

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL SERVICES at the David Florida Laboratory (DFL) in Ottawa

Bid Submission Deadline: March 14th, 2019 at 14:00 PM (EDT)

Submit Bids to:

Canadian Space Agency
TENDERS RECEPTION OFFICE
Receiving/Shipping
From Monday to Friday between 8:00 and 16:30 (closed between 12h00 and 13h00)
6767 route de l'Aéroport
Saint-Hubert(Québec) J3Y 8Y9
Canada

Attention to: Claudine Morin

Or E-Post Connect

Reference: CSA File No. 9F030 - 20180593

Note: Please read this Request For Proposal carefully for further details on the requirements and bid submission instructions.



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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Introduction

The bid solicitation and resulting contract document is divided into seven parts plus appendices as follows:

Part 1 General Information: provides a general description of the requirement;

Part 2 Bidder Instructions: provides the instructions, clauses and conditions applicable to the bid solicitation and states that the Bidder agrees to be bound by the clauses and conditions contained in all parts of the bid solicitation;

Part 3 Bid Preparation Instructions: provides bidders with instructions on how to prepare their bid;

Part 4 Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection: indicates how the evaluation will be conducted, the evaluation criteria that must be addressed in the bid, if applicable, and the basis of selection;

Part 5 Certifications: includes the certifications to be provided;

Part 6 Security requirement; and

Part 7 Resulting Contract Clauses: includes the clauses and conditions that will apply to any resulting contract.

2. Submission of a bid

Submission of a bid constitutes acknowledgement that the Bidder has read and agrees to be bound by these documents.

General Instructions to Bidders is incorporated by reference and is set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) Manual, issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC). The SACC Manual is available on the PWGSC Website: https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual.

3. Summary

Description and requirement

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit bids from interested Canadian organizations to provide architectural and structural services at the David Florida Laboratory (DFL) in Ottawa.

Interested bidders are required to submit their proposals in accordance with the instructions provided in this RFP. A description of the work to be completed under this requirement is provided in the Statement of Work attached hereto as **Appendix A**.

4. Communications Notification

As a courtesy, the Government of Canada requests that successful bidders notify the Contracting Authority in advance of their intention to make public an announcement related to the award of a contract.



5. Debriefings

After contract award, bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the bid solicitation. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority within 15 working days of receipt of notification that their bid was unsuccessful. The debriefing may be provided in writing, by telephone or in person.

6. Office of the Procurement Ombudsman clause

Clause for solicitation documents and regret letters for unsuccessful bidders

The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO) was established by the Government of Canada to provide an independent venue for Canadian bidders to raise complaints regarding the award of federal contracts under \$25,300 for goods and under \$101,100 for services. Should you have any issues or concerns regarding the award of a federal contract below these dollar amounts, contact OPO by e-mail at boa.opo@boa-opo.gc.ca, by telephone at 1-866-734-5169, or by web at www.opo-boa.gc.ca. For more information about OPO, including the available services, please visit the OPO website.

7. Trade agreements

This procurement is subject to the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA).

8. 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.

https://buyandsell.gc.ca/submit-your-bid-submission-files-electronically-from-anywhere-in-canada

(see instruction at Appendix E)

PART 2 - BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

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 issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC).

The Manual is available on the PWGSC Website: https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual.

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. Submission of Bids

THE BID SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS INDICATED AT THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS DOCUMENT. It is the CSA's policy to return, unopened, bids received after the stipulated bid solicitation closing date and time, unless they qualify as a delayed bid.



Bids must be submitted ONLY TO:

\Delta By the epost Connect service:

https://www.canadapost.ca/cpc/en/business/postal-services/digital-mail/epost-connect.page

Epost connect service information: Section 08 (2018-05-22) - Transmission by epost Connect **of document 2003 (2018-05-22)** - Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/1/2003/23#transmission-by-facsimile

Or

* the CSA's Tenders Reception Office

Canadian Space Agency Bid receiving office Shipping/receiving (8 h et 16 h 30) 6767, route de l'Aéroport Saint-Hubert (Québec) J3Y 8Y9 Canada

À l'attention de : Claudine Morin

at the date, time and place indicated on the front page of this bid solicitation.

DO NOT COPY THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

Proposals send by fax is not acceptable.

3. Enquiries - Bid Solicitation

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority (<u>Claudine.morin@canada.ca</u>) no later than five (5) 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 government of 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 government of Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Government of Canada may edit the questions or may request that the Bidder do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered with copies to all bidders. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all bidders may not be answered by government of Canada.

4. Applicable Laws

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

1. General

Bidders must send **the original** of the proposal, before the specified deadline (date and time), to the address shown on Page 1 of the RFP. Proposals may be submitted in English or French.

2. Price

The financial proposal must indicate a detailed breakdown of the total quoted price. The proposed Basis of Payment should be **as per indication in Appendix B**.

The price of bids will be evaluated in Canadian dollars, Goods and Services Tax (GST) excluded, Customs duties and Excise taxes included.

Government of Canada requests that bidders follow the format instructions described below in the preparation 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;
- (c) include the certifications as a separate section of the bid;
- (d) the bidder must present their financial proposal in conformity with the basis of payment;
- (e) the total amount with goods and services tax (GST) or harmonized sales tax (HST), if applicable, must be indicated separately.

3. Business name and address of bidder

1)	Name:
2)	Address:
	Telephone: Fax:
4)	Email:
5)	Email for financial questions:
6)	Procurement Business Number (PBN):
7)	Tax number:
8)	Board of directors:Name and title
	Name and title

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

1. Evaluation Procedures

a) The propositions will be evaluated in regards to all the criteria of the present request for proposals, including technical evaluation criteria and financial.



b) An evaluation team made up representatives of Government of Canada will evaluate the proposal.

2. Financial Evaluation

Clause of the manual of SACC A0220T (2007/05/25) Evaluation of price

3. Basis of selection

- To be declared responsive, a bid must:
 - a. comply with all the requirements of the bid solicitation; and
 - b. meet all mandatory criteria; and
 - c. obtain the required minimum points overall for the technical evaluation criteria which are subject to point rating.
- 2. Bids not meeting (a), (b) and (c) will be declared non-responsive.
- 3. The selection will be based on the highest responsive combined rating of technical merit and price. The ratio will be 40 % for the technical merit and 60 % for the price.
- 4. To establish the technical merit score, the overall technical score for each responsive bid will be determined as follows: total number of points obtained / maximum number of points available multiplied by the ratio of 40 %.
- 5. To establish the pricing score, each responsive bid will be prorated against the lowest evaluated price and the ratio of 60 %.
- For each responsive bid, the technical merit score and the pricing score will be added to determine its combined rating.
- 7. Neither the responsive bid obtaining the highest technical score nor the one with the lowest evaluated price will necessarily be accepted. The responsive bid with the highest combined rating of technical merit and price will be recommended for award of a contract.

The table below illustrates an example where all three bids are responsive and the selection of the contractor is determined by a 60/40 ratio of technical merit and price, respectively. The total available point's equal 135 and the lowest evaluated price is \$45,000 (45).

Basis of Selection - Highest Combined Rating Technical Merit (60%) and Price (40%)							
	Bidder 1	Bidder 2	Bidder 3				
Overall Technical Score	115/135	89/135	92/135				
Bid Evaluated Price \$55,000.00 \$50,000.00 \$45,000.00							



	Technical Merit Score			92/135 x 60 = 40.89
Calculations	Pricing Score	45/55 x 40 = 32.73	45/50 x 40 = 36.00	45/45 x 40 = 40.00
Combined Rating		83.84	75.56	80.89
		1st	3rd	2nd

- 4. Mandatory Criteria (see Appendix D)
- 5. Mandatory Personnel experience (see Appendix D)
- 6. Rated Criteria (see Appendix D)

PART 5 - CERTIFICATIONS

Bidders must provide the required certifications to be awarded a contract. Government of Canada will declare a bid non-responsive if the required certifications are not completed and submitted as requested.

Compliance with the certifications bidders provide to government of Canada is subject to verification by government of Canada during the bid evaluation period (before award of a contract) and after award of a contract. The Contracting Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the bidders' compliance with the certifications before award of a contract. The bid will be declared non-responsive if any certification made by the Bidder is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly. Failure to comply with the certifications or to comply with the request of the Contracting Authority for additional information will also render the bid non-responsive.

1. Certifications Precedent to Contract Award

The certifications listed below should be completed and submitted with the bid but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications is not completed and submitted as requested, the Contracting Authority will so inform the Bidder and provide the Bidder with a 24 hours time frame to meet the requirement. Failure to comply with the request of the Contracting Authority and meet the requirement within that time period will render the bid non-responsive.

A. 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

(http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards_equity/eq/emp/fcp/list/inelig.shtml) available from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) - Labour's website.

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.

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B. LEGAL ENTITY AND CORPORATE NAME

1. The ∣	bidder hereby certifies that it is a (circle one); a. sole proprietorship, b. partnership, or c. corporate entity;		
2.	It was registered or formed under the laws of		
3.	Controlling interest/ownership (name if applicable) of the organization is held country of	d in th	ne
4.	Any resulting Supply Arrangement or Contract may be executed under corporate full legal name and at the following place of business:	the	following

C. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PROCUREMENT

- 1) The Bidder confirms that it has read the Code of Conduct for Procurement (http://www.pwgsc.gc.ca/acquisitions/text/cndt-cndct/tdm-toc-e.html) and agrees to be bound by its terms.
- 2) The bidder certifies that:
- (a) no corruption and no collusion took place in the preparation of its bid; and
- (b) it has not committed an offence under section 121 ("Frauds on the government" & "Contractor subscribing to election fund"), 124 "Selling or purchasing office"), 380 (Fraud committed against Her Majesty) or 418 ("Selling defective stores to Her Majesty") of the Criminal Code of Canada, or under paragraph 80(1)(d) (False entry, certificate or return), subsection 80(2) (Fraud against Her Majesty) or Section 154.01 (Fraud against Her Majesty) of the Financial Administration Act.

D. ATTESTATION - FORMER PUBLIC SERVANT

Contracts with former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension or of a lump sum payment must bear the closest public scrutiny, and reflect fairness in the spending of public funds. In order to comply with Treasury Board policies and directives on contracts with FPS, bidders must provide the information required below.



1.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this clause, "former public servant" is any former member of a department as defined in the *Financial Administration Act*, R.S., 1985, c. F-11, a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces or a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A former public servant may be:

- a. an individual;
- b. an individual who has incorporated;
- c. a partnership made of former public servants; or
- d. a sole proprietorship or entity where the affected individual has a controlling or major interest in the entity.

"lump sum payment period" means the period measured in weeks of salary, for which payment has been made to facilitate the transition to retirement or to other employment as a result of the implementation of various programs to reduce the size of the Public Service. The lump sum payment period does not include the period of severance pay, which is measured in a like manner.

