/UHF radios are needed.
- A solution without a VHF/UHF channel is acceptable however, it is understood that in such case Canada will be assuming the additional cost and associated schedule and technical risks of procurement and integration of a dedicated VHF/UHF radio.

This requirement and all concerns has been addressed by DND in pre-RFP consultation with Industry. No changes to the Annex A1 Para 2.4.1 of the RFP, specifications and requirements remains as published.

**Question 4:**

Will Canada accept the Bidder's claim that AFU (or waiver) will be achieved prior to Contract Award, and grant the rated points to the Bidder (250 points)? Should the Bidder be successful, this would require DND to submit the request for AFU (or waiver) after bid evaluation, and could delay contract signing for the weeks or months required to obtain AFU (or waiver)

Will Canada accept evidence that the Bidder had a previously approved AFU waiver that has expired in order to grant the 250 points, thus avoiding any delay in Contract Award?

**Answer 4:**

Canada will accept evidence that the Bidder had a previously approved AFU waiver that has now expired with the following conditions:

1. The waiver was issued and approved by DCA and CSE as part of the process to obtain AFU.
2. The waiver permitted the use of Canadian Crypto Materials and Keys
3. To minimize schedule risk to Canada, the successful bid must achieve a new waiver within the 60 days of notice of intent as per the terms and conditions set in Paragraph 6.8.8 (a) and (b).

**Question 5:**

The RFP calls for a "successful demonstration" from Bidders of all the mandatory and rated requirements, and in sub-paragraphs uses the language "if the demonstration is not successful...". Please clarify whether this means proof (demonstration) in the paper proposal document, or whether Canada intends to conduct a physical/live demonstration of Bidders' radio systems.

**Answer 5:**

Canada will require a physical demonstration as proof of compliance for the Bidder's paper submission. Canada will invite the successful Bidder to submit a demonstration plan for approval.

**Question 6:**

Please confirm that Canada will accept a Bidder's claim that the evaluation has been conducted, together with a Point of Contact in the US test organization.

**Answer 6:**

In cases where the report to substantiate a Bidder's claim is classified or distribution is restricted, Canada will accept one or more Point of Contact that can confirm the following within 10 days of a request (through email) made by PSPC:

1. the existence of the report,
2. participation of the Bidder proposed system,
3. rating of its performance as satisfactory or better, and
4. releasability to the Canadian Government.

**Question 7:**

We request that Canada confirm that Bidders must include in their bid, and in their system weight calculation, all required ancillaries for operation of the system in the required environmental temperature range.

**Answer 7:**

The proposed system must include all necessary equipment in order to operate in the specified environmental condition including operation up to +52C.  
No changes to the Annex A1 Para 2.4 and 2.4.3 of the RFP, specifications and requirements remains as published.

**Question 8:**

RFP SFFL16R-C0-Annex-TEC EVAL MATRIX-EN-PSPC - Section 2.4.5.  
Should the requirement be changed from "The system's Link 16 channel should have user-selectable power output" to "The system's Link 16 channel should be upgradable to have user-selectable power output"? This will allow DND to have inputs into how this capability will be realized within the system.

**Answer 8:**

No changes to the Annex A1 Para 2.4.5 of the RFP, specifications and requirements remains as published.

**Question 8:**

Annex A1, System Performance Specification

With respect to paragraph 2.4.6, can DND identify the acceptable US Test Organizations?

**Answer 8:**

Acceptable US Test Organizations are Governmental or Private sector entities that have conducted the relevant test/activities and its reports/findings are recognized/witnessed by the US Government or any of the NATO/Allied Governments.

**Question 9:**

RFP SFFL16R-C1-Annex-Basis of Evaluation (BOE) (PSPC)

The "Basis of Payment – ISS" has "7. Sub-contract Services". Should the BOE tab have "7. Sub-contract Services" as an evaluated item?

**Answer 9:**

This item is not evaluated as it is too much of an unknown variable.

**Question 10:**

RFP SFFL16R-C1-Annex-Basis of Evaluation (BOE) (PSPC)

The cell E24 formula does not sum the whole column. Will this be changed for the evaluation?

**Answer 10:**

Yes and will be summed in the final evaluation for values given.

**Question 11:**

RFP SFFL16R-C1-Annex-Basis of Evaluation (BOE) (PSPC)

Cell E18 has a multiplication factor of three (3). Is this correct?

**Answer 11:**

Yes that is correct.

**ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED**