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Revision to a Request for Supply Arrangement - Révision à une demande pour un arrangement en matière d'approvisionnement

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
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For the Minister - Pour le Ministre		

This amendment 008 to E60PQ-140003/C is raised for the following purpose:

- 1- product catalogue and pricing template-v-c.3-english.zip, (available soon)***
- 2- Publish Questions and Answers:***

Q200 - 3.2.2.4.3 page 59 of 122

When referring to the “cover remaining open” is that the access cover at the work surface or the power and cable trough under the worksurface?

Response:

The cover is on the worksurface for the cable pathway to the central spine and/or trough.

Q201 - 3.2.3.5.3 page 60 of 122

Support bases should also include X base and disc base supports.

Response:

Refer to Q142.

Q202 - 3.2.5.1.2 page 61 of 122

In previous amendments you have removed vertically hinged doors.

Hinged doors are still the standard for many hutches and overheads and should be included.

Response:

Vertically hinged doors will not be included in Category 1B at this time.

Q203 - 3.2.7.3.1 page 63 of 122

Why are metal and metal with laminate front laterals not included?

Response:

Metal laterals are available in Category 3, metal with laminate fronts will not be included in Category 1B at this time.

Q204 - 3.2.8.2.1 page 63 of 122

The height should be 50” to 54”

Response:

The heights specified in the specifications and catalogues will remain as noted at this time.

Current Spec: 9.7.5. The height of the personal storage towers must be 1372mm (54in.) high and meet the height of the Seated Privacy Height panels, and/or must be 1676mm (66 in.) high, both heights have a tolerance of - 102mm(-4 in).

Q205 - 3.2.10.3.4 page 65 of 122

Work surfaces privacy screens should also be available in glass and laminate given they are specified more than metal.

Response:

Safety Glass or Acrylic Frosted finish will be accepted. Laminate and metal will not be options at this time.

Delete 3.2.10.3.4. *Work surface mounted privacy screens must be upholstered, metal, or painted metal.*

Insert 3.2.10.3.4. *Work surface mounted privacy screens must be upholstered or frosted acrylic or safety glass (excluding wired glass).*

Q206 - 3.3.2.2.3 page 68 of 122

Please confirm that the height range should be 23" to 48.7

Response: Correct.

Delete 3.3.2.2.3. *The height adjustability of the sit-stand range height adjustable work surfaces must be capable of adjusting between 762 mm to 1245 mm (30 in. to 49 in.).*

Insert 3.3.2.2.3. *The height adjustability of the sit-stand range height adjustable work surfaces must be capable of adjusting from a minimum height of 584mm (23 in) -25mm (- 1 in) to 1237mm (48.7 in) + 50mm (+2 in) from the floor to the top of the work surface.*

Q207 - 3.3.2.5.2 page 68 of 122

You are requesting 2" leveling glides which is excessive and should be ½" as per CGSB standards

Response:

Refer to Q157A where this question has been addressed.

Q208 - 3.4.2.3.1 page 70 of 122

The option of metal with laminate front should be included

Response: Metal with laminate front pedestals will not be included in Category 3 at this time.

3.4.3.2.1 page 70 of 122

Height should include a range i.e. 50" to 54"

The heights specified in the specifications and catalogues will remain as noted at this time.

Current Spec: 9.7.5. The height of the personal storage towers must be 1372mm (54in.) high and meet the height of the Seated Privacy Height panels, and/or must be 1676mm (66 in.) high, both heights have a tolerance of - 102mm(-4 in).

Q209 - 3.4.4.2.1.2 page 71 of 122

Widths should include 42" not 48" as standard

Response:

The widths specified in the specifications and catalogues will remain as noted at this time.

Q210 - 3.4.4.3.1 page 71 of 122

Option for metal with laminate front should be available.

Response:

Metal and laminate front storage cabinets and wardrobes will not be included in Category 3 at this time.

Q211 - 3.4.5.1 page 72 of 122

Could you please clarify if the product being described is a locker or cubby.
The description is confusing especially concerning stacking.



Locker



Cubby

Response:

The specifications use the term “locker” universally whether they are stacked or not stacked. If they are stacked they are cubbies.

Q212 - 3.4.5.2.1 page 72 of 122

Depth should be 18” and 24” (=/-) to align with standard worksurface sizes.

Response:

The depths noted in the specifications and catalogues will remain as noted at this time.

Q213 - 3.4.5.3.1

The option of metal with laminate front should be available.

Response:

Metal with laminate front storage lockers will not be included in Category 3 at this time.

Q214 - 3.5.2.5.3

Option for x base and disc base should be included

Response:

The bases specified in the specifications and catalogues will remain as noted at this time.

Q215 - 3.6.3.5.2 page 81 of 122

Given the evolution of monitors the weight range should include the range of 8kg to 20kg.

Response:

The weight range specified in the specifications and catalogues will remain as noted at this time.

