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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DEMANDE DE PROPOSITION

Proposal To: Public Works and Government Services Canada

We hereby offer to sell to Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein, referred to herein or attached hereto, the goods, services, and construction listed herein and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefor.

Proposition aux: Travaux Publics et Services Gouvernementaux Canada

Nous offrons par la présente de vendre à Sa Majesté la Reine du chef du Canada, aux conditions énoncées ou incluses par référence dans la présente et aux annexes ci-jointes, les biens, services et construction énumérés ici sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

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Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction: Swift Current Research and Development Centre 1 Airport Road Swift Current, Saskatchewan S9H 3X2	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée See Herein	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
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Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Requirement

The requirement is detailed under Article 6.2 of the resulting contract clauses.

1.2 Debriefings

Bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the bid solicitation process. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority within 15 working days from receipt of the results of the bid solicitation process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

1.3 Trade Agreements

The requirement is subject to the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA).

1.4 epost Connect service

This bid solicitation allows bidders to use the epost Connect service provided by Canada Post Corporation to transmit their bid electronically. Bidders must refer to Part 2 entitled Bidder Instructions, and Part 3 entitled Bid Preparation Instructions, of the bid solicitation, for further information.

PART 2 - BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the bid solicitation by number, date and title are set out in the [Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual](https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract.

The [2003](#) (2018-05-22) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

2.1.1 SACC Manual Clauses

B1000T (2014-06-26), Conditional of Material – Bid

2.2 Submission of Bids

Bids must be submitted only to the Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit specified below by the date and time indicated on page 1 of the bid solicitation:

Bid Receiving Public Works and Government Services Canada
Government of Canada Building
101 – 22nd Street East, Suite 110
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 0E1

ROReceptionSoumissions.WRBidReceiving@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca (Bids/Offers will not be accepted if emailed directly to this email address. This email is to initiate an ePost conversation, as detailed in the Standard Instructions at Article 2.1).

Facsimile: (306) 975-5397

2.3 Enquiries - Bid Solicitation

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than ten (10) calendar days before the bid closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Bidders should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the bid solicitation to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by Bidders to explain each question in sufficient detail in order to enable Canada to provide an accurate answer. Technical enquiries that are of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked "proprietary" at each relevant item. Items identified as "proprietary" will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Canada may edit the question(s) or may request that the Bidder do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question(s) is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered to all Bidders. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all Bidders may not be answered by Canada.

2.4 Applicable Laws

Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Alberta.

Bidders may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their bid, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the Bidders.

PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Bid Preparation Instructions

- If the Bidder chooses to submit its bid electronically, Canada requests that the Bidder submits its bid in accordance with section 08 of the 2003 standard instructions. Bidders must provide their bid in a single transmission. The epost Connect service has the capacity to receive multiple documents, up to 1GB per individual attachment.

The bid must be gathered per section and separated as follows:

Section I: Technical Bid
Section II: Financial Bid
Section III: Certifications

- If the Bidder chooses to submit its bid in hard copies, Canada requests that the Bidder submits its bid in separately bound sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Bid (1 hard copy)
Section II: Financial Bid (1 hard copy)
Section III: Certifications (1 hard copy)

- If the Bidder is simultaneously providing copies of its bid using multiple acceptable delivery methods, and if there is a discrepancy between the wording of any of these copies and the electronic copy provided through epost Connect service, the wording of the electronic copy provided through epost Connect service will have priority over the wording of the other copies.

Prices must appear in the financial bid only. No prices must be indicated in any other section of the bid.

Canada requests that bidders follow the format instructions described below in the preparation of hard copy of their bid:

- (a) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper;
- (b) use a numbering system that corresponds to the bid solicitation.

In April 2006, Canada issued a policy directing federal departments and agencies to take the necessary steps to incorporate environmental considerations into the procurement process [Policy on Green Procurement](https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32573) (<https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32573>). To assist Canada in reaching its objectives, bidders should:

- 1) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper containing fibre certified as originating from a sustainably-managed forest and containing minimum 30% recycled content; and
- 2) use an environmentally-preferable format including black and white printing instead of colour printing, printing double sided/duplex, using staples or clips instead of cerlox, duotangs or binders.

Section I: Technical Bid

In their technical bid, Bidders should explain and demonstrate how they propose to meet the requirements and how they will carry out the Work.

Section II: Financial Bid

Bidders must submit their financial bid in accordance with the Basis of Payment.

3.1.1 Electronic Payment of Invoices – Bid

If you are willing to accept payment of invoices by Electronic Payment Instruments, complete Annex “C” Electronic Payment Instruments, to identify which ones are accepted.

If Annex “C” Electronic Payment Instruments is not completed, it will be considered as if Electronic Payment Instruments are not being accepted for payment of invoices.

Acceptance of Electronic Payment Instruments will not be considered as an evaluation criterion.

3.1.2 Exchange Rate Fluctuation

C3011T (2013-11-06), Exchange Rate Fluctuation

Section III: Certifications

Bidders must submit the certifications and additional information required under Part 5.

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION**4.1 Evaluation Procedures**

- (a) Bids will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the bid solicitation including the technical and financial evaluation criteria.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the bids.

4.1.1 Technical Evaluation**4.1.1.1 Mandatory Technical Criteria**

Please see Annex “A” – Requirement.

4.1.2 Financial Evaluation

SACC Manual Clause A0222T (2014-06-26), Evaluation of Price – Canadian / Foreign Bidders

4.2 Basis of Selection– Mandatory Technical Criteria

A bid must comply with the requirements of the bid solicitation and meet all mandatory technical evaluation criteria to be declared responsive. The responsive bid with the lowest evaluated price will be recommended for award of a contract.

PART 5 – CERTIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bidders must provide the required certifications and additional information to be awarded a contract.

The certifications provided by Bidders to Canada are subject to verification by Canada at all times. Unless specified otherwise, Canada will declare a bid non-responsive, or will declare a contractor in default if any certification made by the Bidder is found to be untrue whether made knowingly or unknowingly, during the bid evaluation period or during the contract period.

The Contracting Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Bidder's certifications. Failure to comply and to cooperate with any request or requirement imposed by the Contracting Authority will render the bid non-responsive or constitute a default under the Contract.

5.1 Certifications Required with the Bid

Bidders must submit the following duly completed certifications as part of their bid.

5.1.1 Integrity Provisions - Declaration of Convicted Offences

In accordance with the Integrity Provisions of the Standard Instructions, all bidders must provide with their bid, **if applicable**, the declaration form available on the [Forms for the Integrity Regime](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/declaration-eng.html) website (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/declaration-eng.html>), to be given further consideration in the procurement process.

5.2 Certifications Precedent to Contract Award and Additional Information

The certifications and additional information listed below should be submitted with the bid, but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications or additional information is not completed and submitted as requested, the Contracting Authority will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to provide the certifications or the additional information listed below within the time frame provided will render the bid non-responsive.

5.2.1 Integrity Provisions – Required Documentation

In accordance with the section titled Information to be provided when bidding, contracting or entering into a real procurement agreement of the [Ineligibility and Suspension Policy](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/politique-policy-eng.html) (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/politique-policy-eng.html>), the Bidder must provide the required documentation, as applicable, to be given further consideration in the procurement process.

5.2.2 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Bid Certification

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 available at the bottom of the page of the [Employment and Social Development Canada \(ESDC\) - Labour's](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-contractor-program.html#) website (<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-contractor-program.html#>).

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.

PART 6 - RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from the bid solicitation.

6.1 Security Requirements

6.1.1 There is no security requirement applicable to the Contract.

6.2 Requirement

The Contractor must provide the items detailed under the "Requirement" at Annex "A".

6.3 Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the Contract by number, date and title are set out in the [Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual](https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

6.3.1 General Conditions

[2010A](#) (2018-06-21), General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity), apply to and form part of the Contract.

6.4 Term of Contract

6.4.1 Delivery Date

All the deliverables must be received on or before **March 29, 2019**.

6.4.2 Optional Goods

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to acquire the goods, services or both described at Annex A of the Contract under the same conditions and at the prices and/or rates stated in the Contract. The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority and will be evidenced, for administrative purposes only, through a contract amendment.

The Contracting Authority may exercise the option at any time before **March 31, 2020** by sending a written notice to the Contractor.

6.4.3 Delivery Points

Delivery of the requirement will be made to delivery point(s) specified at Annex "B" of the Contract.