"pension" means, a pension or annual allowance paid under the *Public Service Superannuation Act* (PSSA), R.S., 1985, c.P-36, and any increases paid pursuant to the *Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act*, R.S., 1985, c.S-24 as it affects the PSSA. It does not include pensions payable pursuant to the *Canadian Forces Superannuation Act*, R.S., 1985, c.C-17, the *Defence Services Pension Continuation Act*, 1970, c.D-3, the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act*, 1970, c.R-10, and the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act*, R.S., 1985, c.R-11, the *Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act*, R.S., 1985, c.M-5, and that portion of pension payable to the *Canada Pension Plan Act*, R.S., 1985, c.C-8.

1.2 Former Public Servant in Receipt of a Pension

As per the above definitions, is the Bidder a FPS in receipt of a pension?Yes ()No ()

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information, for all FPS in receipt of a pension, as applicable:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service.

By providing this information, Bidders agree that the successful Bidder's status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports in accordance with Contracting Policy Notice:2012-2 and the Guidelines on the Proactive Disclosure of Contracts.

1.3 Work Force Reduction Program

Is the Bidder a FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of a work force reduction program? **Yes** ()**No** ()

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If so, the Bidder must provide the following information:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. conditions of the lump sum payment incentive;
- c. date of termination of employment;
- d. amount of lump sum payment;
- e. rate of pay on which lump sum payment is based;
- f. period of lump sum payment including start date, end date and number of weeks;
- g. number and amount (professional fees) of other contracts subject to the restrictions of a work force reduction program.

For all contracts awarded during the lump sum payment period, the total amount of fees that may be paid to a FPS who received a lump sum payment is \$5,000, including Applicable Taxes.

E. ATTESTATION

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the information submitted by the Bidder in response to the above requirements is accurate and complete.

ATTESTATION SIGNATURE

We hereby certify compliance with the above noted certification requirements for:

- A. FEDERAL CONTRACTORS PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY BID CERTIFICATION;
- B. LEGAL ENTITY AND CORPORATE NAME;
- C. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PROCUREMENT;
- D. ATTESTATION FORMER PUBLIC SERVANT.

SIGNATURE

Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Bidder (Type or print)							
Signature	Date						



PART 6 - SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

Security Requirements

The work to be performed under this RFP does not require a reliability status. Site access will be provided as required and contractor(s) will be escorted at all times by a CSA/DFL cleared personnel.

PART 7 - RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

1. Statement of work

The Contractor shall perform and complete the Work as per the statement of work at appendix A.

The work must be performed at the David Florida Laboratory – 3701 Carling Avenue, CP 11490, Succ. H, Ottawa Ontario K2H 8S2.

2. Standard Clauses and Conditions

All conditions and clauses identified herein by title, number and date are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) Manual, issued by Public Works Government Services Canada (PWGSC). The SACC Manual is available on the website of PWGSC: https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual.

3. General Conditions

2010C (2018-06-21) General Conditions - services (medium complexity) applied to the contract and they are integral part of it.

4. Contract Period

The period of the contract to be issued in response to this RFP will be for one year (from April 1st, 2019 till March 31st, 2020.

5. Option to extend the contract

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to extend the term of this contract by a period of four (4) year, at one year at the time, under the same terms and conditions. Canada may exercise this option at any time by sending a notice to the Contractor at least 30 calendar days prior to the contract expiry date.

The Contractor agrees that, during the extended period of the contract, the rates/prices will be in accordance with the provisions of the contract.

6. Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for this RFP and any resulting contract is:

Marie-Eve Soucy Canadian Space Agency 6767 route de l'Aéroport Saint-Hubert (Quebec) J3Y 8Y9

Canada

Telephone: (450) 926-4422

E-Mail: <u>marie-eve.soucy2@canada.ca</u>



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.

7. Project Authority

To be insert at contract award

8. Contractor's Representative

To be insert at contract award

9. Basis of payment - Limitation of expenditure

Canada's total liability to the contractor under the contract must not exceed the amount indicated at Appendix B, Goods and services tax or harmonized sales tax is extra, if applicable.

- No increase in the total liability of Canada or in the price of the work resulting from any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the work, will be authorized or paid to the contractor unless these design changes, modifications or interpretations have been approved, in writing, by the contractor authority before their incorporation into the work. The contractor must not perform any work or provide any service that would result in Canada's total liability being exceeded before obtaining the written approval of the contracting authority. The contractor must notify the contracting authority in writing as to the adequacy of this sum when it is 75 percent committed, or
- four (4) months before the contract expiry date, or
- as soon as the contractor considers that the contract funds provided are inadequate for the completion of the work,

whichever comes first.

If the notification is for inadequate contract funds, the contractor must provide to the contracting authority a written estimate for the additional funds required. Provision of such information by the contractor does not increase Canada's liability.

10. Certifications

Compliance with the certifications provided by the contractor in its bid is a condition of the contract and subject to verification by Government of Canada during the entire contract period. If the contractor does not comply with any certification or it is determined that any certification made by the contractor in its bid is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, Government of Canada has the right, pursuant to the default provision of the contract, to terminate the contract for default.

11. Applicable Laws

Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determine, by the laws in force in the Province of Ontario and the relations between parties will be determine by these laws.



12. Replacement of specific individuals

If specific individuals are identified in the Contract to perform the Work, the Contractor must provide the services of those individuals unless the Contractor is unable to do so for reasons beyond its control.

