

June 2018 Medium Complexity Bid Solicitation and Resulting Contract Template (MC)

Purpose and Scope

PWGSC templates standardize and simplify procurement terminology and format, and ensure that documents issued for the acquisition of goods and services are consistent.

This template is to be used for medium complexity competitive and non-competitive requirements for goods, services or both.

This template is for the use of PWGSC contracting officers. Client departments using the PWGSC standard procurement templates and SACC clauses will need to modify them to suit their specific requirements and departmental procurement process. It is important to note that client departments may not have the same legislative authority, access to the same procurement tools, or the same departmental policy framework as PWGSC. Client departments are therefore advised to consult with their legal sector prior to using these templates.

Legal name of the department

Although PWGSC was renamed Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) for communication purposes, the legal name remains Public Works and Government Services Canada in policy instruments and in legal documents including contracts.

References to the use of the templates may be found in the [Standard Procurement Template Procedures](#) on GCpedia, in sections [4.10 - Solicitation Methods](#) and [4.15.1 - Departmental Standard Procurement Templates](#) as well as in section [1.10.10 - Procurement Best Practices of the Supply Manual](#).

Instructions:

Except where indicated, do not modify or change the order or content of the templates. Review all remarks and instructions in this template and in the SACC Manual to ensure the proposed clause is applicable to the requirement, otherwise, delete the clause and associated remarks and instructions and renumber accordingly.

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- (b) delete all unused options, instructions and remarks;*
- (c) delete any clauses that are not applicable to the requirement; and*
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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Security Requirements

Choose one of the following options when there are security requirements associated with the requirement and the applicable clauses provided by the Contract Security Program are inserted under article 6.1 of Part 6.

Consult section 4.30.10 of the Supply Manual.

OPTION 1

Use this option when the Bidder has until contract award to obtain the necessary security clearances.

1. Before award of a contract, the following conditions must be met:
 - (a) the Bidder must hold a valid organization security clearance as indicated in Part 6 - Resulting Contract Clauses;
 - (b) the Bidder's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites must meet the security requirements as indicated in Part 6 - Resulting Contract Clauses;
 - (c) the Bidder must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites;

if there are requirements for safeguarding measures at the Bidder's and proposed individuals' sites or premises, add the following:
 - (d) the Bidder's proposed location of work performance and document safeguarding must meet the security requirements as indicated in Part 6 - Resulting Contract Clauses;
 - (e) the Bidder must provide the addresses of proposed sites or premises of work performance and document safeguarding as indicated in Part 3 - Section IV Additional Information.
2. Bidders are reminded to obtain the required security clearance promptly. Any delay in the award of a contract to allow the successful Bidder to obtain the required clearance will be at the entire discretion of the Contracting Authority.
3. For additional information on security requirements, Bidders should refer to the Contract Security Program of Public Works and Government Services Canada (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/esc-src/introduction-eng.html>) website.

OPTION 2

Use this option when the Bidder must hold the necessary security clearances at the date of bid closing.

1. At the date of bid closing, the following conditions must be met:
 - (a) the Bidder must hold a valid organization security clearance as indicated in Part 6 - Resulting Contract Clauses;
 - (b) the Bidder's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites must meet the security requirements as indicated in Part 6 - Resulting Contract Clauses;
 - (c) the Bidder must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites;

if there are requirements for safeguarding measures at the Bidder's and proposed individuals' sites or premises, add the following:

- (d) the Bidder's proposed location of work performance and document safeguarding must meet the security requirements as indicated in Part 6 - Resulting Contract Clauses;
 - (e) the Bidder must provide the addresses of proposed sites or premises of work performance and document safeguarding as indicated in Part 3 - Section IV Additional Information.
2. For additional information on security requirements, Bidders should refer to the [Contract Security Program of Public Works and Government Services Canada](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/esc-src/introduction-eng.html) (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/esc-src/introduction-eng.html>) website.

1.2 Statement of Work **OR** Requirement

Use the appropriate title "Statement of Work" or "Requirement" and use the same title throughout the document. Insert a brief description of the requirement or refer to the "Statement of Work" or "Requirement" in the resulting contract. Use SACC Manual clause [B4007T](#) or [B4008T](#). Insert title of appropriate clause and update the [automatic Table of Contents](#).

