



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – COVER SHEET

TITLE: Training and Recruitment Services Required to Support the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's HOPE Peer Support Program
DATE OF RFP: July 4, 2018

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****Please clearly indicate the Request for Proposal (RFP) reference number in the Subject line of your email**

**Solicitation closes at: 3:00 hours local time (Ottawa, Ontario)
On: July 18, 2018**

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is requesting proposals for services as detailed in Section 3. This is a Request For Proposal (RFP) as distinguished from an Invitation to Tender (ITT). The proposal must set out the means by which the technical, performance, time and other goals and objectives will be met, having regard to any stated requirements. The CFIA will consider entering into a contract with the supplier submitting the most acceptable proposal as determined by the evaluation factors set out in this RFP.

Neither the qualifying proposal which scores the highest points nor the one which contains the lowest cost will necessarily be accepted. The CFIA reserves the right to accept any proposal, as submitted without prior negotiations.

This Request For Proposal consists of the following:

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- ii. Section: 1 RFP Terms and Conditions;
- iii. Section: 2 Selection Methodology;
- iv. Section: 3 Statement of Work
- v. Section: 4 Financial Proposal;
- vi. Section: 5 Contract Terms and Conditions.
- vii. Annex A: Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity Certification
- viii. Appendix 1 to Section 3: Mental Health Peer Support Program Policy (Incorporated by Reference)
- ix. Appendix 2 to Section 3: Mental Health Peer Support Program Guide (Incorporated by Reference)

Contracting Authority:

Aimée Legault
Signature

July 3, 2018
Date

Name and address of the Bidder

Telephone number:

Fax number:

Bidder's Signature: The Bidder's signature indicates acceptance of the terms and conditions governing this Request for Proposal and certifies the content of the attached bidder's proposal. It also constitutes acknowledgement of receipt and acceptance of all documents listed above. The Bidder also recognizes having read and understood every and all terms and conditions in this RFP contained in the documents or incorporated by reference.

Signature

Date



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Section 1
RFP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The purpose of this RFP is to seek proposals for services related to: Peer Support Programs

2.0 REVISION OF THE DEPARTMENTAL NAME

In this RFP all references to her Majesty, to the minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC), TO THE Crown, to Canada or to PWGSC shall be interpreted as a reference to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

3.0 PROPOSALS DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals must be submitted to the Contracting Authority's email address (Aimee.Legault@canada.ca) **by the time and date indicated** on the cover.

4.0 BID FORMAT

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP must be accompanied with a signed original of the bid solicitation cover page, duly completed, in accordance with paragraph 10, Proposal Preparation Instructions.

5.0 LOWEST BID

The lowest or any bid will not necessarily be accepted. In the case of error in the extension of prices, the unit price will govern.

6.0 VALIDITY OF BID

Bids will remain open for acceptance for a period of not less than **120 days** from the closing date of the bid solicitation, unless otherwise indicated by CFIA in such bid solicitation.

7.0 LANGUAGE

Bid documents and supporting information may be submitted in either English or French.

8.0 APPLICABLE LAW

The Contract shall be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the Parties determined, by the laws in force in the Province where the Contract will be performed.

9.0 BIDS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE AND TIME

Bids received on or before the stipulated bid solicitation closing date and time will become the property of CFIA and will not be returned. All bids will be treated as CONFIDENTIAL.

10.0 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

It is essential that the elements contained in a proposal be stated in a clear and concise manner. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to obtain clarification of the requirements if necessary, prior to submitting a proposal. Failure to provide complete information as requested will be to the Bidder's disadvantage. Bidders are requested to send their proposal in three (3) separate sections as follows:

Technical Proposal	(1 soft copy) "<u>with no reference to price</u>"
Financial Proposal	(1 soft copy)

10.1 PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Proposals must be in accordance with the instructions detailed in this document. All Technical Proposals will be evaluated individually based on the selection methodology in section 3.

10.2 PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL PROPOSAL



Costs shall not appear in any other area of the proposal except in the Financial Proposal section.

This section of the proposal shall include a cost summary of the services required as detailed in section 4. The total estimated amount of GST or PST is to be shown separately if applicable.

11.0 ENQUIRIES – SOLICITATION STAGE

To ensure the integrity of the competitive bid process, enquiries and other communications regarding this procurement, from the issue date of the solicitation up to the closing date, are to be directed ONLY to the Contracting Authority named herein. Enquiries and other communications are not to be directed to any other government official(s). Failure to comply with this clause will result in disqualification of your proposal.

All enquiries must be in writing, directed to the Contracting Authority named herein.

Enquiries must be received prior to 15:00 hours, Ottawa time, **and 2 days** prior to the bid closing date to allow sufficient time to provide a response. Enquiries received after this date will not be answered.

12.0 CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

The CFIA contracting authority is:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency
Procurement and Contracting Service Centre
59 Camelot Drive
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0Y9

Attention: **Aimée Legault**
Telephone: **613-773-7672**
Fax: **(613) 773-7615**
E-Mail: **aimee.legault@canada.ca**

13.0 PROPOSAL AND PRE-AWARD COST

No payment shall be made for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a proposal in response to this RFP.

No cost incurred before receipt of a signed contract or specified written authorization from the Contracting Authority can be charged to any resulting contract.

14.0 PROCUREMENT BUSINESS NUMBER

For procurement purposes, the Government of Canada uses a unique Procurement Business Number (PBN) to identify a company and its branches, divisions, or offices, where appropriate. The PBN is created using the entity's Canada revenue Agency Business Number.

All Canadian suppliers are required to have a PBN prior to contract award in order to receive a CFIA contract. In exceptional circumstances, CFIA may decide to award, at its own discretion, a contract to a supplier without a PBN. Non-Canadian companies are strongly encouraged to obtain a PBN.

Suppliers may register for a PBN in the Supplier Registration Information (SRI) service online at the Buy and Sell internet site at: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca>. In order for suppliers to be sourced by government buyers, they must complete the registration process and activate their account in the SRI service.



For non-Internet registration, contact the Contracts Canada Info Line at 1-800-811-1148 or (819) 956-3440 in the National Capital Area, to obtain the telephone number of the nearest Supplier Registration Agent.

15.0 PRICE SUPPORT

The CFIA reserves the right to obtain price support in conjunction with the offer. Acceptable price support is one or more of the following, as determined by CFIA at the time of the request:

- a) Current published price list;
- b) paid invoices for like items (like quality and quantity) sold to other customers;
- c) price breakdown showing, if applicable, the cost of direct labour, direct materials, purchased items, engineering and plant overheads, general and administrative overhead, transportation, profit, etc.

16.0 RIGHTS OF THE CFIA-ACIA

16.1 THE CFIA RESERVES THE RIGHT (AT THEIR DISCRETION) TO:

- a) Without any cost to CFIA, submit questions or conduct interviews to seek clarification or verify any or all information provided by the Bidder with respect to the RFP. The CFIA will provide 48 hours to allow Bidders to respond.
- b) Reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP;
- c) Enter into negotiations with one or more Bidders or any or all aspects of its proposal;
- d) Accept any proposal in whole or in part without prior negotiation;
- e) Cancel and/or re-issue this RFP at any time;
- f) Award one or more contracts, if applicable;
- g) Retain all proposals submitted in response to this RFP;
- h) Not accept any deviations from the stated terms and conditions;
- i) Incorporate all or any portion of the Statement of Work, request for Proposal and the successful proposal in any resulting contract;
- j) Not award a contract further to this RFP.

16.2 THE CFIA MAY REJECT A PROPOSAL WHERE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING RECOURSE IS PRESENT:

- a) The Bidder, or any employee or subcontractor included as part of the proposal has been convicted under section 121 ("Frauds on the government & "Contractor subscribing to election fund"), 124 ("Selling or purchasing office") or 418 ("Selling defective stores to her Majesty") of the Criminal Code;
- b) With respect to current or prior transactions with the Government of Canada:
 - i. The Bidder is bankrupt or where, for whatever reason, its activities are rendered inoperable for any extended period.
 - ii. Evidence, satisfactory to Canada, of fraud, bribery, fraudulent misrepresentation or failure to comply with any law protecting individuals against any manner or discrimination, has been received with respect to the Bidder, any of its employees or any subcontractor included as part of its proposal;
 - iii. The CFIA has exercised its contractual remedies of suspension or termination for default with respect to a Contract with the Bidder, any of its employees or subcontractor included as part of its proposal or
 - iv. The CFIA determines that the Bidder's performance on other contracts, including the efficiency and workmanship as well as the extent to which the Bidder executed the work in accordance with contractual terms and conditions is sufficiently poor to jeopardize the successful completion of the requirement being bid on.



- c) Where the CFIA intends to reject a proposal pursuant to a provision of 16.2 the Contracting Authority will soon inform the Bidder and provide the Bidder three (3) days within which to make representations, prior to making a final decision on the proposal rejection.

17.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In order to confirm a Bidder's financial capability to perform the subject requirement, the CFIA reserves the right to have access, during the bid evaluation phase, to current Bidder financial information. If requested, the financial information to be provided shall include, but not be limited to, the Bidder's most recent audited financial statements or financial statements certified by the Bidder's chief financial officer.

Should the Bidder provide the requested information to the CFIA in confidence while indicating that the disclosed information is confidential, then the CFIA will treat the information in a confidential manner as provided in the Access to Information Act.

In the event that a bid is found to be non-compliant on the basis that the Bidder is considered not to be financially capable of performing the subject requirement, official notification shall be provided to the Bidder.

18.0 AMENDMENT

No amendments to this RFP shall be deemed valid unless effected by a written amendment issued by the CFIA.

19.0 AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL

The Bidder certifies that, should it be authorized to provide services under any contract resulting from this solicitation, the persons proposed in its bid will be available to commence performance of the work within a reasonable time from contract award, or within the time specified herein, and will remain available to perform the work to the fulfillment of this requirement.

If the Bidder has proposed any person in fulfillment of this requirement who is not an employee of the Bidder, the Bidder hereby certifies that written permission has been obtained from said person (or the employer of said person) to propose the services of said person in relation to the work to be performed in fulfillment of this requirement and to submit said person's resume to the Contracting Authority.

19.1 WORK FORCE REDUCTION PROGRAMS

As a result of the implementation of various programs to reduce the public service, Bidders must provide information regarding their status as former public servants in receipt of either a lump sum payment or a pension, or both, pursuant to the terms of early Departure Incentive (EDI) Program, the Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) Program, the Forces Reduction Program, the Executive Employment Program and any other current and future similar programs implemented by the Treasury Board.

Therefore Bidders must make available the following details:

- a) Date and amount of lump sum payment incentives;
- b) Terms and conditions of the lump sum payment incentive (including termination date);
- c) Rate of pay on which the lump sum payment was based;
- d) Whether or not the \$5,000 exemption has been reached.

In the event that a contract is awarded to a former public servant during the period covered by the lump sum payment, the contract fee must be abated (reduced by an amount corresponding to the number of weeks remaining in the Contractor's lump sum payment period after beginning the contract.



This reduction is subject to an exemption of a maximum of \$5,000 (including Goods and Services Tax and of Harmonized Sales Tax, as appropriate) applicable to one or more contracts during the period covered by the lump sum payment.

For the purpose of this solicitation, former public servants are defined as:

- a) An individual
- b) An individual who is incorporated
- c) A partnership made up of former public servants, or
- d) A sole proprietorship or entity where the affected individual has a major interest in the entity.