- (b) If the Contractor is unable to provide the services of any specific individual identified in the Contract, it must provide a replacement with similar qualifications and experience. The replacement must meet the criteria used in the selection of the Contractor and be acceptable to Canada. The Contractor must, as soon as possible, give notice to the Contracting Authority of the reason for replacing the individual and provide the name, qualifications and experience of the proposed replacement; and
- (b) proof that the proposed replacement has the required security clearance granted by Canada, if applicable.

The Contractor must not, in any event, allow performance of the Work by unauthorized replacement persons. The Contracting Authority may order that a replacement stop performing the Work. In such a case, the Contractor must immediately comply with the order and secure a further replacement in accordance with subsection 2. The fact that the Contracting Authority does not order that a replacement stop performing the Work does not relieve the Contractor from its responsibility to meet the requirements of the Contract.

13. Priority of documents

The documents listed below form part of and are incorporated into this Contract. If there is a discrepancy between the wording of one document and the wording of any other document, which appears on the list, the wording of the document, which first appears on the list shall prevail over the wording of any document which subsequently appears on the list:

a) the Contract document including appendices:

a)	tne	Contract	aocu	ment including	i appendices;

b) General	Conditions as	s per point	t#3;
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c) Appendix C,	Statement	of work;
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d) the supplier proposal	dated	_ (insert the date o	of the proposal) <i>(if tl</i>	he proposal has
been clarified or revised	l, insert when you	u issue the contrac	t : « clarified on	» or « ,
modified on	» and insert date	es of clarifications (or amendments).	

14. Performance evaluation report

Bidders shall take note that the performance of the Contractor during and upon completion of the work shall be evaluated by the Government of Canada. Should the Contractor's performance be considered unsatisfactory more than once, the Contractor's bidding privileges on future work may be suspended for a period of 18 months or 36 months.

Contractor Performance Evaluation Report Form is used to record the performance (you will find it at Appendix D).

15. Office of the Procurement Ombudsman clauses

Contract Clauses - Dispute Resolution

The Parties agree to make every reasonable effort, in good faith, to settle amicably all disputes or claims relating to or arising from the Contract, through negotiations between the Parties' representatives authorized to settle. If the Parties do not reach a settlement within 10 working days, each party hereby consents to fully participate in and bear the cost of mediation led by the Procurement Ombudsman pursuant to Subsection 22.1(3)(d) of the *Department of Public Work*



and Government Services Act and Section 23 of the Procurement Ombudsman Regulations.

The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman may be contacted by telephone at 1-866-734-5169, by e-mail at boa.opo@boa-opo.gc.ca, or by web at www.opo-boa.gc.ca.

Contract clause – Contract Administration

The parties understand that the Procurement Ombudsman appointed pursuant to Subsection 22.1(1) of the *Department of Public Works and Government Services Act* will review a complaint filed by the complainant respecting the administration of the Contract if the requirements of Subsection 22.2(1) of the *Department of Public Works and Government Services Act* and Sections 15 and 16 of the *Procurement Ombudsman Regulations* have been met.

To file a complaint, the Office of the Procurement Ombudsman may be contacted by e-mail at boa.opo@boa-opo.gc.ca, by telephone at 1-866-734-5169, or by web at www.opo-boa.gc.ca.



APPENDIX A

STATEMENT OF WORK



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The CSA/DFL intends to conduct a variety of renovations, maintenance, repairs and retrofit work in the years to come. A significant portion of this work shall be undertaken pursuant to requests made as part of the operations of the CSA/DFL's various programs. Blueprints, equipment shop drawings and/or work orders shall be supplied to the contractor as and when work is required. A calendar shall be drawn up and shall be subject to approval by the contractor as concerns each work item to be performed.

The CSA/DFL is a building with a total floor space of approximately 13,000m² spread over four levels of office area with the majority clean room laboratory space. Built in 1971, the building is home to slightly more than 100 researchers, managers and clients employed by the Canadian space program. Due to aging infrastructure, DFL requires more work and would like to put in place a Standing Offer Agreement to cover for architectural and structural services. This will provide personnel with available resources to complete projects for repairs, maintenance, new installation, retrofits and all other related work.

TYPICAL REQUESTED SERVICES

Supply equipment, personnel protective equipment (PPE), materials, tools and labour to perform installation, repairs and/or maintenance work in accordance with blueprints, drawings, details outlines, work orders and specifications provided by the CSA/DFL.

In the absence of detailed specifications, execute work according to standard CSA/DFL quality standards and written work description provided by the CSA/DFL Project Authority's instructions.

IMPLEMENTATION

Contractor's responsibility

Labour (the resources)

Assign qualified personnel to provide labour, parts, materials, tools and equipment, for the provision of architectural and structural services on an "as and when requested" basis at DFL.

Equipment, tools and safety equipment

Supply equipment and tools to complete the work as per Project Authority instructions and/or Scope of Work; these have to be up to date, in good standing and CSA approved. CSA/DFL will not provide, rent or lend any tools and equipment to complete any portion of the work assigned to the contractor.

Materials

Unless otherwise specified, supply, deliver and install all materials required for project execution. All materials to be new with manufacturer's seal intact and label; all materials and equipments used shall be UL, ULC or CSA approved for designated application

The Contractor shall be responsible for having its materials delivered to the CSA/DFL loading dock, then transporting said materials from the loading dock to the work site within 12 hours of delivery.