6.5 Authorities

6.5.1 Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Ngan Loi
Procurement Officer
Public Works and Government Services Canada
Acquisitions Branch, Western Region
759, 220 4 Ave SE
Calgary, AB T2G 4X3

Telephone: 403-973-2796
Facsimile: 306-975-5397
E-mail address: ngan.loi@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca

The Contracting Authority is responsible for the management of the Contract and any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the Contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from anybody other than the Contracting Authority.

6.5.2 Project Authority

The Project Authority for the Contract is:

(To be provided at contract award)

The Project Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the Project Authority, however the Project Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of the Work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

6.5.3 Contractor's Representative

(To be completed by Bidder)

Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: ____ - ____ - ____
Facsimile: ____ - ____ - ____
E-mail address: _____

6.6 Payment

6.6.1 Basis of Payment

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid a firm price as specified in Annex B for a cost of **\$ TBD**. Customs duties are **TBD** and Applicable Taxes are extra.

Canada will not pay the Contractor for any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work, unless they have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work.

6.6.2 Single Payment

H1000C (2008-05-12), Single Payment

6.6.3 SACC Manual Clauses

C2000C (2007-11-30), Taxes - Foreign-based Contractor

6.6.4 Electronic Payment of Invoices – Contract

The Contractor accepts to be paid using any of the following Electronic Payment Instrument(s): **TBD**

6.7 Invoicing Instructions

6.7.1 The Contractor must submit invoices in accordance with the section entitled "Invoice Submission" of the general conditions. Invoices cannot be submitted until all work identified in the invoice is completed.

6.7.2 Invoices must be distributed as follows:

a. The original and one (1) copy must be forwarded to the address shown on page 1 of the Contract for certification and payment.

b. One (1) copy must be forwarded to the Contracting Authority identified under the section entitled "Authorities" of the Contract.

6.8 Certifications and Additional Information

6.8.1 Compliance

Unless specified otherwise, the continuous compliance with the certifications provided by the Contractor in its bid or precedent to contract award, and the ongoing cooperation in providing additional information are conditions of the Contract and failure to comply will constitute the Contractor in default. Certifications are subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the Contract.

6.9 Applicable Laws

The Contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Alberta.

6.10 Priority of Documents

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- (a) the Articles of Agreement;
- (b) the general conditions 2010A (2018-06-21), General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity);
- (c) Annex A, Requirement;
- (d) Annex B, Basis of Payment;
- (e) the Contractor's bid dated _____.

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6.11 Insurance

G1005C (2016-01-28), Insurance – No Specific Requirement

6.12 SACC Manual Clauses

A9039C (2008-05-12), Salvage
B7500C (2006-06-16), Excess Goods
B1501C (2018-06-21), Electrical Equipment

ANNEX "A"

REQUIREMENT

For the supply, delivery, installation and training of one (1) new **digital PCR system** for the Soil Microbial Ecology Laboratory at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Swift Current Research and Development Center located in Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Swift Current Research and Development Center reserves the option to purchase one (1) new **real-time PCR system** to be delivered by March 31, 2020.

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to acquire one (1) new real-time PCR system described at Annex "A" of the contract under the same conditions and at the prices and/or rates stated in the Contract. The Contractor will be given thirty (30) days' notice. The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority, and will be evidenced for administrative purposes only, through a contract amendment.

These systems are used to detect and provide absolute quantification of nucleic acids. Digital PCR systems work by separating samples into a large number of partitions prior to the amplification step. They are similar to conventional real-time PCR systems with regards to the reaction assembly components and amplification reaction, but digital PCR systems do not require a standard curve for sample target quantification.

A complete list of the minimum mandatory performance specifications are detailed below in the "Compliance Matrix". Bidders are to clearly demonstrate compliance with each mandatory specification.

1. Bidders **must** show compliance by addressing each performance specification in the Compliance Matrix, whether the product offered "meets" or "doesn't meet".
2. Bidders are requested to indicate how they meet each performance specification by recording this information under the Performance Specification Offered column in the Compliance Matrix.
3. It is requested that supporting technical documentation, including but not limited to, specification sheets, technical brochures, photographs or illustrations be provided with the bid at solicitation close and be cross-referenced on the Compliance Matrix for each performance specification to outline where in the supporting technical documentation it demonstrates compliance. It is the Bidders responsibility to ensure that the submitted supporting technical documentation provides detail to prove that the proposed product(s) meet the requirements of the Performance Specification. If published supporting technical document is not available, the Bidder should prepare a written narrative complete with a detailed explanation of how its bid demonstrates technical compliance.
4. If the supporting documentation referenced above has not been provided at bid closing, the Contracting Authority will notify the Bidder that they must provide supporting documentation within two (2) business days following notification. Failure to comply with the request of the Contracting Authority within that time period, will deem the bid non-responsive and the bid will be given no further consideration.
5. Bidders must address any concerns with the performance specifications in written detail to the Contracting Authority before bid closing as outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) document.
6. Failure to meet each mandatory performance specification will result in the bid being deemed non-responsive, and be given no further consideration.

