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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT  
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised;  
unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and  
conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf  
indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation  
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<b>Title-Sujet</b> Gender Equality and Gender-Based Violence Research in Canada	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> 1W001-180192/C	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 001
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> 1W001-18-0192	<b>Date</b> 24 December 2018
<b>GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG</b> PW-18-00854775	
<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> 075ss. 1W001-180192C	<b>CCC No./N° CC - FMS NO. / N° VME</b>
<b>Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin</b> at - à <b>2:00 PM</b> on - le <b>18 February 2019</b>	<b>Time Zone</b> <b>Fuseau horaire</b> Eastern Standard Time EST
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**Instructions : See Herein**

**Instructions : voir aux présentes**

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**THIS AMENDMENT IS RAISED TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS AND REVISE THE SOLICITATION DOCUMENT AND CLOSING DATE.**

Due to technical difficulties experienced during the English session of the Bidders' Conference, Canada will be conducting a second English session in early January. Bidders may register for that session by contacting the Contracting Authority at [april.campbell@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca](mailto:april.campbell@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca) with the name, email, telephone number and Organization.

- Q1. Who owns the intellectual property rights in research reports and deliverable produced?
- A1. The Contractor will own the intellectual property rights, including copyright in accordance with articles 7.2.1, General Conditions, and 7.2.2 License to Material Subject to Copyright. Canada will own the deliverable submitted under the contract.
- Q2. Do projects that correspond to sub-items 5.6.3 be prioritized on projects responding to larger items in 5.3 and 5.8?
- A2. The topics provided in 5.6.3 are examples only provided to illustrate the type of research that would apply to this project.
- Q3. Do projects need to cover different provinces or territories? Item 5.6.4 suggests that it would be acceptable to stick to a population or a province or even a region of a province, but confirmation would be appreciated.
- A3. You are encouraged to review the Summary Report of Feedback, 1W001-180192/B, published on the [buyandsell.gc.ca](http://buyandsell.gc.ca) website. It is up to the Bidder to determine the study population criteria. Canada has no preference.
- Q4. With respect to the person primarily responsible for the investigation or management of the project: if the person holding a doctorate in a relevant discipline is acting as a research coordinator, should the summary of 5 similar projects relate to the subject matter of the research, proposed research, evidence of experience in research coordination, or both?
- A4. The similar projects listed should, at minimum, relate to the research area the proposal addresses (either gender equality or gender-based violence).
- Q5. A brief verbal summary of the contract mode of operation would be appreciated by several participants. What is the timeframe to contract award?
- A5. The contract will largely depend on the research proposal. We have provided an illustrative example of the contract, but the statement of work negotiated between Status of Women and you in terms of the work to be undertaken and any associated conditions will determine the final document and how it will work.



There are various contractual strategies that will only be explored during the contract award process. There may also be additional conditions imposed by the laws of Canada, for example, the Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements have specific criteria that must be met if Canada, or a supplier performing work under contract with Canada must meet. Generally speaking, the Statement of Work will determine the clauses, supplementary general conditions, security, basis of payment, method of payment, and any customized clauses that may be required. Until we know what we are buying, we cannot state with any confidence what the contract will look like. Hence, the many options, identified by the provided in the illustrative contract.

- Q6. Where can I find the application form (to get a better idea of the time to invest in the preparation of the application)? if not yet available, when will it be?
- A6. There is no application to complete. Bidders must submit a research proposal of their own design and address the information required in Call for Proposal. A Compliance Table has been provided to aid in completing the required elements.
- Q7. How long will the evaluation process take (approximate time when bidders will have the answer to their request)?
- A7. That is unknown at this time. The evaluation will be undertaken in multiple stages with feedback provided to bidders at the completion of each stage:
- 1- compliance to the mandatory requirements of the bid (pass/fail)
  - 2 - compliance to the mandatory requirements of the evaluation (pass/fail)
  - 3 - achieving the minimum required score on the appropriate point rated criteria
  - 4 - review of top proposals within the \$5M maximum budget by the Selection Committee. This stage could result in 10 proposals being selected, or 50. There is no way to tell at this time.
    - Note that proposals that are unable to complete the Contract Award Process will be set aside and a new proposal brought forward by the Selection Committee.
    - Canada has requested a longer bid validity period to allow for this extended selection process.
- Q8. I wonder about the eligibility of a labour expenditure. Can fees be paid to the Principle Investigator if they are not a salaried employee?
- A8. Absolutely. I direct you to 1031-2 Contract Cost Principles, article 03 Direct Labour. Bidders may submit rates for every individual who will perform work under the resulting contract regardless of their status.
- Q9. Can the grant be used to support research leading to the design of Canada's first fully coordinated court model designed to coordinate the exchange of information across legal systems (criminal, family, child protection, civil protection inclusive of Provincial and Queen's Bench Court systems) in family violence cases?



- A9. This process will result in contracts rather than grants. Based on the information provided, yes, the contract could be used to support this research as it is related to one of the research areas of the call, Gender-Based Violence. The final determination of the eligibility of a proposal will occur after your proposal is submitted, based on the content of your proposal. As per evaluation criteria MR-1, the Bidder must provide evidence that their proposal responds directly to the Requirement stated in Part 5, Project Details, Article 5.5.
- Q10. Can the Government of New Brunswick (for example, the Department of Justice) apply for funding in partnership with researchers and research units?
- A10. Absolutely. You should review the 2003 Standard Instructions – Goods or Services, Competitive Requirements for information on how to submit a proposal as a Joint Venture.
- Q11. Is it possible to extend the period of funding beyond two years? Our project is designed to be educational and collaborative, we believe it will take us three years to collect pre and post implementation information flow data and to work collaboratively with service providers, legal system officials, mediators, Masters, judges, justices throughout community services and the legal system to design, implement and evaluate the new court model with its associated information exchange protocols. Alternatively, is it possible for Status of Women to consider two linked projects extending over a longer time period?
- A11. The proposal should be for a project that can be completed within a maximum 24 months. You may describe in your proposal a linked project that would follow the work completed in the first 24 months. This linked project would not be evaluated as part of this procurement process. Should you be awarded a contract, depending on the results of the work completed within the 24 months, Canada may exercise the option to extend the original contract to include the linked project.
- Q12. Are we able to charge for overhead costs associated with the project?
- A12. You are directed to review 1031-2 Contract Cost Principles to determine what constitutes an allowable cost. Additional information can also be found under Chapter 10, Cost and Profit of Supply Manual. A link is provided at the end of this document.
- Q13. Can the bid include professional fees (lawyers, academics)?
- A13. You are directed to review 1031-2 Contract Cost Principles to determine what constitutes an allowable cost. Additional information can also be found under Chapter 10, Cost and Profit of Supply Manual. A link is provided at the end of this document.
- Q14. What is the timeline for the contract?
- A14. You are encouraged to review the Summary Report of Feedback, 1W001-180192/B, published on the buyandsell.gc.ca website.

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**THE SOLICITATION IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS;**

**At Page 1, Solicitation Closes,**

DELETE: 6 February 2019

INSERT: 18 February 2019

**At Part 1, Article 1.2 Funding,**

INSERT: Bidders who have Research or Knowledge Synthesis work currently being funded under a separate contract or grant program should not submit a proposal for the same work under this solicitation. Projects already being funded by the Government of Canada will not be accepted.

**At Part 3, Article 3.3, Technical Proposal,**

DELETE: b) The research area the proposal responds to (see section 5.3)

INSERT: b) The research area the proposal responds to (see section 5.3) AND if the Bidder is submitting an "Indigenous Proposal" (reference 5.8 Glossary / Definitions).

**At Part 4, Article 4.2.1, Mandatory Requirements,**

DELETE: MR-2 For proposals relating to Indigenous populations, the proposal's objectives must be relevant to First Nation, Inuit and/or Métis collaborators and demonstrate potential to produce valuable knowledge to the respective communities, as demonstrated through written confirmation from the collaborators.

INSERT: MR-2 For proposals with a significant focus on Indigenous populations (see section 5.8 Glossary/Definitions) the proposal's objectives must be relevant to First Nation, Inuit and/or Métis collaborators and demonstrate potential to produce valuable knowledge to the respective communities, as demonstrated through written confirmation from the collaborators.

DELETE: MR-5 The Principal Investigator or Project Manager must submit a summary of up to a maximum of 5 similar projects undertaken within the last 10 years and a contact for each project that can confirm the work was performed.

INSERT: MR-5 The Principal Investigator or Project Manager must submit a summary of a project related to the research area of the proposals (GE or GBV) undertaken within the last 10 years and a contact for the project that can confirm the work was performed.

DELETE: MR-6 For proposals relevant to Indigenous populations, the proposed Principal Investigator or Project Manager must demonstrate Indigenous-living experience (Refer to Section 5.8 Glossary/Definitions).



INSERT: MR-6 For proposals with a significant focus on Indigenous populations (see section 5.8 Glossary/Definitions), the proposed Principal Investigator or Project Manager must demonstrate Indigenous-living experience.

**At Part 4, Article 4.2.2.2, Common Evaluation Criteria (Merit of the Proposal),**

DELETE: PR-5 The Bidder's proposal should define the methodology to be used in the conduct of the work and identify why it is likely to achieve success. For indigenous proposals, the definition of the methodology to be used and identification of why it is likely to achieve success must address how indigenous ways of knowing\* are incorporated.

INSERT: PR-5 The Bidder's proposal should define the methodology to be used in the conduct of the work and identify why it is likely to achieve success. For proposals with a significant focus on Indigenous populations (see section 5.8 Glossary/Definitions), the definition of the methodology to be used and identification of why it is likely to achieve success must address how indigenous ways of knowing\* are incorporated.

**At Part 5, Article 5.8, Glossary / Definitions,**

INSERT: *"Indigenous Proposal"* - for the purpose of this project means there the proposal demonstrates a significant focus on Indigenous populations. "Significant" means the proposal contains an objective to generate knowledge or data that is specific to Indigenous populations. This could include proposals that solely focus on generating knowledge or data specific to Indigenous populations, or proposals that have multiple objectives, with one or some of the objectives aiming to generate knowledge or data specific to Indigenous populations.