Q216 - 3.7.1.5.3 page 83 of 122

X base and disc base options should be included.

Response:

Refer to Q142 where this question has been addressed.

Q217 - 3.7.2.5.1 page 84 of 122

X base and disc base should be included

Response:

Refer to Q142

Q218 - 3.7.3.6.6 page 87 of 122

Our modesty panels are 12", in height. This allows for use on deep flip top tables. Please confirm that 12" high modesty panels are acceptable.

Response:

12" High Modesty Panels will be accepted.

Delete 3.7.3.6.6. Modesty panels must be no shorter than 457mm (16 in.) in height and not larger than 508mm (20 in.) in height.

Insert 3.7.3.6.6. Modesty panels must be no shorter than 279mm (11 in.) in height and not larger than 508mm (20 in.) in height.

Delete 3.2.1.2.7. Modesty panels must be no shorter than 457mm (16 in.) in height and not larger than 508mm (20 in.) in height.

Insert 3.2.1.2.7. Modesty panels must be no shorter than 279mm (11 in.) in height and not larger than 508mm (20 in.) in height.

Delete 3.5.1.2.5. Modesty panels must be no shorter than 457mm (16 in.), and not higher than 508mm (20 in.) in height. The modesty panel width must correspond with the width of the work surface ± 51 mm (± 2 in.) from each end.

Insert 3.5.1.2.5. Modesty panels must be no shorter than 279mm (11 in.), and not higher than 508mm (20 in.) in height. The modesty panel width must correspond with the width of the work surface ± 51 mm (± 2 in.) from each end.

Delete 3.7.2.2.3. Modesty panels must be no shorter than 457mm (16 in.), and no higher than 508mm (20 in.) in height.

Insert 3.7.2.2.3. Modesty panels must be no shorter than 279mm (11 in.), and no higher than 508mm (20 in.) in height.

Q219 - Regarding Section 3.10 Category 6: Open Area Collaborative Furniture

Item .2 Individual Private Lounge Chair. As this is a new addition to the catalogue and as we assume that Canada is seeking Best in Class solutions, we respectfully request that there be some additions and enhancements to the specifications of this product. Specifically:

Q219a) - 3.10.2.3.1.2. Seat and back must have option of same fabric or different fabrics on seat and back.

Response:

Same or different fabrics on seat and back are currently noted in the Specifications.

Q219b) - 3.10.2.3.2 Work surface must be painted MDF, high pressure laminate or wood veneer. Tablet arm must be painted MDF, high pressure laminate, wood veneer or formed, seamless, rigid plastic.

Response:

The Specifications and Catalogue will remain as is at this time.

Q219c) - 3.10.2.3.3 Screens must be fabric covered, high pressure laminate or translucent acrylic.

Response:

The Specifications and Catalogue will remain as is at this time.

Q220 - Referencing Question # 110 in Amendment # 5: Airflow Elements exist in our industry which are constructed of not only “perforated steel metal” but also “open weave” textiles specifically manufactured to allow air flow through panel tiles. Please confirm that “open weave tiles” are acceptable to PSPC for this requirement, provided access to wall outlets are not impeded.

Response:

Delete 3.1.3.1. Base panels must be offered in upholstered fabric, plastic laminate, or metal air-flow/perforated metal.

Insert 3.1.3.1. Base panels must be offered in upholstered fabric or plastic laminate. At a location where an airflow element is required, base panels must be offered in metal air-flow/perforated metal, open weave textile or open panel.

Q221 - Re Category 5, Subsection 3 (Monitor Arms): Adjustment mechanisms exist in the industry now that are comprised of simple manual knob adjustments to move monitor arms horizontally up and down a central mast. Please confirm that this is an acceptable adjustment mechanism for PSPC.

Response:

A manual knob adjustment to move the monitor arms horizontally will not be accepted. As per the revised specification: Monitor arm must be able to provide vertical and horizontal depth adjustment by the user through the mounted monitor without any tools.

Q222 - Referencing Amendment #7, Question 187 referring to Section 3.8.10.5: With all due respect, pedestal bases on kitchenette chairs are a standard in the contract furniture industry. In fact, some of the most iconic dining chairs are constructed with a pedestal base. Please revise 3.8.10.5 to add pedestals bases back to this requirement.

Response:

Pedestal Base was removed as to have a light-weight, stackable 4-leg or sled-base kitchenette chair. We will not be accepting pedestal bases at this time.

Q223 - As I read Annex A, it lists as "Reference Standards," such as ANSI/BIFMA X5.4- Lounge and Public Seating but I do not see it listed as a requirement in Category 6. It does however state certification in ANSI/BIFMA e3 Furniture Sustainability Standard only and the general manufacturing facility ISOs.