COMPLIANCE MATRIX – MINIMUM MANDATORY PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS:

Requirement	Manufacturer offered	Model number offered
Digital PCR system		
Real-time PCR system		

Item #	Performance Specification	Performance Specification Met? Please indicate either Yes/No	Performance Specification Offered: Bidder should indicate how they meet the performance specification by recording this information in this column	Cross Reference: In this column, Bidders should cross-reference where this performance specification is indicated in their supporting documents.
	DIGITAL PCR SYSTEM			
1	Digital PCR System must be new, and the model must be currently in production			
2	Digital PCR system must be a complete system (i.e., must include all necessary components in workflow to analyze samples) capable of providing an absolute count of target DNA copies per sample without the need of a standard curve			
3	Digital PCR system must be capable of dividing samples into a minimum of 20,000 partitions			
4	Digital PCR system must be capable of detecting FAM (or SYBR Green or EvaGreen) and HEX (or VIC) dyes at a minimum			
5	Digital PCR system must have a dynamic range of at least 5 decades			
6	Must include software for data acquisition and analysis			
7	Must provide on-site training for 2 people upon installation			
8	Digital PCR system must include 1-year warranty service			

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Item #	Performance Specification	Performance Specification Met? Please indicate either Yes/No	Performance Specification Offered: Bidder should indicate how they meet the performance specification by recording this information in this column	Cross Reference: In this column, Bidders should cross-reference where this performance specification is indicated in their supporting documents.
	REAL-TIME PCR SYSTEM			
9	Must be capable of providing a real-time PCR system that is compatible with the digital PCR system (i.e., can use the same chemistry and consumables and run the same assays as the digital PCR system)			
10	Real-time PCR System must be new, and the model must be currently in production			
11	Real-time PCR system must be in 96-well format			
12	Real-time PCR system must include software for data acquisition and analysis			
13	Real-time PCR system must have a minimum of four detection channels for multiplexing			
14	Real-time PCR system must include 1-year warranty service			

ANNEX "B"

BASIS OF PAYMENT

GST is to be excluded from the prices quoted herein.

GST (if applicable) is to be added to the invoice as a separate item.

A. Digital PCR system (To be delivered on or before March 29, 2019)

Item #	Description	Price
1	For the supply, installation and training of one (1) new digital PCR system for the Soil Microbial Ecology Laboratory at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Swift Current Research and Development Center located in Swift Current, Saskatchewan.	\$ _____
2	FOB Destination all-inclusive freight/delivery Delivery point: Swift Current Research and Development Centre 1 Airport Road Swift Current, Saskatchewan S9H 3X2	\$ _____
TOTAL PRICE		\$ _____ (A)

B. Option to Purchase: Real-time PCR system (To be delivered on or before March 31, 2020)

Item #	Description	Price
1	For the supply, installation and training of one (1) new real-time PCR system for the Soil Microbial Ecology Laboratory at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Swift Current Research and Development Center located in Swift Current, Saskatchewan.	\$ _____
2	FOB Destination all-inclusive freight/delivery Delivery point: Swift Current Research and Development Centre 1 Airport Road Swift Current, Saskatchewan S9H 3X2	\$ _____
TOTAL PRICE		\$ _____ (B)

Total evaluated bid price = (A) + (B) = \$ _____

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ANNEX “C” to PART 3 OF THE BID SOLICITATION

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT INSTRUMENTS

The Bidder accepts any of the following Electronic Payment Instrument(s):

- ☐ () VISA Acquisition Card;
- ☐ () MasterCard Acquisition Card;
- ☐ () Direct Deposit (Domestic and International);
- ☐ () Electronic Data Interchange (EDI);
- ☐ () Wire Transfer (International Only);
- ☐ () Large Value Transfer System (LVTS) (Over \$25M)