20.0 STATUS OF PERSONNEL

If the Bidder has proposed any person in fulfillment of this requirement who is not an employee of the Bidder, the Bidder hereby certifies that written permission has been obtained from such person (or the employer of such person) to propose the services of said person in relation to the work to be performed in fulfillment of this requirement and to submit said person's resume to the Contracting Authority.

During the bid evaluation, the Bidder **MUST** upon the request of the Contracting Authority provide a copy of such written permission, in relation to any or all non-employees proposed. The Bidder agrees that failure to comply with such a request may lead to disqualification of the Bidder's proposal for further consideration.

20.1 FORMER FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVANTS

The Bidder must identify all individuals, officers and employees assigned to the bid/proposal that are former federal public servants in receipt of a pension of any department or agency of the Public Service of Canada.

21.0 CERTIFICATION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

The Bidder hereby certifies that all statements made with respect to education and experience are true and that any person proposed by the Bidder to perform the Work or part of the Work is either an employee of the Bidder or under a written agreement to provide services to the Bidder.

The Bidder hereby certifies that all of the information provided in the resumes and supporting material submitted with the proposal, particularly as this information pertains to education achievements, experience and work history, has been verified by the Bidder to be accurate.

Furthermore, the Bidder warrants that the individuals proposed by the Bidder for the requirement are capable of satisfactorily performing the Work described therein.

Should a verification by CFIA disclose untrue statements, the CFIA shall have the right to treat any contract resulting from RFP as being in default and terminate it accordingly.

22.0 INDEPENDENT SERVICES

It is understood and agreed that the personnel which will be provided to perform the services set forth in the proposal are and will remain the Bidder's employees or resources providing independent services to the Agency and nothing in this RFP shall be read or construed as constituting such personnel as employees or servants of the Agency.

23.0 SUBSTANTIATION OF ALLEGATIONS

The CFIA reserves the right to ask the Bidder to substantiate any claims made in the proposal.

The CFIA reserves the right to verify any allegations or substantiations and to declare the bid non-responsive for any of the following reasons:

- a) Unverifiable or untrue statements;



- b) Unavailability of any person(s) proposed on whose statement of education and experience the CFIA relied upon in determining the successful bidder.

24.0 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

This Security Clearance is required at Bid closing – See cover page for the closing date.

Security Clearance:

Reliability: X	Confidential:	Secret:	Top Secret:	Other:
File number, name and date of birth:				

All resources used under any resulting contract must possess a valid Federal Government security clearance at the level “Reliability Status”

An electronic version of a Security Clearance application is available at the following Treasury Board Secretariat website:

http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/tbsf-fsct/tbsf-fsct_e.asp#security

For Reliability clearance please fill in the “Personnel Screening, Consent and Authorization Form” (TBS/SCT 330-23e). For all other clearances, please fill in the “Personnel Screening, Consent and Authorization Form” (TBS/SCT 330-23e) and “Security Clearance Form” (TBS/SCT 330-60e)

25.0 FEDERAL CONTRACTORS PROGRAM for EMPLOYMENT EQUITY

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder, and any of the Bidder's members if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, is not named on the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity “FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid” list

(http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards_equity/eq/emp/fcp/list/inelig.shtml) available from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) - Labour's website (http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards_equity/eq/emp/fcp/index.shtml)

Canada will have the right to declare a bid non-responsive if the Bidder, or any member of the Bidder if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, appears on the “FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid” list at the time of contract award.

26.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CFIA has employed the assistance of private sector Bidders in the preparation of this solicitation. Responses to this solicitation from any such bidders or with respect to which such bidders is in any manner directly or indirectly involved will be deemed to be in conflict of interest (real or perceived) and will not be considered. By submitting a bid, the Bidder represents that there is no conflict of interest as stated above.



Section 2
SELECTION METHODOLOGY
TECHNICAL EVALUATION

1.0 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

The technical proposal shall address all mandatory and point rated evaluation criteria specified herein.

1.1 MANDATORY EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the mandatory evaluation criteria as detailed herein. Bidders are advised to address each requirement in sufficient depth to permit a complete requisite analysis and assessment by the evaluation team. Proposals failing to adequately respond to the mandatory evaluation criteria will be excluded from further consideration. Only proposals found to meet the mandatory evaluation criteria will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria subject to point rating.

1.2 POINT RATED EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The proposal will be evaluated and scored in accordance with specific evaluation criteria as detailed herein. It is imperative that these criteria be addressed in sufficient depth in the proposal to fully describe the bidder's response.

Bidders are advised that only listing experience without providing any supporting data to describe responsibilities, duties and relevance to the requirements will not be considered "demonstrated" for the purpose of this evaluation. The bidder should provide complete details as to where, when (months and years) and how (through which activities/responsibilities) the stated qualifications/experience were obtained.

1.3 FINANCIAL EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The price of the bid will be evaluated in Canadian dollars, Applicable Taxes excluded, FOB destination, Canadian customs duties and excise taxes included.

1.4 BIDDER CLARIFICATIONS:

The Bidder warrants that clarifications shall be made available upon request within two calendar days of a request by the CFIA. If the bidder does not provide any required information within the time limit requested, its proposal will be considered non-responsive and will receive no further consideration.

2.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Bidders should use the main headings below under the Mandatory Evaluation Criteria and Point Rated Evaluation Criteria. Bidders are encouraged to make cross-references between sections, so as to limit the number of pages in the offer.



3.0 MANDATORY EVALUATION CRITERIA

The mandatory evaluation criteria of this RFP are:

Mandatory Criteria		Supporting Documentation
M1	The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource(s) has a minimum of 5 years professional experience in Peer Support policy development, implementation and providing advice/recommendations.	<p>Provide a minimum of 2 projects for which the proposed resource(s) has a minimum of 5 years professional experience in Peer Support policy development, implementation and providing advice/recommendations.</p> <p>Each project reference must include the requested information:</p> <p>Client Name Client Contact Name Client Title Location Served Duration (mm-yyyy to mm-yyyy) Phone Number and/or Email Provide a brief description of services provided</p>
M2	The Bidder must demonstrate that the proposed resource(s) has a minimum of 3 years professional experience in implementing Peer Support programs in other provincial, municipal or federal government departments.	<p>Provide a minimum of 2 projects for which the proposed resource(s) has a minimum of 3 years professional experience in implementing Peer Support programs in other provincial, municipal or federal government departments.</p> <p>Each project reference must include the requested information:</p> <p>Client Name Client Contact Name Client Title Location Served Duration (mm-yyyy to mm-yyyy) Phone Number and/or Email Provide a brief description of services provided</p>
M3	The proposed resource(s) must be fluently bilingual (French/English).	Provide a letter or email from a previous client stating that they have received services in both official languages (French and English) and that the proposed resource(s) was able to effectively communicate verbally and in writing with a wide range of audiences.



4.0 POINT RATED EVALUATION CRITERIA

Bids which meet all the mandatory technical criteria will be evaluated and scored as specified in the tables inserted below.

The point rated evaluation criteria of the RFP are:

Technical Criteria		Required Supporting Information	Max Points
Corporate			
PR1	<p>The Bidder shall demonstrate that the proposed resource(s) has professional experience providing services in Peer Support policy development, implementation and providing advice/recommendations in addition to the minimum in M1.</p> <p>6 years = 1 point 7 years = 2 points 8 years = 3 points 9 years = 4 points 10 + years = 5 points</p>	<p>Provide examples of projects for which the proposed resource(s) has provided services in Peer Support policy development, implementation and providing advice/recommendations.</p> <p>Each project reference must include the requested information:</p> <p>Client Name Client Contact Name Client Title Location Serviced Duration (mm-yyyy to mm-yyyy) Phone Number and/or Email Provide a brief description of services provided</p>	5 points
PR2	<p>The Bidder shall demonstrate that the proposed resource(s) has provided professional services in Peer Support policy development, implementation and providing advice/recommendations in the Federal Government.</p> <p>1 department/agency = 1 point 2 departments/agencies = 2 points 3 departments/agencies = 3 points 4 departments/agencies = 4 points 5 departments/agencies or more = 5 points</p>	<p>Provide examples of projects for which the proposed resource(s) has provided professional services in Peer Support policy development, implementation and providing advice/recommendations in the Federal Government.</p> <p>Each project reference must include the requested information:</p> <p>Client Name Client Contact Name Client Title Location Serviced Duration (mm-yyyy to mm-yyyy) Phone Number and/or Email Provide a brief description of services provided</p>	5 points
PR3	<p>The Bidder shall provide an example of a training plan that</p>	<p>5 <i>Very strong evidence that the criteria assessed is present.</i></p>	5 points



	<p>demonstrates how the proposed resource(s) will train new and existing Peer Supporters.</p> <p>The following elements are examples of what could be included in the plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leveraging their lived experience to inspire hope in others Build a Community of Practice to share and learn from each other Provide a Code of Conduct to protect the confidentiality of peers 	<p><i>4 Strong evidence that the criteria assessed is present.</i></p> <p><i>3 Evidence that the criteria assessed is present at an acceptable level</i></p> <p><i>2 Some evidence that the criteria assessed is present but not at an acceptable level.</i></p> <p><i>1 Strong evidence that the factor assessed is not present.</i></p>	
Total Points : /15			

Financial Evaluation Criteria		Met/Not Met
F1	The total evaluated price must not exceed a maximum of \$50,000.00 taxes excluded.	

5.0 BASIS OF SELECTION – Highest Combined Rating of Technical Merit and Price

To be considered responsive, a proposal must:

- a) Meet all the mandatory evaluation criteria of this RFP;
- b) must meet the mandatory financial criteria

Selection of the successful bidder for each position shall be determined on the ratio of technical merit 70% and cost 30% to determine the best value.

The highest technically scored proposal is allocated the maximum points of 70 and the other technical proposals are prorated accordingly. The lowest priced technically responsive proposal is allocated the maximum points of 30 and the other technically responsive proposals are prorated accordingly. The Bidder with the most point (technical merit and cost) is considered as the proposal representing the best value.



[The table below illustrates an example where the selection of the contractor is determined by a 70/30 ratio of the technical merit and price, respectively.]

Basis of Selection - Highest Combined Rating of Technical Merit (70%) and Price (30%) - EXAMPLE			
Bidder :	Bidder A Resource	Bidder B Resource	Bidder Resource C
Overall Technical Score (out of 15)	10/15	5/15	12/15
Bid Evaluated Price	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	60,000.00
Calculations	Technical Merit Points (out of 70)	Price Points (out of 30)	Total Score
Bidder A	10/15 x 70 = 46.67	50/55 x 30 = 27.27	73.94
Bidder B	5/15 x 70 = 23.33	50/50 x 30 = 30	53.33
Bidder C	12/15 x 70 = 56	50/60 x 30 = 25	81

6.0 REFERENCE PAGE - EXAMPLE

The bidder must provide the page number for all criteria, example as follows:

MANDATORY CRITERIA

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Page number in proposal

POINT RATED CRITERIA

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Section 3 **STATEMENT OF WORK**

Training and Recruitment Services to Support the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's HOPE Peer Support Program

Background

The HOPE Peer Support Program (PSP) was launched in June 2015. The Peer Supporters received training prior to the initiation of the program but not since. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is looking to support and re-engage its existing Peer Supporters by providing them with training opportunities to not only help them build on their competencies but to also sustain and strengthen the program. In addition to the training component, there are gaps in certain areas of the country where we need to recruit Peer Supporters. The recruitment of Peer Supporters would involve sending an expression of interest to all CFIA employees, screening of candidate applications, conducting face-to-face interviews, reference checks and the delivery of training to successful candidates.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) employs approx. 7,000 persons with expertise in a variety of different subject areas. The CFIA workforce is comprised of veterinarians, inspectors, systems specialists, support staff, financial officers, research scientists and laboratory technicians. CFIA staff work in four main areas: field offices, which include, regional offices, offices in non-government establishments (such as processing facilities) and laboratories and research facilities.

