

## QUESTION AND ANSWER NUMBER 1

### SOLICITATION 5000043543

#### **Contaminants and Health Effects in Wildlife in Canadian Great Lakes and the National Chemicals Monitoring Plan**

##### Question 1:

On p. 11 of 39, the second mandatory technical criteria (M2) relates to projects that pertain to environmental economics, socio-economic impact assessments, macro-economics, and/or sectoral research in agriculture, clean tech, environment, forest resources, renewable energy or a relevant industrial sector. This is the only place in the RFP that makes any mention of any of these topics. If M2 was not included in error, please provide additional discussion of the scope of work and the intended connection between the topic of contaminants and health effects in wildlife in Canadian Great Lakes and these economic topics.

##### Answer 1:

Please refer to Amendment 2.

##### Question 2:

On p. 12, 14, and 15 of 39 references a Primary Resource. Given the aggressive schedule with multiple concurrent tasks and diverse databases and topics, work will proceed most efficiently with at least three Primary Resources assigned to this project. Please confirm that the use of the singular term "Resource" does not prevent us from proposing multiple Primary Resources.

##### Answer 2:

The Bidder must identify only one proposed Primary Resource, directly responsible for the production of reports and presentations however, the Bidder may identify other proposed resources.

Please refer to Amendment 2.

##### Question 3:

To support accurate pricing of the proposal, please make available copies of the reports and databases to be updated. If databases cannot be shared now, please list data fields, number of data records, the data dictionary, statistical analyses and quality control already conducted on those databases, and extent to which formats already have been made uniform and suitable for upload to the ECCC open portal.

##### Answer 3:

Reports and Databases: We are unwilling to make existing reports and databases available to a potential bidder. Data fields generally consist of location, species, year, specimen id, lab code, tissue type, and compounds (various contaminants) or endpoint measured (reproductive parameters, biochemical measurement). Formats for upload to the portal are well established and consistent with currently 100 records for each of the 3 primary Great Lake Area of Concern sites and over 500 records

for each of the two CMP wildlife sentinel species. Quality control has been conducted prior to open portal upload.