

**SOLICITATION NUMBER: 87055-18-0063 / QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SERIES – 001**

**Q1.** On page 8 of the RFP, it is indicated that “The estimated cost per year to perform the assessments is \$125,000 inclusive of all travel, material and supplies, laboratory analysis and resource costs.” Does this represent a commitment of project work in this amount each year of the 5 year contract or only for year 1? Does this represent a maximum project amount?

**A1.** Please be advised that the wording of the note on page 8 has been revised to correct the amount indicated from \$125,000 to \$120,000 and to provide some clarification. The wording has been revised to the below which is also reflected in Amendment 001 to the RFP.

*‘Note: The maximum amount per year that the CNSC will spend on assessments is \$120,000 inclusive of all travel, material and supplies, laboratory analysis and resource costs, taxes are extra. This does not demonstrate a commitment on the part of the CNSC that they will spend that amount per year as assessments will be done based on necessity.’*

The estimated \$120,000 per assessment has been included for information purposes only to inform Bidders that the amount that the CNSC will spend per year on assessments will not exceed \$120,000. Since assessments are conducted based on necessity, this does not represent a commitment on behalf of the CNSC that this is what will be spent annually. The cost of an assessment may be less depending on the specific location and work included in each assessment.

**Q2.** Since the contract is 5 years in duration, is there an opportunity for the per diems that we identify in our proposal to be increased to account for cost living/inflation, etc. or are we to commit a per diem rate for 5 years?

**A2.** The proposed per diem rates will apply for the 5 year duration of the contract. They will not change over the course of the contract.

**Q3.** For item R3, would points be awarded for similar projects in remote areas other than those specifically within Lake Athabaska Basin, provided that the consultant also has direct experience working in the Lake Athabaska Basin, in particular the vicinity of Uranium City?

**A3.** No, points are only awarded for relevant projects that were conducted in the Athabasca Basin in northern Saskatchewan.

**Q4.** Under item 7.8.4 Methods of Payment, there are several options – Single Payment, Milestone Payment and Monthly Payment. Regardless of the payment method, is the consultant still required to provide a detailed breakdown of labour and disbursement costs for each type of payment? In our experience lump sum or milestone payments do not always require this level of supporting information.

**A4.** The specific method of payment used will be determined with each Task Authorization (TA) issued. The Price Breakdown clause in Section 7.8.3 has been included in the event that CNSC needs a breakdown of the proposed costs, in whole or part, for a specific TA. Whether or not the breakdown is required will be determined at the time of TA issuance.

**Q5.** Under Annex B, 2.1 Travel and Living Expenses and 2.2 Other Direct Costs, the RFP indicates that these are estimated at \$100,000 and \$75,000 respectively. Please clarify that our estimates for these items in our proposal would still have to be included in the cost per year to perform the assessments of \$125,000 as stated on page 8?

**A5.** The estimated \$120,000 per assessment has been included for information purposes only to inform Bidders that the amount that the CNSC will spend per year on assessments will not exceed \$120,000. The cost of an assessment may be less depending on the specific location and work included in each assessment. It does form part of the financial evaluation.

For the purposes of financial evaluation, the sub-total of the per diem rates identified in Attachment 1 to Part 3, Pricing Schedule, on page 8 will be the total bid price used to determine the Bidders financial score as per the selection methodology identified in Section 4.2 Basis of Selection – Highest Combined Rating of Technical Merit 80% and Price 20%. Estimated Travel and Living Expenses and Other Direct Costs will not be considered for financial evaluation purposes.

**Q6.** There is a discrepancy in the English RFP between the resources listed in Attachment 1 to Part 3 and Appendix 1 to Annex A. One lists a Fisheries Botanist while the other lists a Fisheries Biologist. Can you confirm which is correct?

**A6.** Appendix 1 to Annex A is correct. The table in Attachment 1 to Part 3 has been corrected. This is reflected in the English version of Amendment 001 to the RFP.