CFIA personnel are required to respond to food safety related emergencies wherein they could be exposed to situational stress which taxes one's emotional and physical well-being.

The CFIA recognizes the importance of employees' health and wellness as well as the need to promote foster and maintain the health and well-being of its employees. It is for this reason that the CFIA provides confidential help to employees who are in need of assistance to resolve personal problems through an Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP).

In June 2015, the CFIA launched the HOPE Peer Support Program (PSP) whereby employees whom had had lived experience with mental health challenges and have found a path to recovery, are helping other employees through non-clinical support. We currently have 33 Peer Supporters available for employees to reach out to throughout the country.

The CFIA's HOPE Peer Support Program (PSP) provides employees with confidential, voluntary, non-clinical, mental health support that utilizes the wisdom that comes from lived experience. The PSP is complimentary to, and not a replacement for, professional medical and clinical care. The PSP is available to all CFIA employees who are struggling with mental health challenges/addictions, and/or employees who are emotionally affected by a family member or loved one with a mental health challenge or illness. Peer Supporters must be positioned to maintain confidentiality of shared information by peers, unless a breach of that confidentiality is warranted such as when there is 1) Imminent threat of harm to oneself; 2) Imminent threat of harm to others; or 3) Suspicion of, or known, child abuse or serious neglect.

In April 2016, a Statement of Sensitivity was completed to address the confidentiality concerns of the



Peer Interaction Database which houses the data from the peer interactions (such as their Branch, language preference, type of interaction; personal or work-related, etc) and ensure the protection of employee's confidentiality when collecting the data.

The PSP Guidelines (attached as a reference) state that all Peer Supporters are required to take refresher courses or additional workshops, at a minimum, every two years. The courses are intended to provide them with tools to help them in understanding constraints of breach of confidentiality, enhancing the peer-to-peer relationship, communication skills, self-care strategies, and crisis management.

We have reached our three year anniversary and require training as a refresher and re-engagement of our existing Peer Supporters from a consultant who is an expert in the field of Peer Support. In addition to training our existing Peer Supporters, the consultant is required for the provision of training to any new Peer Supporters who are recruited. The consultant is also required to help with recruitment on a national basis in response to CFIA's requirements described further in the scope of work.

A contract for this type of work is required because the CFIA does not have qualified Peer Support experts with the background and education to train Peer Supporters and assess the competencies required to become a successful Peer Supporter. It is critical that the right people (Peer Supporters) are recruited to ensure the health and safety of the Peer Supporter and CFIA employees. It is also critical that the Peer Supporters receive appropriate training to better prepare them in their role while maintaining their own health.

Reference Documents

Appendix 1 to Section 3 – Mental Health Peer Support Program, Policy

Appendix 2 to Section 3 - Mental Health Peer Support Program Guide

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Scope of Work

The existing Peer Supporters successfully completed their training in 2015 using the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) Standards of Practice, officially certifying CFIA employees as qualified Peer Supporters. The intent was to provide refresher training every 18-24 months upon launch of the program. The type of training required must be in line with the MHCC's Standards of Practice. The work required is described below.

Engagement for existing Peer Supporters, including but not limited to development of training and facilitating training sessions:

1. Review of peer supporter roles and responsibilities

- refresher on the value of lived experience, and how it can be used to empower those struggling with a mental health challenge
- review of basic strategies for effective peer-to-peer interactions
- crisis intervention
- importance of self-care
- confidentiality, and grounds for breaching

2. Team building

- opportunity for sharing war stories, and the kind of experiences that peer supporters have had since program launch;
- a chance for peer supporters to provide feedback on the PSP, what is working and where



- improvements could be made; and
- possible activity to help build team spirit.

3. PSP Outreach and Promotion

- brainstorm ways in which peer supporters can help to promote the PSP;
- sharing best practices for PSP promotion; and
- how to be a true ambassador for the PSP.

4. Program evaluation

- looking at challenges for sustaining the program; and
- how peer supporters could help to get feedback from employees about the value of the support they've received

Training for newly recruited and existing Peer Supporters, including but not limited to development of training and facilitating training sessions:

1. Help Peer Supporters understand how to leverage their lived experience to inspire hope in others.
2. Help build a community of practice, and a collective ability to share experiences/learning.
3. Help Peer Supporters understand and adopt a rigorous "Code of Conduct" that will, most importantly, protect the confidentiality of Peers.

Recruitment

Targeted recruitment of Peer Supporters (including expression of interest, screening candidates, interviews, reference checks, etc.) will have to be conducted based on a gap analysis that has already been completed.

Policy and Guideline review

Review existing Peer Support Program Policy, Guidelines, FAQ and Code of Conduct to ensure they are up to date and consistent with new developments in the program.

Tasks

The Contractor is responsible for completing but not limited to the following tasks:

1. Develop and provide re-engagement sessions to the existing Peer Supporters by providing team building activities, reviewing their roles and responsibilities, discussing best practices and lessons learned to further equip them in their roles
2. Conduct a targeted recruitment of new Peer Supporters, including preparing and posting an expression of interest, preparing screening criteria and development of assessment tools, scheduling and conducting candidate screening, interviews, reference checks, etc. and assist with selection of appropriate candidates.
3. Develop and provide training sessions to new and existing Peer Supporters including helping Peer Supporters understand how to leverage their lived experience, building a community of practice to help Peer Supporters share and learn from each other and understanding and adopting a Code of Conduct.
4. Moderate group discussions and encourage peer supporters to participate and interact productively and guide the group through an effective process.
4. Provide end to end facilitation which may involve physical arrangements, visual materials, defining the agenda, establishing goals, structure and strategy of the sessions, closeout activities.
5. Conduct a review of the existing Peer Support Program Policy, Guidelines, FAQ and Code of Conduct, including providing advice on program monitoring and update documents as required.