Response:

BIFMA x 5.4 is mandatory of Category 6 for Lounge Public Seating Testing to ensure the performance safety of these products. ANSI/BIFMA e3 and Levels are only dealing with Environmental and Sustainability and do not address the structural and performance safety which is under BIFMA x 5.4 test protocols.

Q223a) - Can you please confirm the standard certification as I can not locate a definitive answer?

Response: Please see Part 5- Certifications and Additional Information.

Q223b) - As certificates are not listed as a requirement, furniture should then be manufactured to meet the respective ANSI/BIFMA standards?

Response:

SA holders are required to provide proof of compliance applicable to ANSI/BIFMA standards for structural and performance safety and environmental with BIFMA LEVEL 2 or higher **upon request**.

Q224 - Some of our products manufactured in Europe have gone through other testing such as CATAS in Italy or FCBA in France. Would certifications by these organizations be accepted?

Response:

No, the European standards will not be accepted at this time. CATAS and FCBA uses ISO or EN standards that have some major differences with BIFMA testing in their test philosophy and testing protocols.

Q225 - If certifications such as ANSI/BIFMA are in process can the furniture still be added to the supply agreement?

Response:

Product compliance is required before awarding contracts to SA holders.

Q226 - We hope with the new Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) that the European standards will be looked upon as equivalent granted that the testing meets the North American counterparts.

Response:

Unfortunately, the European standards will not be accepted at this time. The testing philosophy and testing protocol for furniture still has significant differences between North America BIFMA standards and EN standards. We will only accept North American BIFMA testing.

Q227 - 1.7.1.1: All products must be certified by an independent third-part certificate as compliant with the ANSI/BIFMA e3 Furniture Sustainability Standard and achieve a minimum of level 2. ANSI/BIFMA Level certification is new to E60PQ-140003 and was never required before. Many current suppliers on E60PQ-140003 either do not have level status at all, or are at level 1 only. Would PWGSC consider level 1 certification as a minimum? Otherwise, several government agencies that are standardized on a certain product will no longer have access to the colors and styles that their offices were designed in.

Response:

The Government of Canada is requesting a Level 2 as part of the government's plan and vision for a more sustainable Canada. Project teams will also be looking to acquire points towards WELL and LEED standards and some of these points can be achieved with sustainable furniture products and materials.

Q228 - 1.7.6.2 : Blanket wrapping must be used for short distances of 100 km or less when the orders are of sufficient order size (i.e. enough to fill a truck).
Blanket wrapping is not generally used for panels, desks and storage, and is generally used for seating. Is this blanket wrapping requirement applicable only to Category 6 soft seating and kitchenette seating, or does this apply to all categories?

Response:

Blanket wrapping can be applied to all categories when it makes sense. Careful handling and protection of the product being delivered is the SA holder's responsibility.

Q229 - 2.3.1 Tolerances:

Will PWGSC reconsider the dimensional tolerance for Category 1b? For this category in E60PQ-140003, and in prior NMSO agreements, there has always been a tolerance of ½" in width and depth of work surfaces. We have sold work surfaces within these tolerances to hundreds of federal offices in the past 15 years, and erasing this tolerance means that these offices will no longer be permitted to buy a surface to go next an existing adjacent surface and have the same depth. We have always been transparent about the dimensions of our work surface depth and width, in millimeters, and have hidden nothing from federal agencies. We would like to continue to do so, if permitted, in order to offer a seamless transition of E60PQ-140003/B to E60PQ-140003/C, and ensure that federal agencies can buy the same products under 140003/C as they have done in 140003/B.

Response:

Tolerances will be acceptable.

Delete 2.3.1.1. Work surfaces: ±25 mm (±1 in.) fixed height.

Insert 2.3.1.1. Work surfaces: ±25 mm (±1 in.) in height and ±25 mm (± 1/2 in.) in width and depth.

Delete 2.3.1.2. *Height adjustability ranges (Category 2, and Category 6 height adjustable multimedia tables) may deviate from the specified range: $\pm 25\text{mm}$ ($\pm 1\text{ in.}$).*

Insert 2.3.1.2. *Height adjustable work surfaces (Category 2, and Category 6 height adjustable multimedia tables) may deviate from the specified range: $\pm 25\text{mm}$ ($\pm 1\text{ in.}$) in height, $\pm 13\text{mm}$ ($\pm 1/2\text{ in.}$) in width and depth.*

Insert 3.3.1.2.5. *The clearance between a height adjustable surface and any adjacent work surface or vertical element, shall not be less than 25 mm (1 in.). A clearance less than 8mm (0.3 in.) is acceptable where the clearance is maintained throughout the travel of the adjusting surface.*

Insert 3.3.2.2.6. *The clearance between a height adjustable surface and any adjacent work surface or vertical element, shall not be less than 25 mm (1 in.). A clearance less than 8mm (0.3 in.) is acceptable where the clearance is maintained throughout the travel of the adjusting surface.*

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged