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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
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**Proposal To: Public Works and Government  
Services 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, services, and construction listed herein and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefor.

**Proposition aux: Travaux Publics et Services  
Gouvernementaux 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, services et construction énumérés ici sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

**Comments - Commentaires**

**Vendor/Firm Name and Address**

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**Instructions: See Herein**

**Instructions: Voir aux présentes**

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<b>Telephone No. - N° de téléphone</b> <b>Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur</b>	
<b>Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm</b> <b>(type or print)</b> <b>Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

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## PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 Security Requirements

There is no security requirement applicable to the Contract.

### 1.2 Requirement

The requirement is detailed under Annex A.

### 1.3 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.

### 1.4 Trade Agreements

The requirement is subject to the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA).

### 1.5 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.

## PART 2 - BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

### 2.1 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](https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/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 (2019-03-04) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

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

Delete: 60 days

Insert: 90 days

### 2.1.1 **SACC Manual Clauses**

SACC Manual clause **B1000T** (2014-06-26) Condition of Material

## 2.2 **Submission of Bids**

Bids must be submitted only to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit at the location specified below, by the date, time and place indicated on page 1 of the bid solicitation.

### **Bid Receiving - PWGSC**

Place du Portage, Phase III, Tower B  
11 Laurier Street  
Gatineau, Quebec  
For couriers: J8X 4A6  
For regular mail: K1A 0S5

Telephone: (819) 420-7201

Note: For bidders choosing to submit using epost Connect for bids closing at the Bid Receiving Unit in the National Capital Region (NCR) the email address is:

[tpsgc.dgareceptiondessoumissions-abbidreceiving.pwgsc@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:tpsgc.dgareceptiondessoumissions-abbidreceiving.pwgsc@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)

Note: Bids will not be accepted if emailed directly to this email address. This email address is to be used to open an epost Connect conversation, as detailed in Standard Instructions **2003**, or to send bids through an epost Connect message if the bidder is using its own licensing agreement for epost Connect.

The above address is for the sole purpose of bid submission. No other communications are to be forwarded to this address.

No proposal shall be sent directly to the PWGSC Contracting Authority.

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

## 2.3 **Enquiries - Bid Solicitation**

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than ten (10) 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.

## 2.4 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 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

### 3.1 Bid Preparation Instructions

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

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 (2 hard copies)

Section II: Financial Bid (1 hard copy)

Section III: Certifications (2 hard copies)

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.

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 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 demonstrate their understanding of the requirements contained in the bid solicitation and explain how they will meet these requirements. Bidders should demonstrate their capability in a thorough, concise and clear manner for carrying out the work.

The technical bid should address clearly and in sufficient depth the points that are subject to the evaluation criteria against which the bid will be evaluated. Simply repeating the statement contained in the bid solicitation is not sufficient. In order to facilitate the evaluation of the bid, Canada requests that Bidders address and present topics in the order of the evaluation criteria under the same headings. To avoid duplication, Bidders may refer to different sections of their bids by identifying the specific paragraph and page number where the subject topic has already been addressed.

The technical bid consists of the following:

- (a) **Supporting Technical documentation:** Technical brochures or technical data to demonstrate compliancy to the requirement as described in Annex A.
- (b) **List of Products:** Bidders must include a complete product list identifying: the product name; the name of manufacturer; the model and part number of each component which make up the system. Bidders must also state the point of manufacture and shipping of goods or where service is to be performed: The bidder is requested to use the form provided in Annex "C".
- (c) **Installation Plan:** Bidders should include an installation plan (including the installation schedule), which must demonstrate that the Bidder's installation plan meets all the mandatory requirements for installation described Annex "A".
- (d) **Training Plan:** Bidders should include a training plan, which must demonstrate that the Bidder's training plan meets all the mandatory requirements for training described in Annex "A". The training plan must include, at a minimum, a description of the course materials that will be provided to participants; the training schedule; and the duration of the training.
- (e) **Description of the Bidder's Warranty, Preventive Maintenance, Emergency Services and Support Services:** Bidders should include a description of its Warranty including Preventive Maintenance, Emergency Services and Support Services, which must be consistent with all the requirements described in Annex "A". At a minimum, Bidders should include the following:
  - (i) Location of available service facilities (after sales service and repair). List the service facilities closest to the destination.
  - (ii) Locations of available replacement parts from consumables to major components.
  - (iii) Response time re: service calls, and escalation schedule, i.e. (how many days with no resolution to a problem until a more experienced person is called in, and from which location).
  - (iv) List the frequency of routine maintenance visits provided by a qualified service technician during the warranty period, if applicable and included in the price.

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## Section II: Financial Bid

- (a) **Pricing:** Bidders must submit their financial bid in accordance with the Basis of Payment including Annex "B" – Basis of Payment.
- (b) **All Costs to be Included:** The financial bid must include all costs for the requirement described in the bid solicitation for the entire Contract Period, including any option years. The identification of all necessary equipment, software, peripherals, cabling and components required to meet the requirements of the bid solicitation and the associated costs of these items is the sole responsibility of the Bidder.
- (c) **Blank Prices:** Bidders are requested to insert "\$0.00" for any item for which it does not intend to charge or for items that are already included in other prices set out in the tables. If the Bidder leaves any price blank, Canada will treat the price as "\$0.00" for evaluation purposes and may request that the Bidder confirm that the price is, in fact, \$0.00. No bidder will be permitted to add or change a price as part of this confirmation. Any bidder who does not confirm that the price for a blank item is \$0.00 will be declared non-responsive.

### 3.1.1 Electronic Payment of Invoices – Bid

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

If Annex "E" 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

SACC *Manual* clause [C3011T](#) (2013-11-06) Exchange Rate Fluctuation

## Section III: Certifications

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

## PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

### 4.1 Evaluation Procedures

- (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.

#### 4.1.1 Technical Evaluation

##### 4.1.1.1 Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria

The mandatory technical evaluation criteria are detailed in Annex "A", Part 2.1.

#### 4.1.2 Financial Evaluation

The financial evaluation will be conducted by calculating the Total Aggregated Bid Price in accordance with the pricing tables provided in Annex "B" – Basis of Payment.

##### **Evaluation of Price - Bid**

The price of the bid will be evaluated in Canadian dollars, Applicable Taxes excluded, DDP Ottawa, Ontario Incoterms® 2010, Canadian customs duties and excise taxes included.

Unless the bid solicitation specifically requires bids to be submitted in Canadian currency, bids submitted in foreign currency will be converted to Canadian currency for evaluation purposes. The rate given by the Bank of Canada in effect on the bid solicitation closing date, or on another date specified in the bid solicitation, will be applied as a conversion factor to the bids submitted in foreign currency.

#### 4.2 Basis of Selection

4.2.1 SACC Manual Clause [A0031T](#) (2010-08-16) - Basis of Selection - Mandatory Technical Criteria

### 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.



### 5.1.2.1 Product Conformance

The Bidder certifies that all goods proposed conform, and will continue to conform throughout the period of the contract, to the requirement detailed under Annex A.

*To be completed by the bidder*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder's authorized representative signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 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 section titled Information to be provided when bidding, contracting or entering into a real property agreement of the [Ineligibility and Suspension Policy](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/politique-policy-eng.html) (<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

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](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-contractor-program.html) 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.

## PART 6 - RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

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

### 6.1 Security Requirements

6.1.1 There is no security requirement applicable to the Contract.

## 6.2 Requirement

### 6.2.1 Requirement

The Contractor must provide the items detailed under the "Requirement" at Annex A.

### 6.2.2 Optional Requirement

- a) The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to acquire the goods, services or both as further described in Annex "A" under the same terms and conditions and at the prices and/or rates stated in the Contract. The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority and will be evidenced, for administrative purposes only, through a contract amendment.
- b) The Contracting Authority may exercise the option at any time before the expiry of the Contract by sending a written notice to the Contractor.
- c) **Option to Purchase Extended Warranty including Preventive Maintenance, Emergency Services and Support Services:** The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to extend the warranty including Preventive Maintenance, Emergency Services and Support Services period by 1 additional one-year period, exercisable at any time during the Contract Period, under the same terms and conditions and at the prices and/or rates stated in the Contract.

## 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) (<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

[2010A](#) (2018-06-21), General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity), apply to and form part of the Contract.