6. Meet with the Mental Health Team for a kick-off meeting to discuss expectations, deliverables and needs.
7. Meet bi-weekly to review progress reports
8. Proposed estimated schedule of deliverables from date of contract award to June 30, 2019.

Language Requirements:

Bilingual (English and French)

Work Location:

Work will take place at 1400 Merivale Road, Ottawa ON (on supplier's premises or CFIA's or both)

Relevant Policies, Standards and Methodologies :

Peer Support Program Policy (attached)
Peer Support Program Guide (attached)

Occupational Health and Safety Constraints :

No OHS constraints as the contractor will not be working on the premises.



Section 4
FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

1.0 TERMS OF PAYMENT

The Contractor will be paid in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in paragraph 7, Contract Amount & Terms of Payment, CFIA Service Contract Articles of Agreement.

The total estimated amount of GST and HST is to be shown separately. Proposals will be assessed on an FOB destination basis.

2.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

The Contractor will be paid for the Work performed, in accordance with the Basis of payment to a limitation of expenditure of *\$(TBD at contract award)*. Customs duties are excluded and Applicable Taxes are extra.

Initial Period: From contract award to June 30, 2019

Description	All-inclusive fixed Per-Diem Rate (A)	Estimated Level of Effort (B)	Total (A+B =D) (D)
Peer Support Program Services	\$	X days	\$50,000.00
Total Initial Period:			

Total Evaluated Price:	
Applicable Taxes	GST: HST: PST:
Insert the amount as applicable:	

3.0 METHOD OF PAYMENT

Progress payments to be paid on a monthly basis for actual time spent in the performance of the work set out in the SOW in Section 3.

4.0 DIRECT DEPOSIT

The Contractor agrees to receive payment through direct deposit to a financial institution. The appropriate form will be provided prior to contract award. You can also obtain the form from the Receiver General's website at http://www.inspection.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-aboutcfia-sujetacia/STAGING/text-texte/c5692_re_1385730987670_eng.pdf

Government of Canada considers privacy and security of utmost importance in the issuance of payments. Any information you provide to the Government of Canada in support of Direct Deposit is protected under the Government of Canada Privacy Act and Access to Information Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. A-1).



Additional information is available at:
www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/recgen/txt/depot-deposit-eng.html



Section 5
CFIA CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS
*****EXAMPLE CONTRACT ONLY*****

The Service Contract agreement between the CFIA and the selected bidder will be subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 For the sole purpose of this Service Contract the parties agree that:

“General Conditions” shall mean Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) 2035- General Conditions - Services, set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) Manual issued by the Department of Public Works and Government Services.

2. AGREEMENT

2.1 The following documents and any amendments in writing, and approved by the Parties, and relating thereto form the Service Contract between the CFIA and the Contractor:

- 2.1.1 These Articles of Agreement;
- 2.1.2 The General Conditions as defined in section 1.1 above and incorporated by reference in section 2.3;
- 2.1.3 Supplemental Conditions, 4006 – Contractor to own Intellectual Property rights in Foreground Information
- 2.1.4 The document attached hereto as Appendix “A” and entitled “Statement of Work”;
- 2.1.5 The request for proposal, where applicable; and
- 2.1.6 The Contractor’s Proposal dated <date> and attached hereto as Appendix “B”.

2.2 In the event of any discrepancies, inconsistencies or ambiguities between or among the wording of the documents, and brought to the attention of one or the other Party in writing, set out in section 2.1, the wording of the document that appears first on the list set out in section 2.1 shall prevail over the wording of a document appearing subsequently on the list set out in section 2.1.

2.3 The General Conditions as defined in section 1.1 are hereby incorporated by reference into and form part of this Service Contract. The version of the SACC Manual applicable to this Service Contract is the one in effect on the date of the last signature of this Service Contract. The SACC Manual may be viewed on the Department of Public Works and Government Services Canada web site, Internet address: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>

2.4 In the General Conditions, all references to the Minister of PWGSC, to the Crown, to Her Majesty, to Canada, to the Government or to the PWGSC shall be interpreted as a reference to Her Majesty in Right of Canada, as represented by the CFIA, where applicable.

2.5 All appendices and attachments referred to in this Service Contract and/or annexed hereto shall form part of this Service Contract.

3. CFIA REPRESENTATIVES

“CFIA Request for Proposal”



- 3.1 The representative of the CFIA for the purpose of any issue related to the administration of this Service Contract (Contracting Authority) shall be:

Aimée Legault 613-773-7672
or such other person as may be designated by the CFIA.

- 3.2 The representative of the CFIA for the purpose of any issue related to the Work or any technical aspect of the Work set out in Appendix "A" of this Service Contract (Technical or Project Authority) shall be:

TBD at contract award
or such other person as may be designated by the CFIA.

4. CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVES

For the purposes of this Service Contract, the Contractor shall have the work under this Service Contract carried out by <name of person to carry out the Statement of Work> under the direction and control of <if applicable>

5. LEGAL JURISDICTION

This Service Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws in force in the Province of Ontario, Canada

6. TERM OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT AND DURATION OF THE WORK

- 6.1 This Service Contract shall come into effect on the date of the last signature to this Service Contract and shall terminate, except where expressly stated otherwise, on the last day for completion of the Work as set out in section 6.2. The parties hereto agree that irrespective of the effective date of the Service Contract, the terms and conditions of this Service Contract shall apply to any Work or part thereof commenced on the day of contract award.

- 6.2 The Work shall be completed with care, skill, diligence and efficiency and in accordance with all the terms and conditions of this Service Contract no later than the 30th day of June 2019.

7. CONTRACT AMOUNT AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

7.1 Basis of Payment – Firm Price

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Service Contract and in consideration for the satisfactory performance of the Work, the CFIA shall pay to the Contractor the firm amount not in any circumstances to exceed \$<TBD at contract award> plus applicable taxes.

7.2 Method of Payment

Payment by CFIA shall be made as follows:

Invoicing to be paid on monthly basis for actual time spent in the performance of the Work set out in Section 3.



7.3 **Direct Deposit**

The Contractor agrees to receive payment through direct deposit to a financial institution. The appropriate form will be provided prior to contract award. You can also obtain the form from the Receiver General's website at http://www.inspection.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-aboutcfia-sujetacia/STAGING/text-texte/c5692_re_1385730987670_eng.pdf

Government of Canada considers privacy and security of utmost importance in the issuance of payments. Any information you provide to the Government of Canada in support of Direct Deposit is protected under the Government of Canada *Privacy Act and Access to Information Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. A-1)*.

Additional information is available at:
www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/recgen/txt/depot-deposit-eng.html

7.4 **Invoicing Instructions**

The Contractor shall submit invoices on its own forms and shall include therein the date, name and address set out below, a clear description of the Work performed and for which payment is being requested by the invoice, the item number and quantity, reference numbers and the contract file number <contract file number>. The Contractor must submit, along with said invoices, all substantiating documentation. Invoices shall be submitted to the CFIA in three (3) copies to the following address. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this section may delay payment by the CFIA of any amount due and payable under this Service Contract.

CFIA
<Address>

Attention of: TBD at contract award

7.5 **Income Tax Act**

Pursuant to paragraph 221(1)(d) of the Income Tax Act in force on the effective date of this Service Contract, payments made by the CFIA under this Service Contract must be reported on a T4A supplementary slip. Contractors are, therefore, required to provide on each invoice submitted to the CFIA, the following information:

- 7.5.1 the legal name of the Contractor; that is, the name associated with the Social Insurance Number or Business Number of the Contractor, as well as the appropriate address and postal
- 7.5.2 the legal status of the Contractor; that is, without limiting the following, individual, unincorporated business or corporation, limited company ;
- 7.5.3 for Contractors who are an individual or unincorporated business, the Contractor's Social Insurance Number or, if applicable, the Contractor's Business Number or, if applicable, the Contractor's Goods and Services Tax (GST)/Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) number;
- 7.5.4 for Contractors who are corporations, the Contractor's Business Number or, if the Business Number is not available, the GST/HST number. If the Contractor has no Business Number or GST/HST number, the T2 Corporation Tax Number must be provided.



7.6 Acceptance of the Work

All Work is subject to the approval and acceptance of the CFIA and said approval and acceptance is at the sole and unfettered discretion of the CFIA but shall not be unreasonably withheld. The CFIA shall not make any payment and no amount is due to the Contractor until the Work is approved and accepted by the CFIA.

7.7 Payment Due Date

Payment by the CFIA to the Contractor shall be made within thirty (30) calendar days following the date on which the Work is completed and approved by the CFIA or on which a claim for payment and all substantiating documentation are received by the CFIA under the Service Contract, whichever date is later.

7.8 Financial Administration Act

In accordance with the Financial Administration Act in force on the effective date of this Service Contract, any payment under this Service Contract is subject to there being an appropriation for the Work hereunder for the fiscal year in which any commitment to pay becomes effective. In the event no such appropriation is made, this Service Contract shall terminate immediately and without any repercussion to either party.

7.9 GST/HST

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) and/or the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) as applicable shall be considered an applicable tax for the purposes of this Service Contract and shall be disclosed and identified as separate items on any invoice or accounting document.

Unless otherwise required by law, the Contractor shall not invoice or collect any ad valorem sales tax levied by the Province in which the taxable goods and/or services required under this Service Contract are delivered to the CFIA. Existing Reciprocal Taxation Agreements, exempting payment of provincial sales tax (PST) shall be superseded by HST legislation.

7.10 CFIA's Liability

This Service Contract does not oblige the CFIA to authorize or order any goods or services whatsoever or to spend the estimated expenditure or any money whatsoever except as expressly required herein. Furthermore, the CFIA's liability under this Service Contract shall be limited to the amount set out in section 7.1.

7.11 Price Certification

The price charged for the performance of the Work under this Service Contract shall not exceed the lowest price charged any other third party by the Contractor, including the Contractor's most favoured customer or client for like quality and/or quantity of the services and/or goods and the price so charged may be verified by audit by the CFIA before or following any payment by the CFIA under this Service Contract.

7.11.1 Any overpayment by the CFIA made as a result of the Contractor's breach of the condition set out herein, shall be immediately due and owing to the CFIA, shall be immediately repaid to the CFIA and until so repaid shall be deemed a debt due to the Crown.

7.11.2 In the event that the CFIA has not made a payment, then any amount resulting from the Contractor's breach of the condition set out herein shall be deducted from any payment owed by the CFIA to the Contractor.