CSA/DFL reserves the right to supply materials and parts, Contractor shall be responsible for transporting said materials from the warehouse to the work site.

Removal of debris

Contractor shall remove from the work site at the end of each work shift or as instructed by the Project Authority all rubbish or debris generated from the work activity. Contractor will be responsible to clean the work area and any other space that has been affected by his activity. All



debris shall be disposed into appropriate bins (i.e. metal, paper, garbage) provided by the CSA/DFL.

Health and safety

Appropriate behaviour must be displayed by Contractors and any Sub-Contractor at all times in order to protect their own health and safety and of those working with and around them.

Working while impaired is strictly prohibited in all areas of the building, regardless of the substance, legal or otherwise. Smoking or vaping, including cannabis, is banned in all federal workplaces. Any worker in breach of this will be escorted off the campus immediately.

If cannabis is used by any personnel under this contract for any medical-prescribed reason, it must not impact the ability to perform the work safely, just like any other medication.

Ensure that all labour assigned to projects has received occupational health and safety training required by federal and provincial laws for construction and work in industrial and commercial sites, including but not limited to fall protection, working at heights, confined spaces and lift operation certification.

The purpose of these requirements is to minimize or eliminate risk to personnel health & safety and to the environment. All Contractors and Sub-Contractors performing work at CSA/DFL facilities are expected to comply with CSA/DFL applicable health and safety guidelines applicable laws and regulations that pertain to environmental, health and safety standards and/or work practices.

All labour shall implement Lock Out/Tag Out that meets applicable laws and regulations that pertain to environmental, health and safety standards and/or work practices to include electrical and other forms of hazardous energy as necessary. All labour must have received prior training and will be briefed on in-house Lock Out/Tag Out (LOTO) procedure by their assigned Project Authority. Procedures must be strictly followed

All LOTO activities MUST be coordinated with the CSA/DFL Project Authority.

Training

Assign trained, qualified labour. Ensure that all resources assigned to projects have the training, certificates or licenses of qualification require by law prior to performing any work.

Service availability

Ensure that labour is capable and available to perform the work according to the schedule agreed upon by the Contractor and the CSA/DFL within 24 hours from receipt of request, including 24-hour emergency service with a response time not to exceed four (4) hours.

Permits, Licenses and Certificates

All permits, licences and certificates of approval required for the Work to be completed under federal, provincial or municipal legislation shall be obtained by contractor prior or after project completion whatever the case might be; the contractor shall be responsible for any charges imposed by such regulation or legislation. Upon request, Project Authority might ask for a copy of such permit, licence or certificate.

Government Site Regulations

The Contractor must comply with all regulations, instructions and directives in force on the site where the Work is performed and is not limited to those mentioned in this RFP.



Building Security

All staff employed by the Contractor, regardless of hours of work, MUST sign IN and OUT and, enter the times of arrival and departure in registers or on sheets provided in a specific designated area. In the event of a dispute and the absence of other evidence, the Register will be regarded as evidence of hours of work. Failure to "sign in or out" will render the entry invalid.

Visitor badge must be prominently displayed at all times.

No audio/visual equipment or cameras are permitted in the buildings.

No cellular phones, 2-way radios or wireless phones are permitted in cleanroom areas.

Invoicing and estimates

Begin work only after receiving a work order or instruction issued by the CSA/DFL project authority. This work order or instruction, which shall be issued only after the CSA/DFL Project Authority and the Contractor have agreed on the cost of work, confirms that the CSA/DFL has approved the order. The Contractor must advise CSA/DFL Project Authority if the cost of the work will exceed the amount of the work order issued before continuing any work which exceeds the approved order. A revised work order will be issued confirming approval to proceed.

If such approval is not received in writing by the CSA/DFL Project Authority confirming the revised work order amount, CSA/DFL will not be responsible to pay any amount exceeding the initial cost of work.

Invoice the CSA/DFL after each work order is completed unless specified otherwise by the CSA/DFL Project Authority. All invoices must clearly indicate the work order number and be accompanied by a breakdown of work performed including hours, back-up invoices from suppliers and sub-trades showing actual amounts paid and mark ups, a Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB) certificate and statutory declaration for the second and all subsequent invoices.

The CSA/DFL project authority can request a Contractor to provide a free estimate for different work on the facility premises as repairs, new installations and retrofits. Quoted work might not necessarily be approved to proceed. If work is agreed upon, the invoice must be billed according to the above instructions with the necessary breakdown. The quote will be used as the value of the work order with the same applicable conditions stated above.

Pre-Commencement Meeting

A pre-commencement meeting is mandatory for the Contractor prior to commencing any work and minutes of the meeting will be taken. The time and place of this meeting will be determined by the Technical Authority.

Architectural & Structural Services

The purpose of this contract is to provide staff to perform the tasks described in these specifications for building maintenance and repair and to carry out small jobs.

Every job shall be carried out subsequent to a request made on the prescribed requisition form. The carpenter/labourer shall be capable of carrying out the main tasks described below, including, but not limited to:

Slab/slab: Partition erected from the room floor to the bottom of the upper floor slab.

<u>Floor/ceiling:</u> Partition erected from the room floor to the bottom of the suspended ceiling. This type of partition includes application of a bead of soundproof sealant between the tile and plate.



<u>Metal and wood doors and frames:</u> The work shall include supply of door and frame, delivery to the installation site and installation as per manufacturers' recommendations.