1.3 Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s)

If the procurement is subject to one or more Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements (CLCAs), the Contracting Authority must list the applicable CLCAs in the bid solicitation. The following wording can be used, with the blanks filled in with the applicable CLCAs. Refer to section [9.35](#) of the Supply Manual for more information as to when CLCAs apply.

"This procurement is subject to the following Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s):

- _____
- _____."

1.4 Set-aside under the Federal Government Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business (PSAB)

Include the following sentence for requirements that have been set aside under the federal government Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business (PSAB).

"This procurement is set aside under the federal government Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business. For more information on Aboriginal business requirements of the Set-aside Program for Aboriginal Business, refer to [Annex 9.4](#) of the Supply Manual."

Insert the following sentence, if applicable:

"This procurement is set aside from the international trade agreements under the provision each has for measures with respect to Aboriginal peoples or for set-asides for small and minority businesses."

Insert the following sentence, if applicable:

"Further to Article 800 of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA), CFTA does not apply to this procurement."

1.5 Debriefings

Consult sections [7.35](#), [7.40](#), [7.45](#) of the Supply Manual for additional information on 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.

1.6 National Security Exception

Include the following sentence for requirements where the National Security Exception (NSE) provided in trade agreements has been invoked by Canada, to exclude a procurement from some or all of the obligations of the relevant trade agreement(s), because Canada considers the procurement necessary to protect its national security interests.

"The national security exceptions provided for in the trade agreements have been invoked; therefore, this procurement is excluded from all of the obligations of all the trade agreements."

1.7 Trade Agreements

Include the following sentence if the requirement is subject to all trade agreements noted in the clause, otherwise modify this article accordingly.

"The requirement is subject to the provisions of the World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP), the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)."

1.8 Canadian Content

Include the following sentence as part of the description of the requirement if the procurement is subject only to the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA), the Canadian Content Policy applies, and competition is conditionally limited to bids offering Canadian goods and/or services, as per SACC Manual clauses [A3061T](#), [A3062T](#), [A3063T](#), [A3065T](#), [A3066T](#), and [A3069T](#).

"The requirement is subject to a preference for Canadian goods and/or services."

Include the following sentence as part of the description of the requirement if the procurement is subject only to the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA), the Canadian Content Policy applies, and competition is solely limited to bids offering Canadian goods and/or services, as per SACC Manual clauses [A3051T](#), [A3052T](#), [A3053T](#), [A3055T](#), [A3056T](#) and [A3059T](#).

"The requirement is limited to Canadian goods and/or services."

1.9 epost Connect service

Include the following sentence to inform bidders that the epost Connect service is available as an electronic delivery method for submitting bids. The contracting officers must ensure that the Bid Receiving Unit email, address and fax number are included correctly within the solicitation.

"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

Include the latest version of standard instructions 2003 or 2004, as applicable, for all bid solicitations including those resulting from a Supply Arrangement, unless otherwise indicated in the SA.

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>) 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 _____ (*insert date*) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

OR

For non-competitive requirements, delete the above paragraph that refers to the Standard Instructions 2003 and insert the following:

The 2004 _____ (*insert date*) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Non-competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

For PWGSC Supply Arrangements where the integrity provisions were incorporated at the RFSA stage and the Bidder has already provided a list of names, replace subsections 3.a) of Section 01, Integrity Provisions – Bid in Standard Instructions 2003 (or 2004, as applicable) with the following:

"Subsection 3.a) of Section 01, Integrity Provisions - Bid of the Standard Instructions (*insert, as applicable* 2003 or 2004) incorporated by reference above is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

- a. at the time of submitting an arrangement under the Request for Supply Arrangements (RFSA), the Bidder has already provided a list of names, as requested under the Ineligibility and Suspension Policy. During this procurement process, the Bidder must immediately inform Canada in writing of any changes affecting the list of names".

Include the following modification to Standard Instructions 2003 when requiring bids to remain valid for more than 60 days. Insert the number of days the bid is to remain valid.

Subsection 5.4 of 2003, Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, is amended as follows:

Delete: 60 days

Insert: _____ days

2.1.1 SACC Manual Clauses

If applicable, include [SACC Manual](#) clauses by reference for specific instructions not covered by the standard instructions. For examples [B3000T](#), [B4024T](#). Review the "Remarks" for each clause before inserting to ensure it is appropriate for the requirement, and not duplicating or contradicting other instructions.

2.2 Submission of Bids

Sections 05 to 10 of Standard Instructions [2003](#) provide additional instructions and guidance to Bidders on the submission of bids. Review these sections before adding additional clauses to ensure there is no duplication or contradictory information.

Include the following paragraph if the BRU address, BRU facsimile and BRU email address required for delivery and/or transmission of bids are provided on page 1 of the bid solicitation.

"Bids must be submitted only to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit by the date, time and place indicated in the bid solicitation."

Or

Include the following paragraph if the BRU address, BRU facsimile and BRU email address required for delivery and/or transmission of bids are not provided on page 1 of the bid solicitation.

"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:

_____ (BRU identification)
_____ (physical delivery address)
_____ (city, province, postal code)
_____ (enter email address for epost Connect service)
_____ (enter bid facsimile number)."

Insert the following paragraph when transmission of bids by facsimile is not acceptable.

Due to the nature of the bid solicitation, bids transmitted by facsimile to PWGSC will not be accepted.

2.2.1(Insert title of applicable clause)

If applicable, insert in full text additional SACC Manual clauses with respect to submission of bids, with appropriate numbering (e.g. 2.2.1, 2.2.2, ...). Example of a clause to insert in full text: [A9076T](#)

2.3 Former Public Servant

For services requirements, insert one of the following SACC Manual clauses in full text: [A3025T](#) for a competitive bid solicitation or [A3026T](#) for a non-competitive bid solicitation. Use in conjunction with SACC Manual clause [A3025C](#) in Part 6.

2.4 Enquiries - Bid Solicitation

Section 13 of Standard Instructions [2003](#) provides additional instructions and guidance to Bidders on communications during the solicitation period. Review this section before adding additional clauses to ensure there is no duplication or contradictory information.

Refer to section [4.80](#) of the Supply Manual for guidance on responding to questions and communications during the solicitation period as responses may have a significant impact on the bid solicitation. Contracting Authorities should consider an extension to the bid closing date every time a response is provided to an enquiry.

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than _____ (*insert number of days*) 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.

2.5 Applicable Laws

Indicate the laws of which Canadian province or territory Canada proposes to apply to the resulting contract. The bidder, as instructed, may propose a change to the applicable laws in its bid.

Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in _____ (*insert the name of the province or territory*).

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

Before inserting additional bid preparation instructions, or clauses, consult sections 05 to 10 of Standard Instructions 2003 or sections 05 and 06 of Standard Instructions 2004, as applicable, to ensure there is no duplication or contradictory information.

3.1 Bid Preparation Instructions

Delete any section of this article that is not applicable. Ensure appropriate numbering. "Management Bid" may be included when there is a requirement to include a management section separate from the technical bid. If an electronic delivery method such as epost Connect service is an acceptable bid delivery method, contracting officers must be aware that hard copies (paper or soft copies on media) must not be a mandatory requirement. Contracting Officers must state whether or not epost Connect service and facsimile are acceptable. In circumstances where a contracting officer is electing to make electronic delivery of a bid, a mandatory requirement of the bid solicitation, transmission by facsimile in addition to epost Connect service must always be offered to bidders to provide an alternative opportunity in case of incompatibility or inability to transmit by epost Connect service.

Option 1: Insert the following paragraph when electronic delivery of the bid is allowed.

- 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
Section IV: Additional Information

- 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 (_____ hard copies) *(if applicable, add "and _____ soft copies on _____", and specify the medium such as CD, DVD or USB key)*

Section II: Financial Bid (_____ hard copies) *(if applicable, add "and _____ soft copies on _____", and specify the medium such as CD, DVD or USB key)*

Section III: Certifications (_____ hard copies) *(if applicable, add "and _____ soft copies on _____", and specify the medium such as CD, DVD or USB key)*

Section IV: Additional Information (_____ hard copies) *(if applicable, add "and _____ soft copies on _____", and specify the medium such as CD, DVD or USB key)*

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of the soft copy on electronic media and the hard copy, the wording of the hard copy will have priority over the wording of the soft 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.

Option 2: Insert one of the following paragraphs to inform bidders that electronic delivery method such as epost Connect service and/or facsimile are not allowed.

"Due to the nature of the bid solicitation, bids transmitted by epost Connect service will not be accepted."

Or

"Due to the nature of the bid solicitation, bids transmitted by facsimile will not be accepted."

Or

"Due to the nature of the bid solicitation, bids transmitted by epost Connect service and by facsimile will not be accepted."

And,

"Canada requests that bidders provide their bid in separately bound sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Bid (_____ hard copies) *(if applicable, add "and _____ soft copies on _____", and specify the medium such as CD, DVD or USB key)*

Section II: Financial Bid (_____ hard copies) *(if applicable, add "and _____ soft copies on _____", and specify the medium such as CD, DVD or USB key)*

Section III: Certifications (_____ hard copies) *(if applicable, add "and _____ soft copies on _____", and specify the medium such as CD, DVD or USB key)*

Section IV: Additional Information (_____ hard copies) *(if applicable, add "and _____ soft copies on _____", and specify the medium such as CD, DVD or USB key)*

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of the soft copy on electronic media and the hard copy, the wording of the hard copy will have priority over the wording of the soft copy.¶

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

Insert the following clause, if applicable, when the client department would like to know whether the Bidder is willing to accept payment of invoices by electronic payment instruments listed at Annex "X" Electronic Payment Instruments. The Bidder must complete Annex "X" Electronic Payment Instruments to identify which electronic payment instruments they are willing to accept.

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

If Annex "X" 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

*If applicable, insert either SACC Manual clause [C3010T](#) when offering Bidders the option to mitigate their risk by having Canada assume the risks and benefits of exchange rate fluctuations **OR** SACC Manual clause [C3011T](#) when exchange rate fluctuation is not expected to be an issue and, therefore, it is not proposed to offer risk mitigation against it. Either clause should be inserted by reference. Consult [4.65](#) of the Supply Manual for additional information.*

[C3010T](#) _____ (*insert date*), Exchange Rate Fluctuation Risk Mitigation, **OR**
[C3011T](#) _____ (*insert date*), Exchange Rate Fluctuation

3.1.3 SACC Manual Clauses

Section III: Certifications

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

Section IV: Additional Information

Insert other additional information such as when Part C of the Security Requirements Check List (SRCL) indicates the category(ies) and level(s) of safeguarding required at the Bidder's and proposed individuals sites or premises (Consult [4.30.15](#) of the Supply Manual), then add the following, if applicable:

3.1.X Bidder's Proposed Sites or Premises Requiring Safeguarding Measures

3.1.X.1 As indicated in Part 1 under Security Requirements, the Bidder must provide the full addresses of the Bidder's and proposed individuals sites or premises for which safeguarding measures are required for Work Performance:

Street Number / Street Name, Unit / Suite / Apartment Number
City, Province, Territory / State
Postal Code / Zip Code
Country

3.1.X.2 The Company Security Officer must ensure through the [Contract Security Program](#) that the Contractor and individuals hold a valid security clearance at the required level, as indicated in Part 1, clause 1.1, Security Requirements.

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

4.1 Evaluation Procedures

Insert the following clause and insert (b) and (c) if applicable. Consult subsection 5.7 of Standard Instructions [2003](#) before adding additional clauses with respect to evaluation procedures to ensure there is no duplication or inconsistency.

- (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.

OR

- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada and _____ (*insert name of firm or consultant*) will evaluate the bids.

Insert the following paragraph when the competition is conditionally limited to bids offering Canadian goods and services.

- (c) The evaluation team will determine first if there are two or more bids with a valid Canadian Content certification. In that event, the evaluation process will be limited to the bids with the certification; otherwise, all bids will be evaluated. If some of the bids with a valid certification are declared non-responsive, or are withdrawn, and less than two responsive bids with a valid certification remain, the evaluation will continue among those bids with a valid certification. If all bids with a valid certification are subsequently declared non-responsive, or are withdrawn, then all the other bids received will be evaluated.

4.1.1 Technical Evaluation

It is important that contracting authorities ensure mandatory criteria represent truly essential requirements. The number of mandatory criteria should be minimized to those that are essential to meet the operational requirements in order to increase the probability of receiving responsive bids.

