

National Defence

National Defence Headquarters Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K2

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DEMANDE DE PROPOSITION**

## AMENDMENT NO. 002 N° DE LA MODIFICATION

### **RETURN BIDS TO: RETOURNER LES SOUMISSIONS À :**

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#### **Proposal To: National Defence Canada**

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

#### Proposition à : Défense nationale Canada

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

**Comments – Commentaires** 

### Solicitation Closes – L'invitation prend fin

At: - à : 2 :00 EDT/ 14 :00 HAE On: - le : June 26, 2019/ 26 juin 2019 Défense nationale

Quartier général de la Défense nationale Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0K2

Title – Titre	Solicitation No. – Nº de l'invitation	
Heater Duct type Portable 100,000	W8486-195974/A	
BTU Parts/ Chauffage Type de		
conduit Portable 100,000 BTU Pièces		
Date of Amendment – Date de modification		
June 21, 2019/21 juin 2019		
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Address Enquiries to: – Adresser toutes questions à :		
Debbie Moldowan by e-mail to Deborah.Moldowan@forces.gc.ca		
Telephone No. – Nº de telephone	FAX No. – Nº de fax	
819-939-0832		
Destination		
- See herein/Voir ici		

Delivery Required – Livraison e	xigée
See herein/Voir ici Vendor Name and Address – Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur	
	ized to sign on behalf of vendor (type or nne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur
(caractère d'imprimerie)	
Name – Nom	Title – Titre
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Signature	Date

THIS AMENDMENT IS RAISED TO answer questions and Amend the Request for Proposal:

- **Question 1:** I was wondering if "100 BTU" mentioned in the title is correct or not? I would like to double check that it is not 100k (=100,000) BTU
- **Answer 1:** The correct title is 100,000 BTU.
- Question 2: NSN: 5970-01-611-2022 INSULATION SLEEVING, ELECTRICAL- Please let me know the color /shade of the Item, its white color or any other color?
- Answer 1: It is black.

# Paragraph 2.1.1 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

# 2.1.1 Evaluation Procedures for Equivalent Products

- (a) This bid solicitation includes requirements to propose equipment (each, a Line Item) that has been specified by a part number in order to ensure compatibility, interoperability and interchangeability with existing equipment owned by Canada.
- (b) Where equipment has been described in this bid solicitation by part number and more than one part number is listed as associated with a single Line Item, equivalency will be assessed against the first part number, referred to as the Item of Supply. Other part numbers listed under that Line Item will be considered to meet the requirement without requiring an assessment as an equivalent product.
- (c) Proposed equipment that is a replacement part number (superseded or obsolete) from the Original Equipment Manufacturer of the Item of Supply listed under a Line Item must be assessed as an equivalent product under this Article, in order to be considered to meet the requirement.
- If a bidder intends to propose a part as an equivalent to a required Item of Supply, (d) and it has or is able to obtain complete specifications for the Item of Supply, it must provide to Canada in its bid this Item of Supply specification, along with the specification established for its proposed equivalent. Canada may instruct the bidder to use the provided Item of Supply specification, or another specification provided by Canada, for the purposes of demonstrating equivalency. If the Item of Supply specification is provided by Canada to the bidder, it will be made available to all bidders at the same time. During the evaluation period, the bidder must provide to Canada an analysis within seven business days of the request to do so, showing a comparison of the specification of its proposed equivalent part with the Item of Supply specification. The analysis must demonstrate that the proposed equivalent part is equivalent in fit, form, function, quality and performance to the required Item of Supply, that it meets any mandatory performance criteria identified in the solicitation, and that the proposed equivalent is fully compatible, interoperable and interchangeable with existing equipment identified in the bid solicitation. If the analysis submitted by the bidder does not demonstrate to the satisfaction of Canada such requirements, the bid

will either be declared non-responsive, or will be subject to further evaluation if sampling is requested by Canada.

- (e) It is the responsibility of the Bidder to include all information required to evaluate the proposed equivalent product as described above; however, all bidders acknowledge that Canada will have the right, but not the obligation, to request any additional information during the evaluation that it requires to make a determination regarding the product proposed.
- (f) The bidder must provide the number of samples of its proposed equivalent part requested by Canada, transportation charges prepaid, and without charge to Canada, within three business days from the date of a request by the Contracting Authority:
  - (a) if no specifications for the Item of Supply acceptable to Canada are available for the assessment above, or
  - (b) if, in addition to the evaluation of the analysis submitted under paragraph 1, Canada wishes to perform testing on the proposed equivalent part to make its determination regarding whether the part is equivalent in form, fit, function, quality and performance. Canada also reserves the right to conduct testing regarding other aspects of equivalency, such as durability and interoperability, as compared to the Item of Supply. All tests will be documented by Canada. A sample submitted by a Bidder will remain the property of Canada and will not be considered as part of the deliverables in any resulting contract. If the testing does not demonstrate equivalency with respect to the aspects tested by Canada, the bid will be declared non-responsive.
- (g) If:
  - (a) at least one bid is received proposing an equivalent part,
  - (b) no acceptable specifications of the requested Item of supply are provided by the bidder proposing the equivalent,
  - (c) no acceptable specifications of the requested Item of Supply are available to Canada, and
  - (d) Canada is unable to test a sample for any reason (including that the Item of Supply being procured is new to use, or its interoperable parts are not available for use in testing),

then,

- (i) if there are two (2) or more responsive bids in respect of the Item of Supply (not an equivalent), the evaluation process will be limited to those responsive bids.
- (ii) if there are fewer than two (2) responsive bids, Canada will cancel the bid solicitation and then determine next steps, including whether specifications can reasonably be developed for the Item of Supply required by Canada.

# 2.1.2 Equivalency of Equipment

- (a) The Contractor guarantees that the equipment to be delivered under the Contract is:
  - (i) equivalent in form, fit, function, quality and performance to the equipment requested by Canada that was described in the bid solicitation that resulted in the Contract;
  - (ii) fully compatible, interchangeable and interoperable with the existing equipment owned by Canada identified in the bid solicitation that resulted in this Contract.

- (b) The Contractor also guarantees that any warranties with third parties concerning the existing equipment owned by Canada identified in the bid solicitation will not be adversely affected by Canada's use of the equipment delivered under the Contract (for example, by interconnecting the equipment) or by any other services provided by the Contractor under the Contract. If Canada determines in its sole discretion that any such warranty has been adversely affected, at Canada's sole option, the Contractor must:
  - pay to Canada the amount that Canada must pay to the original supplier (or an authorized reseller of that supplier) to re-certify Canada's existing equipment for warranty purposes and any other amounts paid by Canada to a third party in order to restore the equipment to full warranty status;
  - (ii) perform all warranty work on Canada's existing equipment in place of the original supplier; or
  - (iii) pay to Canada the amount that Canada must pay to the original supplier (or an authorized reseller of that supplier) to perform maintenance work on the equipment that otherwise would have been covered by the warranty.
- The Contractor agrees that, during the Contract Period, if Canada determines that (c) any of the equipment is not equivalent in form, fit, function, quality and performance to the existing equipment owned by Canada that was identified in the bid solicitation, or is not fully compatible, interchangeable and interoperable with the existing equipment owned by Canada that was identified in the bid solicitation, the Contractor must immediately and entirely at its own expense take all steps necessary to ensure that the equipment satisfies these requirements (for example, by implementing any additional software or firmware), failing which Canada will have the immediate right to terminate the Contract for default. The Contractor agrees that, if Canada terminates the Contract for this reason, the Contractor must pay to Canada the costs of reprocuring the equipment from a third party and the difference, if any, in price paid by Canada to the third party. The Contractor acknowledges that its failure to deliver equivalent equipment that satisfies the above requirements may result in the Contractor (as well as its affiliates and any other entities with whom the Contractor or its principals do not deal at arm's length) being unable to propose equivalent substitutes in response to future DND bid solicitations, on the basis that Canada has satisfactory evidence that based on this past behaviour, such entity is unsuitable and its equivalent bid should be rejected pursuant to Canada's standard instructions for competitive requirements.

**Note to Bidders:** This article will only be included in a resulting contract if equivalent products have been proposed.

## All other terms and conditions remain unchanged