<u>Hardware:</u> The Contractor will supply the hardware required for door operation. The work shall include installation of hardware according to manufacturer's instructions. The Contractor shall supply all equipment, tools and labour required to install the hardware. In the case of removal, the Contractor shall include the cost of removing hardware from doors, placing accessories and fasteners in a labelled bag with the corresponding hardware, and transferring the hardware and accessories to the warehouse. Typical hardware includes, but not limited to, handsets, locksets, closers, push bars, hinges, sweeps, thresholds, frames, doors, etc.

<u>Locksmith:</u> The Contractor is required to provide locksmith services by an authorized dealer of Medeco system to perform keying, re-keying, troubleshooting, lock enter, changing of locks for our secured Medeco Keymark System and Unican locks.

<u>Suspended ceiling:</u> The work shall include demolition, delivery and installation of the suspended ceiling including acoustic tiles and hanger assembly. Typical used are suspended ceiling systems, lay-in ceiling tiles.

<u>General Flooring:</u> The work shall include removal of flooring, preparation of the floor to accept new flooring such as cleaning and levelling, transporting, trimming, and installing the flooring. The Contractor shall install all flooring in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Typical flooring includes carpeting, VCT, ceramic and granite tiles and rubber flooring and baseboards.

<u>Plasterboard walls and ceilings:</u> The work shall include the demolition of walls and/or ceilings, protection of the adjoining surfaces and transporting waste into the container, installation or construction of new walls and/or ceilings, taping, mudding, preparing walls to accept paint, one (1) coat of primer and two (2) coats of paint. Typical materials used include drywall, metal studs, compound, etc.

<u>Roofing:</u> The work shall include flood testing or EFVM electronic testing, repairs, patching or roofing maintenance.

<u>Exterior work:</u> The work shall include paving, stone replacement, landscaping such as planting, maintaining, pruning and removal of various shrubs, trees, and flower beds., etc. Typical materials include flashing, siding, rain gutters, metal liners, vapour barriers, fasteners, etc.

<u>Windows:</u> The work shall include the removal, transportation including frame, glazing, temporary polyethylene covering, preparation of surface, proper sealing, installation of new windows and cleaning.

<u>Carpentry:</u> The work shall include removing the sections, transporting, corrections of surfaces, manufacturing, finishing, installation and correction of adjoining surfaces to accept new carpentry.

<u>General Painting:</u> The surface shall include walls, doors, and frames, concrete, metal and piping. The work shall include preparing walls to accept paint, primer and paint.

Masonry: The work shall consist of patching, repairing, erecting or removal of walls.

<u>Movers:</u> The work shall include moving and relocating boxes, furniture, etc. and providing the necessary labour and equipment (i.e. dollies, boxes, bins, etc.) to perform the required task.

The above is intended to demonstrate typical services and material used by the CSA/DFL, but shall not be construed as a complete list.



Hourly rate for work in regular working hours

The hourly rate for work in regular working hours is designed to cover the costs incurred by the Contractor in executing a construction and/or maintenance project in an area where the CSA/DFL employees may be continuing their activities. This hourly rate aims to compensate for cleaning costs, security and precautions the Contractor must take to complete its assignment. This rate applies to all construction and/or maintenance costs for projects or parts of projects executed during regular working hours Monday-Friday (from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

Hourly rate for work performed outside regular working hours

The hourly rate for work performed outside regular working hours is designed to cover costs incurred by the Contractor when executing a construction and/or maintenance project on evenings, weekends or statutory holidays. This rate applies to all construction and/or maintenance costs, additional cleaning costs and security for projects or parts of projects executed outside regular working hours (from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.), as well as weekends and statutory holidays.

Hourly rate for work performed on an emergency basis

The hourly rate for work performed on an emergency basis is designed to cover the costs incurred by the Contractor in executing emergency service. This hourly rate aims to compensate for timely response not to exceed 4 hours, labour, cleaning costs and security to complete the emergency service.



APPENDIX B

UNIT PRICE TABLE



*** Rates indicated below are firm before tax

Hourly rate for regular staff, on-call staff and additional staff as described in Appendix A Work schedule – Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Work Schedule - Monday to Friday, 7.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.							
	Year 1 April 1 st , 2019 to March 31 st ,	Option Year 1 April 1 st , 2020 to March 31 st ,	Option Year 2 April 1 st , 2021 to March 31 st ,	Option Year 3 April 1 st , 2022 to March 31 st ,	Option Year 4 April 1 st , 2023 to March 31 st ,		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Skilled Labour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		
Framing / Drywall Suspended Ceiling	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		
Painter	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		
Mason	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		
Mover	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		
Floor Installer	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		
Locksmith	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		

Overtime – Monday to Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

	Year 1 April 1 st , 2019 to March 31 st , 2020	Option Year 1 April 1 st , 2020 to March 31 st , 2021	Option Year 2 April 1 st , 2021 to March 31 st , 2022	Option Year 3 April 1 st , 2022 to March 31 st , 2023	Option Year 4 April 1 st , 2023 to March 31 st , 2024
Skilled Labour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour
Framing / Drywall Suspended Ceiling	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour
Painter	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour
Mason	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour



Mover	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour
Floor Installer	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour
Locksmith	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour

Overtime - Saturday, Sunday and holidays

Overtime – Saturday, Sunday and holidays							
	Year 1	Option Year 1	Option Year 2	Option Year 3	Option Year 4		
	April 1 st , 2019 to March 31 st , 2020	April 1 st , 2020 to March 31 st , 2021	April 1 st , 2021 to March 31 st , 2022	April 1 st , 2022 to March 31 st , 2023	April 1 st , 2023 to March 31 st , 2024		
Skilled Labour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		
Framing / Drywall Suspended Ceiling	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		
Painter	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		
Mason	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		
Mover	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		
Floor Installer	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		
Locksmith	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour	\$/hour		