If the evaluation criteria are too voluminous, include as an annex attached to the bid solicitation. Consult section [4.35.1](#) of the Supply Manual.

4.1.1.1 Mandatory Technical Criteria

Insert mandatory technical evaluation criteria, if applicable

4.1.1.2 Point Rated Technical Criteria

Insert point rated technical evaluation criteria, if applicable

4.1.2 Financial Evaluation

Insert financial evaluation criteria, if applicable

SACC Manual Clause [A0220T](#) _____ (*insert date*), Evaluation of Price (*if applicable*)

SACC Manual Clause [A0222T](#) _____ (*insert date*), Evaluation of Price (*if applicable*)

4.2 Basis of Selection

Select and insert by reference or in full text, the appropriate clause for the basis of selection depending on the mandatory and/or point-rated criteria being evaluated above. Review the "Remarks" of each SACC Manual clause to determine the most appropriate selection methodology. Examples of SACC Manual clauses: [A0031T](#), [A0034T](#), [A0035T](#), [A0036T](#), [A0069T](#).

4.2.1 (*Insert title of applicable clause and insert by reference as indicated below*)

SACC Manual Clause (*insert number*) _____ (*insert date*), _____ (*insert title*)

OR

4.2.1 (*Insert title of applicable SACC clause and insert clause in full text below*)

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.

5.1.2 Additional Certifications Required with the Bid

Insert the following clauses when the certifications are essential to the evaluation of bids and must be required at bid closing.

5.1.2.1 Canadian Content Certification

Insert one of the following SACC Manual certification clauses: [A3061T](#), [A3062T](#), [A3063T](#), [A3065T](#), [A3066T](#) or [A3069T](#) in full text for all competitive bid solicitations when competition is conditionally limited; OR [A3051T](#), [A3052T](#), [A3053T](#), [A3055T](#), [A3056T](#) or [A3059T](#) in full text for all competitive bid solicitations when competition is solely limited, to bids offering Canadian goods and/or services and it is mandatory to submit the certification with the bid. Use in conjunction with clauses [A3050T](#) in Part 5, and [A3060C](#) in Part 6.

Note that the Canadian Content Policy does not apply if the requirement is subject to the international trade agreements, the procurement is in furtherance of aid to developing countries, the procurement is being made by PWGSC Acquisitions offices located outside Canada or for Cabinet mandated sourcing.

Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 of the Supply Manual provide additional information.

5.1.2.1.1 SACC Manual clause [A3050T](#) _____ (insert date) Canadian Content Definition

5.1.2.2 Set-aside for Aboriginal Business

If the requirement has been set aside under the federal government Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business, insert SACC Manual clauses [A3000T](#) and [A3001T](#) in full text, and if applicable, [A3002T](#). Use in conjunction with clause [A3000C](#) in any resulting contract. [Chapter 9](#) of the Supply Manual provides additional information.

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 [Ineligibility and Suspension Policy](#), the Bidder must provide the required documentation, as applicable. Consult sections [4.21](#), [5.16](#) and [8.70.2](#) of the Supply Manual for additional information.

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>), 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

Insert the following paragraphs for requirements issued on behalf of a Department or Agency subject to the FCP: (consult [Annex 5.1](#) of the Supply Manual). (Refer also to Part 6 - Resulting Contract Clauses)

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](#) 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.

*Insert the following paragraphs for requirements issued on behalf of a Department or Agency subject to the FCP, estimated at **\$1,000,000 and above**, options excluded and Applicable Taxes included: (consult [Annex 5.1](#) of the Supply Manual). (Refer also to Part 6 - Resulting Contract Clauses and the annex titled [Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification in the bid solicitation](#))*

Canada will also have the right to terminate the Contract for default if a Contractor, or any member of the Contractor if the Contractor is a Joint Venture, appears on the "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](#)" list during the period of the Contract.

The Bidder must provide the Contracting Authority with a completed annex titled Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification, before contract award. If the Bidder is a Joint Venture, the Bidder must provide the Contracting Authority with a completed annex Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification, for each member of the Joint Venture.

5.2.3 Additional Certifications Precedent to Contract Award

5.2.3.1 Canadian Content Certification

Insert one of the following SACC Manual certification clauses: [A3051T](#), [A3052T](#), [A3053T](#), [A3055T](#), [A3056T](#) or [A3059T](#) in full text for all competitive bid solicitations when competition is solely limited to bids offering Canadian goods and/or services and it is not mandatory to submit the certification with the bid. Use in conjunction with [A3050T](#) in Part 5, and [A3060C](#) in Part 6.

Note that the Canadian Content Policy does not apply if the requirement is subject to the international trade agreements, the procurement is in furtherance of aid to developing countries, the procurement is being made by PWGSC Acquisitions offices located outside Canada or for Cabinet mandated sourcing.

Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 of the [Supply Manual](#) provide more information.

5.2.3.1.1 SACC Manual clause A3050T _____ (*insert date*) Canadian Content Definition

5.2.3.2 Status and Availability of Resources

Insert SACC Manual clause A3005T by reference for service requirements, where Bidders are to propose specific individuals for the work.

5.2.3.3 Rate or Price Certification

Insert the applicable SACC Manual clause for non-competitive (sole source bid) requirements (Examples of clauses to insert by reference: C0002T, C0003T, C0004T, C0006T, C0012T)

5.2.3.4 Education and Experience

Insert the following clause when education and experience of proposed individuals will be evaluated. Use in conjunction with A3015C.

5.2.3.4.1 SACC Manual clause A3010T _____ (*insert date*) Education and Experience

PART 6 - RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

Delete this title and the following sentence at contract award

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

6.1 Security Requirements

Choose one of the following two options whether or not security requirements are associated with this contract. If there are security requirements associated with this contract, insert the applicable clauses provided by the Contract Security Program where indicated and include the Security Requirements Check List as an annex.

Consult the Contract Security Program of PWGSC (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/esc-src/introduction-eng.html>) website for more information.

OPTION 1

Select this option if there are security requirements and insert related clauses provided by CSP.

6.1.1 The following security requirements (SRCL and related clauses provided by the Contract Security Program) apply and form part of the Contract.

6.1.X Contractor's Sites or Premises Requiring Safeguarding Measures

If the Contract Security Program clauses indicate that safeguarding measures are required at the Contractor's and proposed individuals' sites or premises, insert the information below, as provided by the Bidder in Part 3 - Section IV Additional Information.

6.1.X.1 Where safeguarding measures are required in the performance of the Work, the Contractor must diligently maintain up-to-date, the information related to the Contractor's and proposed individuals' sites or premises for the following addresses:

Street Number / Street Name, Unit / Suite / Apartment Number
City, Province, Territory / State

Postal Code / Zip Code
Country

6.1.X.2 The Company Security Officer must ensure through the [Contract Security Program](#) that the Contractor and individuals hold a valid security clearance at the required level of document safeguarding capability.

OPTION 2

6.1.1 There is no security requirement applicable to the Contract.

6.2 Statement of Work *OR* Requirement

Insert "Statement of Work" and SACC Manual clause [B4007C](#) in full text or "Requirement" and SACC Manual clause [B4008C](#) in full text. Review the instructions in the SACC Manual and choose the appropriate option for the clause being used. Review the title and update the [automatic Table of Contents](#).

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>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

6.3.1 General Conditions

Insert one of the following general conditions for the resulting contract.

[2010A](#) _____ (*insert date*), General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity), apply to and form part of the Contract.

OR

[2010B](#) _____ (*insert date*), General Conditions - Professional Services (Medium Complexity) apply to and form part of the Contract.

OR

[2010C](#) _____ (*insert date*), General Conditions - Services (Medium Complexity) apply to and form part of the Contract.

6.3.2 Supplemental General Conditions

If applicable, use the appropriate [supplemental general conditions](#). When more than one supplemental general conditions apply to the requirement, the contracting authority must identify the supplemental general conditions in ascending numerical sequence based on the identification number.

_____ (*insert number, date and title*), apply to and form part of the Contract.

6.4 Term of Contract

Insert the following clauses to indicate the period of the Contract (in contracts for goods and in contracts for services) and the delivery date (in contracts for goods). Include in conjunction with SACC Manual clause [A9009C](#) if the contract will contain option periods.

6.4.1 Period of the Contract

Insert SACC Manual clause [A9022C](#) in full text in contracts for goods and in contracts for services. When determining the period of the Contract for goods, take into consideration the time required to administer the Vendor Performance Corrective Measure Policy by making sure it ends after the delivery date of the goods.