8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION



- (a) The parties shall first attempt to resolve disputes arising under the terms of this Contract through direct negotiation between their representatives who have authority to settle such disputes within thirty (30) working days of receipt of a written invitation to negotiate. The parties may agree to an extension of the thirty (30) working day period in writing.
- (b) In the event that the parties are unable to resolve the dispute through negotiation as outlined in section 9(a), the parties can agree to submit the dispute to mediation or any such third party assistance process as may be appropriate and agreed upon. Such a process shall be undertaken within twenty (20) working days from the day of initiation. The parties may agree to an extension of the twenty (20) working-day period in writing. The parties agree to share the cost of mediation equally.
- (c) The parties can agree to submit any outstanding issues remaining from direct negotiation, mediation or any other dispute resolution to binding arbitration pursuant to the Canadian Commercial Arbitration Act, R.S.C. 1996, c. 55.
- (d) The parties shall agree on a single arbitrator within thirty (30) calendar days of the decision to proceed to binding arbitration. In the event that the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator, the parties shall apply to a Justice of the Ontario Court (General Division) in Ottawa to have an arbitrator appointed. The arbitration shall take place in Ottawa.
- (e) The Parties agree to share the cost of arbitration equally. Notwithstanding, the arbitrator shall be authorized to require any party to pay the whole or part of the cost. In such case, payments shall be made in accordance with the award and the award shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.
- (f) As an alternative to the above standard alternative dispute resolution process mentioned at paragraphs a),b),c),d),e), the parties have the option of raising issues or concerns with this solicitation with the Office of the Procurement Ombudsman.
- (g) The parties understand that the Procurement Ombudsman appointed pursuant to Subsection 22.1(1) of the Department of Public Works and Government Services Act will review a complaint filed by the Contractor respecting administration of this Contract if the requirements of Subsection 22.2(1) of the Department of Public Works and Government Services Act and Section 15 and 16 of the Procurement Ombudsman Regulations have been met, and the interpretation and application of the terms and conditions and the scope of the work of this contract are not in dispute. The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman may be contacted by telephone at 1-866-734-5169 or by email at boa.opo@boa.opo.gc.ca.
- (h) The parties understand that the Procurement Ombudsman appointed pursuant to Subsection 22.1(1) of the Department of Public Works and Government Services Act will, on request or consent of the parties, participate in an alternative dispute resolution process to resolve any dispute between the parties respecting the interpretation or application of a term and condition of this contract and their consent to bear the cost of such process, provide to the parties a proposal for an alternative dispute resolution process to resolve their dispute. The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman may be contacted by telephone at 1-866-734-5169 or by email at boa.opo@boa.opo.gc.ca.

9. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Contractor shall contact the CFIA's Health and Safety officer or designate at the work site prior to the commencement of the Work under the contract, in order to obtain a copy of CFIA's Occupational Safety & Health Policy, and to determine all specific occupational health and safety



policies that apply to the work site. The CFIA's Health and Safety officer shall advise the Contractor of all CFIA's work site specific occupational health and safety policies and procedures that apply prior to the commencement of the Work. The Contractor shall ensure that all of its officer and employees carry out the Work in accordance with all laws for occupational health and safety, the CFIA's Occupational safety & health Policy, and all CFIA work site specific occupational health and safety policies and procedures. In the event that the Contractor, its officers or employees do not comply with the laws, policies and procedures, as required by this condition, the CFIA shall have the exclusive right to terminate this contract.

10. SECURITY

The Contractor personnel and subcontractors requiring access to CFIA or federal government information, assets or facilities must EACH hold a valid security clearance granted or approved by the CFIA or the Canadian and International Industrial Security Directorate (CIISD), Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC). The Contractor must submit to the Agency representative a signed copy of form TBS330-47 (Security Screening Certificate and Briefing Form) for each resource or subcontractor. Subcontracts which contain security requirements are NOT to be awarded without the prior written permission of CFIA. For this contract, the Contractor's personnel must have a security clearance at the level of:

- Reliability
- Confidential
- Secret
- Top Secret
- Other: _____



ANNEX "A"

FEDERAL CONTRACTORS PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY - CERTIFICATION

I, the Bidder, by submitting the present information to the Contracting Authority, certify that the information provided is true as of the date indicated below. The certifications provided to Canada are subject to verification at all times. I understand that Canada will declare a bid non-responsive, or will declare a contractor in default, if a certification is found to be untrue, whether during the bid evaluation period or during the contract period. Canada will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Bidder's certifications. Failure to comply with such request by Canada will also render the bid non-responsive or will constitute a default under the Contract.

For further information on the Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity visit HRSDC-Labour's website (http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards_equality/eq/emp/fcp/index.shtml).

Date: _____ (YYYY/MM/DD) (If left blank, the date will be deemed to be the bid solicitation closing date.)

Complete both A and B.

A. Check only one of the following:

- A1. The Bidder certifies having no work force in Canada.
- A2. The Bidder certifies being a public sector employer.
- A3. The Bidder certifies being a [federally regulated employer](http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards_equality/index.shtml) (http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards_equality/index.shtml) being subject to the [*Employment Equity Act*](#).
- A4. The Bidder certifies having a combined work force in Canada of less than 100 employees (combined work force includes: permanent full-time, permanent part-time and temporary employees [*temporary employees only includes those who have worked 12 weeks or more during a calendar year and who are not full-time students*]).
- A5. The Bidder has a combined workforce in Canada of 100 or more employees;
and
 - A5.1. The Bidder certifies already having a valid and current [**Agreement to Implement Employment Equity**](#) (AIEE) (<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/cgi-bin/search/eforms/index.cgi?app=prfl&frm=lab1168&ln=eng>) in place with HRSDC-Labour.

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- () A5.2. The Bidder certifies having submitted the Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (LAB1168) (<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/cgi-bin/search/eforms/index.cgi?app=prfl&frm=lab1168&ln=eng>) to HRSDC-Labour. As this is a condition to contract award, proceed to completing the form Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (LAB1168), duly signing it, and transmit it to HRSDC-Labour.

B. Check only one of the following:

- () B1. The Bidder is not a Joint Venture.

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- () B2. The Bidder is a Joint Venture and each member of the Joint Venture must provide the Contracting Authority with a completed annex Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification. (Refer to the Joint Venture section of the Standard Instructions)