	Year 1 April 1 st , 2019 to March 31 st , 2020	Option Year 1 April 1 st , 2020 to March 31 st , 2021	Option Year 2 April 1 st , 2021 to March 31 st , 2022	Option Year 3 April 1 st , 2022 to March 31 st , 2023	Option Year 4 April 1 st , 2023 to March 31 st , 2024
Minimum hours billed per service call if applicable	hour(s)	hour(s)	hour(s)	hour(s)	hour(s)



Materials, equipment and supplies

	Year 1 April 1 st , 2019 to March 31 st , 2020	Option Year 1 April 1 st , 2020 to March 31 st , 2021	Option Year 2 April 1 st , 2021 to March 31 st , 2022	Option Year 3 April 1 st , 2022 to March 31 st , 2023	Option Year 4 April 1 st , 2023 to March 31 st , 2024
Percentage of mark-up on materials (if applicable)	%	%	%	%	%

For the purpose of the evaluation (the evaluation will included the total for the five (5) years)

- 300 hours per year (skilled labour during regular hours of work)
- 500 hours per year (framing / drywall / suspended ceiling during regular hours of work)
- 500 hours per year (painter during regular hours of work)
- 100 hours per year (mason during regular hours of work)
- 100 hours per year (mover during regular hours of work)
- 200 hours per year (floor installer during regular hours of work)
- 100 hours per year (locksmith during regular hours of work)
- 50 hours per year (skilled labour during overtime hours of work Monday to Friday 4:00pm to 7:30am)
- 50 hours per year (framing / drywall / suspended ceiling during overtime hours of work Monday to Friday 4:00pm to 7:30am)
- 50 hours per year (painter during overtime hours of work Monday to Friday 4:00pm to 7:30am)
- 15 hours per year (mason during overtime hours of work Monday to Friday 4:00pm to 7:30am)
- 10 hours per year (mover during overtime hours of work Monday to Friday 4:00pm to 7:30am)
- 20 hours per year (floor installer during overtime hours of work Monday to Friday 4:00pm to 7:30am)
- 5 hours per year (locksmith during overtime hours of work Monday to Friday 4:00pm to 7:30am)
- 50 hours per year (skilled labour during overtime hours of work Saturday, Sunday and Holidays)
- 50 hours per year (framing / drywall / suspended ceiling during overtime hours of work Saturday, Sunday and Holidays)
- 50 hours per year (painter during overtime hours of work Saturday, Sunday and Holidays)
- 15 hours per year (mason during overtime hours of work Saturday, Sunday and Holidays)
- 10 hours per year (mover during overtime hours of work Saturday, Sunday and Holidays)
- 20 hours per year (floor installer during overtime hours of work Saturday, Sunday and Holidays)
- 5 hours per year (locksmith during overtime hours of work Saturday, Sunday and Holidays)
- 2 hours per year (skilled labour during regular working hours) X 2 service call X minimum hours billed per service call
- Material, equipment and supplies: estimated 10,000.00\$ per year

^{*} Hours mentioned above are indicated for information purposes and evaluation only. The estimated value of the contract will be 100,000.00\$ before tax per year.



APPENDIX C

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT



PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT

Upon fulfillment of a contract, this questionnaire must be completed by the responsible project authority/ technical authority for all service contracts (excluding temporary help service contracts), construction contracts and engineering consulting contracts with CSA and sent to the contract agent responsible.

Name of contractor:	Contract completion date:
Name of project authority/technical authority:	Branch:
Contract no.:	Project name:

*Supplier	
Rating scale:	10 – 9: Excellent 6 – 5: Satisfactory 2 – 1: Unsatisfactory 8 – 7: Very Good 4 – 3: Poor
Did the supplier provide consultants with the education, accreditation and experience indicated in the contract?	10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Comments:
Please rate the overall quality of the services provided by this supplier.	10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Comments:
 Please rate the responsiveness of the supplier with regard to information requests or problems that may have arisen in the course of the contract, and the supplier's ability to meet deadlines. 	10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Comments:
Was the work performed in accordance with the requirements specified in the statement of work?	10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Comments:
Please rate the quality of communication between the department and the supplier.	10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Comments:
6. Were all administrative documents received in accordance with the requirements of the contract? Administrative documents can include but are not limited to: a. Invoices b. Progress reports c. Reports on use or business volume d. Meeting agendas and minutes e. Documentation and quality of work	10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Comments: Page 28 of 35
TOTAL	/60



APPENDIX D

MANDATORY AND RATED CRITED



The Mandatory Criteria listed below will be evaluated on a simple pass/fail basis.

NOTES: Proposals which fail to meet M1 of the mandatory criteria will be deemed non-responsive.

Proposals MUST demonstrate compliance with all of the following Mandatory Requirements and MUST provide the necessary documentation to support compliance. Each category should be addressed separately.

MANDATOR	Y CRITERIA	Pass	Fail
M1	Company must present all appropriate licenses and/or certifications required for each trades (if applicable) to perform work in Province of Ontario.		
M2	Company must prove that it has been in business for at least the last five (5) years from the closing date of this RFP. *To demonstrate compliance with this criterion, the Bidder must include within their proposal the documented proof of its status (certificate of incorporation, business registration or tax returns confirming the number of months it has been in business).		