6.4.2 Delivery Date

Use this clause in contracts for goods.

All the deliverables must be received on or before _____ (*insert the date*).

6.4.3 Option to Extend the Contract

For contracts for services that contain option period(s) only, insert SACC Manual clause [A9009C](#) in full text. Otherwise, delete the title and renumber accordingly.

6.4.4 Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s)

If the resulting contract is to allow deliveries to one or more Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements (CLCAs), the contracting authority must list the applicable CLCAs in the contract. Insert the following text with the blanks filled in with the applicable CLCAs:

The Contract is subject to the following Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s):

- _____
- _____

6.4.5 Delivery Points

Insert the following clause only if applicable to your requirement

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

6.5 Authorities

Use the following clause in all contracts.

6.5.1 Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Public Works and Government Services Canada

Acquisitions Branch

Directorate: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

E-mail address: _____

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

If applicable, use the following clause and fill in at contract award only. If the term "Technical Authority" is to be used instead, use SACC Manual clause [A1030C](#).

The Project Authority for the Contract is:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: ____ _

Facsimile: ____ _

E-mail address: _____

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

Fill in or delete as applicable

6.6 Proactive Disclosure of Contracts with Former Public Servants

In contracts for services, insert SACC Manual clause [A3025C](#) in full text, to assist client departments in identifying contracts with former public servants and reporting this information in their Proactive Disclosure of Contracts. Use this clause in conjunction with [A3025T](#) or [A3026T](#). Consult sections [3.90](#) and [7.65](#) of the Supply Manual for additional information.

6.7 Payment

6.7.1 Basis of Payment

Insert the appropriate basis of payment clause from subsection 5-C of the [SACC Manual](#). Additional or alternate clauses may be added, as applicable. Consult section [4.70.20](#) of the Supply Manual for more information.

6.7.2 Limitation of Expenditure

Insert SACC Manual clause [C6001C](#) in full text for all cost reimbursable contracts and fixed time rate contracts subject to a limitation of expenditure.

OR

6.7.2 Limitation of Price

Insert SACC Manual clause [C6000C](#) by reference for firm price and ceiling price contracts.

SACC Manual clause C6000C _____ (*insert date*) Limitation of Price

6.7.3 (*Insert title of applicable clause*)

Insert the applicable SACC Manual clause in respect to method of payment. Examples of clauses to insert in full text: H1003C, H3009C, H4012C. Examples of clauses to include by reference: H1000C, H1001C, H1008C, H3010C, H3028C. This is not an exhaustive list of examples.

6.7.4 SACC Manual Clauses

If applicable, include by reference SACC Manual clauses related to payment. Examples of clauses to include by reference: A9117C, C0100C, C0101C, C2000C, C2605C, C2608C, C2610C. This is not an exhaustive list of examples.

6.7.5 Electronic Payment of Invoices – Contract

Insert below in full text SACC clause H3027C, if applicable, where payment of invoices will be made using electronic payment instruments, Refer to Annex “X” Electronic Payment Instruments, where the Bidder indicated which electronic payment instruments are accepted.

Contracting officers must reproduce below, the information from Annex “X” Electronic Payment Instruments, in which were identified electronic payment instruments accepted by the Contractor and renumber accordingly.

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

- a. Visa Acquisition Card;
- b. MasterCard Acquisition Card;
- c. Direct Deposit (Domestic and International);
- d. Electronic Data Interchange (EDI);
- e. Wire Transfer (International Only);
- f. Large Value Transfer System (LVTS) (Over \$25M)

6.7.6

If applicable, insert in full text additional SACC Manual clauses with appropriate numbering (e.g. 6.7.5, 6.7.6, etc.

6.8 Invoicing Instructions

Insert the applicable SACC Manual clauses or other approved clauses related to invoicing instructions. Invoicing instructions cover claims for progress payment (including advance and milestone payments); therefore any reference to invoices would also cover claims for progress payment. Examples of clauses to insert in full text: H3020C, H3022C, H3024C, H5001C

6.9 Certifications and Additional Information

6.9.1 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.

6.9.2 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Default by the Contractor

*Include the following paragraphs for requirements issued on behalf of a Department or Agency subject to the FCP, with a contract value at **\$1,000,000 and above**, options excluded and Applicable Taxes included.*

The Contractor understands and agrees that, when an Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (AIEE) exists between the Contractor and Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)-Labour, the AIEE must remain valid during the entire period of the Contract. If the AIEE becomes invalid, the name of the Contractor will be added to the "**FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid**" list. The imposition of such a sanction by ESDC will constitute the Contractor in default as per the terms of the Contract.

6.9.3 SACC Manual Clauses

If applicable, insert additional SACC Manual clauses with respect to certifications by reference. Examples of clauses to include by reference: [A3000C](#), [A3060C](#)

6.10 Applicable Laws

Ensure the applicable law selected by the proposed contractor, or in the absence of such selection, the law indicated in the bid solicitation, is inserted in the blank. The Bidder, as instructed, will be able to propose a change to the applicable laws in its bid.

The Contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in _____ (*insert the name of the province or territory as specified by the Bidder in its bid, if applicable*).

6.11 Priority of Documents

The order of documents shown below reflects current Policy and Legal advice. The Contracting Authority must amend the list to reflect the applicable documents and list the annexes in order of priority, as applicable. When more than one supplemental general conditions apply to the requirement, the Contracting Authority must identify the supplemental general conditions in ascending numerical sequence based on the identification number.

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 supplemental general conditions _____ (*insert number, date and title*);
- (c) the general conditions _____ (*insert number, date and title*);
- (d) Annex X, Statement of Work **OR** Requirement;
- (e) Annex X, Security Requirements Check List (*if applicable*);
- (f) the Contractor's bid dated _____ (*insert date of bid*) (*If the bid was clarified or amended, insert at the time of contract award: " , as clarified on _____ " or " , as amended on _____ " and insert date(s) of clarification(s) or amendment(s)*)

6.12 Defence Contract

Include the following clause by reference when the requirement is a defence contract as defined in the [Defence Production Act](#).

SACC Manual clause [A9006C](#) _____ (insert date) Defence Contract

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6.13 SACC Manual Clauses

There may be additional clauses that are relevant to the requirement but are not already included in this template. These can be included by reference or in full text. Ensure appropriate numbering. Examples of SACC Manual clauses to include by reference: [A9062C](#), [A9131C](#), [B1501C](#), [B4030C](#), [B4031C](#), [B7500C](#).

6.14 ... (Insert title of applicable SACC Manual clause)

If applicable, insert in full text additional [SACC Manual](#) clauses not belonging under existing articles, as stand-alone articles with appropriate numbering (e.g. 6.14, 6.15, etc.). Insert title of applicable clause, and update the [automatic Table of Contents](#).

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ANNEX "X"

STATEMENT OF WORK *OR* REQUIREMENT

(Insert if applicable)

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ANNEX "X"

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS CHECK LIST

(insert if applicable)

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ANNEX "X" to PART 3 OF THE BID SOLICITATION

(insert if applicable)

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT INSTRUMENTS

As indicated in Part 3, clause 3.1.2, the Bidder must identify which electronic payment instruments they are willing to accept for payment of invoices.

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)

ANNEX "X" to PART 5 OF THE BID SOLICITATION

FEDERAL CONTRACTORS PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY - CERTIFICATION

(insert if applicable)

*Insert the following certification for requirements issued on behalf of a Department or Agency subject to the FCP, estimated at **\$1,000,000 and above**, options excluded and Applicable Taxes included: (consult [Annex 5.1](#) of the Supply Manual) (Refer also to Part 5 - Certifications and Additional Information and Part 6 - Resulting Contract Clauses)*

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 any request or requirement imposed by Canada may render the bid non-responsive or constitute a default under the Contract.

For further information on the Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity visit [Employment and Social Development Canada \(ESDC\)-Labour's](#) website.

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 being subject to the Employment Equity Act.
- A4. The Bidder certifies having a combined work force in Canada of less than 100 permanent full-time and/or permanent part-time employees.

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) in place with ESDC-Labour.

OR

- A5.2. The Bidder certifies having submitted the Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (LAB1168) to ESDC-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 ESDC-Labour.

B. Check only one of the following:

- B1. The Bidder is not a Joint Venture.

OR

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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)