

## Amendment 002

This amendment is raised to modify the Call for Proposals 003 solicitation at:  
**Part 2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions**

**DELETE:**

b) Section 08, Transmission by facsimile or epost Connect in its entirety

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**DELETE:** Subsection 2 in its entirety.

**INSERT:** epost Connect

- a. Unless specified otherwise in the bid solicitation, bids must be submitted by using the epost Connect service provided by Canada Post Corporation (CPC).
  - i. The only acceptable email address to use with epost Connect for responses to bid solicitations issued by the Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) Program is outlined below.
- b. To submit a bid using epost Connect service, the Bidder must:
  - i. send as early as possible, and in any case, at least five business days prior to the Challenge tender notice closing date and time, (in order to ensure a response), an email that includes the bid solicitation number to the IDEaS Program email [DND.IDEaS-IDEaS.MDN@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DND.IDEaS-IDEaS.MDN@forces.gc.ca) requesting to open an epost Connect conversation. Requests to open an epost Connect conversation received after that time may not be answered.
- c. If the Bidder sends an email requesting epost Connect service to the specified email in the bid solicitation, the IDEaS Program will then initiate an epost Connect conversation. The epost Connect conversation will create an email notification from Canada Post Corporation prompting the Bidder to access and action the message within the conversation. The Bidder will then be able to transmit its bid afterward at any time prior to the Challenge tender notice closing date and time. IDEaS will keep the epost Connect conversation open until 30 days after the Challenge tender notice closing date and time.
- d. If the Bidder is using its own licensing agreement to send its bid, the Bidder must keep the epost Connect conversation open until at least 30 business days after the Challenge tender notice closing date and time.

- e. The bid solicitation number should be identified in the epost Connect message field of all electronic transfers.
- f. It should be noted that the use of epost Connect service requires a Canadian mailing address. Should a bidder not have a Canadian mailing address, they may use the Public Works and Government Services (PWGSC) address specified on the first page of the solicitation in order to register for the epost Connect service.
- g. For bids transmitted by epost Connect service, Canada will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the bid including, but not limited to, the following:
  - i. receipt of corrupted or incomplete bid;
  - ii. availability or condition of the epost Connect service;
  - iii. incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment;
  - iv. delay in transmission or receipt of the bid;
  - v. failure of the Bidder to properly identify the bid;
  - vi. illegibility of the bid;
  - vii. security of bid data; or,
  - viii. inability to create an electronic conversation through the epost Connect service.
- h. A bid transmitted by epost Connect service constitutes the formal bid of the Bidder and must be submitted in accordance with [2003 \(2019-03-04\) section 05 \(2018-05-22\) Standard Instructions – Goods or Services – Competitive Requirements](#) found within the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) Manual.

Should a Bidder submit a late or delayed bid submission:

1. For bids submitted electronically, the late bids will be deleted. As an example, bids submitted using Canada Post Corporation's epost Connect service, conversations initiated by the IDEaS Program via the epost Connect service pertaining to a late bid, will be deleted. Records will be kept documenting the transaction history of all late bids submitted using epost Connect.
2. The only piece of evidence relating to a delay in the epost Connect service provided by CPC system that is acceptable to the IDEaS Program is a CPC epost Connect service date and time record indicated in the epost Connect conversation history that clearly indicates that the bid was sent before the Challenge tender notice closing date and time.

**ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.**