MANDATOR	Y PERSONAL EXPERIENCE	
	- Skilled Carpenter Minimum 5 years recent work experience as carpenter/labourer in occupied buildings, commercial offices and industrial building.	
	* Recent is defined as within the last eight (8) years from this RFP closing date.	
M3	* Company must provide relevant trade certificate or licences issued for the province of Ontario required for each skill trade (drywaller, painter, mason, etc)	
	*To demonstrate compliance with this criterion, the Bidder must include within their proposal a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the proposed resource(s).	
	- Drywaller Minimum 5 years recent work experience as a drywaller (installation, mudding and taping) in occupied buildings, commercial offices and industrial building.	
M4	* Recent is defined as within the last eight (8) years from this RFP closing date.	
	*To demonstrate compliance with this criterion, the Bidder must include within their proposal a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the proposed resource(s).	
M5	- Painter Minimum 5 years recent work experience as a painter in occupied buildings, commercial offices and industrial building.	
IVIO	*To demonstrate compliance with this criterion, the Bidder must include within their proposal a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the proposed resource(s).	
	- Mason Minimum 5 years recent work experience as a mason in occupied buildings, commercial offices and industrial building.	
M6	* Recent is defined as within the last eight (8) years from this RFP closing date.	
	*To demonstrate compliance with this criterion, the Bidder must include within their proposal a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the proposed resource(s).	



	- Wood/Metal Framer Minimum 5 years recent work experience as a framer in occupied buildings, commercial offices and industrial building.		
M7	* Recent is defined as within the last eight (8) years from this RFP closing date.		
	*To demonstrate compliance with this criterion, the Bidder must include within their proposal a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the proposed resource(s).		
	- Food installer Minimum 5 years recent work experience as a floor installer in occupied buildings, commercial offices and industrial building.		
M8	* Recent is defined as within the last eight (8) years from this RFP closing date.		
	*To demonstrate compliance with this criterion, the Bidder must include within their proposal a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the proposed resource(s).		
RATED CRIT	RATED CRITERIA		Received
R1	Submit a copy of the company's profile & background underlining years in business, size and profile Related Experience: 15 years or more = 15 points 1 point for every year up to a maximum of 15 points Business size: 30 employees or more = 5 points 15-29 employees = 5 points 1-15 employees = 3 points	20	
	* To demonstrate compliance with this criterion, the Bidder must I include within their proposal the documented proof of its status (such as a certificate of incorporation, business registration or tax returns confirming the number of months it has been in business).		
R2	The Bidder must provide evidence of its recent experience and past performance by referencing three (3) similar projects/contracts within the last eight (8) years from this RFP closing date, whereby the organization has performed satisfactorily in government or private organizations.	18	
	The Bidder will have to prove that the company possesses experience working in hi-tech/laboratory/aerospace industry.		
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III.Proponent's Contact Information (reference – phone, email, website) IV.Date of Completion V.Cost of Project VI.Summary of Project (Approximately 100 words or less)		
 Notes: References will only be contacted to verify information. If the Bidder submits projects in excess of the stated requirement, only the projects up to the identified limit of three (3) projects will be assessed. The first three (3) projects listed in the proposal will be considered for evaluation. 		
1 point per item I through VI = 6 points maximum per project		
Total Score	38	
Minimum Score required to pass rate	d criteria	: 19 points

APPENDIX E

EPOST INSTRUCTIONS



Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is moving forward on its Procurement Modernization Initiative, which aims to simplify the procurement process. Suppliers requested the ability to submit their bids electronically and PSPC listened! The Bid Receiving Unit in the National Capital Region is launching an electronic bid submissions pilot using Canada Post's (CPC) epost Connect online service and your organization has been identified as a potential participant.

The pilot will include a limited number of solicitations, starting with "invitation only" tenders to prequalified suppliers. Later on in the pilot, suppliers may watch for opportunities posted on Buyandsell.gc.ca that will be clearly identified as solicitations selected for the epost Connect pilot.

What is epost Connect?

<u>epost Connect</u> is a secure, online service that allows users to share large, confidential files. Some of the service features include:

- large file transfers, allowing users to attach multiple 1 gigabyte (GB) files (any file type) in a single message
- the ability to track your electronic activity history
- privacy and security features that allow the processing of Protected B documents (which meet Government of Canada requirements).

Participants in the pilot project will not incur any costs for the use of the epost Connect service.

Please note that a Canadian mailing address is required to use the epost Connect service. Should this be an issue for you, please contact us and we will be pleased to provide a work-around procedure to ensure you can still participate in the epost Connect pilot.



To provide you with an overview of how the system works and to help inform your decision, attached is the CPC epost Connect Participant Guide.

Benefits to businesses

Sending bid submission files via epost Connect means:

- a faster and more efficient bid submission process
- a green alternative to submitting paper files in-person, by mail or fax to a Bid Receiving Unit office
- a time and date stamp record for the upload of files in epost Connect

How to participate

Please confirm your participation in the pilot to PSPC's National Capital Region Bid Receiving Unit at: TPSGC.DGAreceptiondessoumissions-ABBidReceiving.PWGSC@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca.

Once you have confirmed your participation, the Bid Receiving Unit will explain the next steps and invite you to create an epost Connect account.

IMPORTANT: If you decide not to participate in this pilot using an epost Connect account you are still invited to bid and the regular methods for bid submissions that are outlined in the solicitation document. We look forward to collaborating with you on this exciting new initiative!