The [2010A](#) (2018-06-21), General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity) is appended with Section 32 - Intellectual Property Infringement and Royalties, as follows:

- 1) The Contractor represents and warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, neither it nor Canada will infringe any third party's intellectual property rights in performing or using the Work, and that Canada will have no obligation to pay royalties of any kind to anyone in connection with the Work.
- 2) If anyone makes a claim against Canada or the Contractor concerning intellectual property infringement or royalties related to the Work, that Party agrees to notify the other Party in writing immediately. If anyone brings a claim against Canada, according to [Department of Justice Act](#), R.S. 1985, c. J-2, the Attorney General of Canada must have the regulation and conduct of all litigation for or against Canada, but the Attorney General may request that the Contractor defend Canada against the claim. In either case, the Contractor agrees to participate fully in the defence and any settlement negotiations and to pay all costs, damages and legal costs incurred or payable as a result of the claim, including the amount of any settlement. Both Parties agree not to settle any claim unless the other Party first approves the settlement in writing.

- 3) The Contractor has no obligation regarding claims that were only made because:
- (a) Canada modified the Work or part of the Work without the Contractor's consent or used the Work or part of the Work without following a requirement of the Contract; or
  - (b) Canada used the Work or part of the Work with a product that the Contractor did not supply under the Contract (unless that use is described in the Contract or the manufacturer's specifications); or
  - (c) the Contractor used equipment, drawings, specifications or other information supplied to the Contractor by Canada (or by someone authorized by Canada); or
  - (d) the Contractor used a specific item of equipment or software that it obtained because of specific instructions from the Contracting Authority; however, this exception only applies if the Contractor has included the following language in its own contract with the supplier of that equipment or software: "[Supplier name] acknowledges that the purchased items will be used by the Government of Canada. If a third party claims that equipment or software supplied under this contract infringes any intellectual property right, [supplier name], if requested to do so by either [Contractor name] or Canada, will defend both [Contractor name] and Canada against that claim at its own expense and will pay all costs, damages and legal fees payable as a result of that infringement." Obtaining this protection from the supplier is the Contractor's responsibility and, if the Contractor does not do so, it will be responsible to Canada for the claim.
- 4) If anyone claims that, as a result of the Work, the Contractor or Canada is infringing its intellectual property rights, the Contractor must immediately do one of the following:
- (a) take whatever steps are necessary to allow Canada to continue to use the allegedly infringing part of the Work; or
  - (b) modify or replace the Work to avoid intellectual property infringement, while ensuring that the Work continues to meet all the requirements of the Contract; or
  - (c) take back the Work and refund any part of the Contract Price that Canada has already paid.

If the Contractor determines that none of these alternatives can reasonably be achieved, or if the Contractor fails to take any of these steps within a reasonable amount of time, Canada may choose either to require the Contractor to do (c), or to take whatever steps are necessary to acquire the rights to use the allegedly infringing part(s) of the Work itself, in which case the Contractor must reimburse Canada for all the costs it incurs to do so.

### 6.3.2 Additional General Conditions

#### 6.3.2.1 Conduct of the Work

- 1) The Contractor represents and warrants that:
- a. it is competent to perform the Work;
  - b. it has everything necessary to perform the Work, including the resources, facilities, labour, technology, equipment, and materials; and
  - c. it has the necessary qualifications, including knowledge, skill, know-how and experience, and the ability to use them effectively to perform the Work.

2) The Contractor must:

- a. perform the Work diligently and efficiently;
- b. except for Government Property, supply everything necessary to perform the Work;
- c. use, as a minimum, quality assurance procedures, inspections and controls generally used and recognized by the industry to ensure the degree of quality required by the Contract;
- d. select and employ a sufficient number of qualified people;
- e. perform the Work in accordance with standards of quality acceptable to Canada and in full conformity with the specifications and all the requirements of the Contract;
- f. provide effective and efficient supervision to ensure that the quality of workmanship meets the requirements of the Contract.

### 6.3.2.2 Subcontracts

The Contractor may subcontract the supply of goods or services that are customarily subcontracted by the Contractor. Subcontracting does not relieve the Contractor from any of its obligations under the Contract or impose any liability upon Canada to a subcontractor. In any subcontract, the Contractor agrees to bind the subcontractor by the same conditions by which the Contractor is bound under the Contract, unless the Contracting Authority agrees otherwise, with the exception of requirements under the Federal Contractors Program for employment equity which only apply to the Contractor.

### 6.3.2.2 Harassment in the workplace

- 1) The Contractor acknowledges the responsibility of Canada to ensure, for its employees, a healthy work environment, free of harassment. A copy of the [Policy on Harassment Prevention and Resolution](#), which is also applicable to the Contractor, is available on the Treasury Board Web site.
- 2) The Contractor must not, either as an individual, or as a corporate or unincorporated entity, through its employees or subcontractors, harass, abuse, threaten, discriminate against or intimidate any employee, contractor or other individual employed by, or under contract with Canada. The Contractor will be advised in writing of any complaint and will have the right to respond in writing. Upon receipt of the Contractor's response, the Contracting Authority will, at its entire discretion, determine if the complaint is founded and decide on any action to be taken.

### 6.3.2.4 Access to information

Records created by the Contractor, and under the control of Canada, are subject to the [Access to Information Act](#). The Contractor acknowledges the responsibilities of Canada under the [Access to Information Act](#) and must, to the extent possible, assist Canada in discharging these responsibilities. Furthermore, the Contractor acknowledges that section 67.1 of the [Access to Information Act](#) provides that any person, who destroys, alters, falsifies or conceals a record, or directs anyone to do so, with the intent of obstructing the right of access that is provided by the [Access to Information Act](#) is guilty of an offence and is liable to imprisonment or a fine, or both.

### 6.3.3 Supplemental General Conditions

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 4001 (2015-04-01) | Hardware Purchase, Lease and Maintenance,               |
| 4003 (2010-08-16) | Licensed Software, and                                  |
| 4004 (2013-04-25) | Maintenance and Support Services for Licensed Software. |

apply to and form part of the Contract.

## **6.4 Term of Contract**

### **6.4.1 Period of the Contract**

- (a) The period of the Contract is from date of contract for a period of one year; and
- (b) The period during which the Contract is extended, if Canada chooses to exercise any options set out in the Contract.

### **6.4.2 Delivery Date**

All the deliverables must be received and completed on or before March 31, 2020.

#### ***To be completed by the bidder***

Delivery date offered: \_\_\_\_\_  
Installation date offered: \_\_\_\_\_  
Training date offered: \_\_\_\_\_

### **6.4.3 Option to Extend the Contract**

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to extend the term of the Contract by up to 1 additional 1 year period under the same terms and conditions. The Contractor agrees that, during the extended period of the Contract, it will be paid in accordance with the applicable provisions as set out in the Basis of Payment.

Canada may exercise this option at any time before the expiry date of the contract by sending a written notice to the Contractor. The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority, and will be evidenced for administrative purposes only, through a contract amendment.

### **6.4.4 Delivery Points**

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

## **6.5 Authorities**

### **6.5.1 Contracting Authority**

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Francine Frigon  
Supply Specialist

Public Works and Government Services Canada  
Commercial Consumer Products Directorate  
140 O'Connor Street, 7<sup>th</sup> floor  
L'Esplanade Laurier (LEL), East Tower  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0R5

Telephone: 819-743-4279  
E-mail address: [francine.frigon@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca](mailto:francine.frigon@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca)

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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 Technical Authority *(to be filled in only at contract award)***

The Technical Authority for the Contract is: *(to be filled in only at contract award)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

The Technical Authority named above 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 Technical Authority, however the Technical 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 Accounts Payable Contact *(to be filled in only at contract award)***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **6.5.4 Contractor's Representative *(to be completed by the bidder)***

The telephone number (with extension if applicable) of the person responsible for:

##### **General enquiries**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ ext: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

##### **Delivery Follow-up**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ ext: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **6.6 Payment**

#### **6.6.1 Basis of Payment**

##### **Table 1 - Initial Requirement**

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid firm lot price(s), as specified in Annex "B" – Basis of Payment for a cost of \$\_\_\_\_\_ *(to be filled in only at contract award)*. Customs duties are included and Applicable Taxes are extra.

## Table 2 - Optional Requirements for extended Warranty including Preventive Maintenance, Emergency Services and Support Services

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid a firm lot price, quarterly in arrears. The payment amount will be calculated by dividing the annual firm lot price, as specified under ANNEX B, by four. Customs duties are included and Applicable Taxes are extra.

Canada will not pay the Contractor for any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work, unless they have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work.

### 6.6.2 SACC Manual clause

SACC Manual clause [H1001C](#) (2008-05-12) Multiple Payment

### 6.6.3 Electronic Payment of Invoices – Contract

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 Invoicing Instructions

**6.7.1** The Contractor must submit invoices in accordance with the section entitled "Invoice Submission" of the general conditions. Invoices cannot be submitted until all work identified in the invoice is completed.

**6.7.2** Invoices must be distributed as follows:

- (a) The original and one (1) copy must be forwarded to the following address for certification and payment. *(to be filled in at contract award)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- (b) One (1) copy must be forwarded to the Contracting Authority identified under the section entitled "Authorities" of the Contract.

## 6.8 Certifications and Additional Information

### 6.8.1 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 Applicable Laws

The Contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Ontario.

## 6.10 Priority of Documents

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:
  - i. 4001, Hardware Purchase, Lease and Maintenance;
  - ii. 4003, Licensed Software;
  - iii. 4004, Maintenance and Support Services for Licensed Software;
- (c) the general conditions 2010A General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity);
- (d) Annex A, Requirement;
- (e) Annex "C", List of Products;
- (f) Annex "B", Basis of Payments; and
- (g) the Contractor's bid dated \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert date of bid*).

## 6.11 SACC Manual Clauses

SACC Manual clause [G1005C](#) (2016-01-28) Insurance  
SACC Manual clause [B1501C](#) (2018-06-21) Electrical Equipment  
SACC Manual clause [A2000C](#) (2006-06-16) Foreign Nationals (Canadian Contractor)  
SACC Manual clause [A2001C](#) (2006-06-16) Foreign Nationals (Foreign Contractor)  
SACC Manual clause [A9068C](#) (2010-01-11) Government Site Regulations

## 6.12 Shipping Instructions

### 6.12.1 Shipping Instructions - Delivery at Destination

**6.12.1.1** Goods must be consigned to the destination specified in the Contract and delivered:

Delivered Duty Paid (DDP) Ottawa, Ontario Incoterms® 2010 for shipments from a commercial contractor.

**6.12.1.2** The Contractor will be responsible for all delivery charges, administration, costs and risk of transport and customs clearance, including the payment of customs duties and taxes.



## **ANNEX A**

### **Part 1 - REQUIREMENT**

The Biodiversity & Collections Division of AAFC STB has a requirement for the supply of two imaging microscope systems, which must meet all of the mandatory technical requirements as specified below and the mandatory evaluation criteria as specified at Part 2.1 - Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria. The requirement must include all of the following:

**Each imaging system must include and meet all the criteria listed below:**

#### **1. Microscope system:**

- a) Integrated controller, console and camera
- b) A minimum of two interchangeable lenses that are cable-free, with easy attachment
- c) Light sources fixed apically on the lens for pinned specimen imaging, and include lighting from multiple directions simultaneously.
- d) Transmitted light through the microscope stage for slide imaging
- e) Attached lighting diffusers
- f) Ergonomic head
- g) The lens must be able to tilt/rotate joint for angled shooting (at 90°)
- h) The stage must be motorized, allowing for smooth movement (frictionless)
- i) Standard dust cover

#### **2. Camera / computer hardware:**

- a) Camera resolution of 18 megapixels (minimum)
- b) 500 GB hard drive
- c) 23" LCD monitor (minimum)
- d) DVD and multiple USB ports
- e) LAN network connectability
- f) The camera must be able to capture images in multiple formats, including JPEG and TIFF formats
- g) Capability for images to be saved in user-defined folders under user-defined names

#### **3. Advanced software features and capabilities:**

- a) Software 64 bit
- b) Software must be compatible with Windows 10
- c) Camera and software defaults must be customizable
- d) Subject view capabilities:
  - Live view of image in HD navigation window; no lag time in image visualization; subsequent viewing of captured image
  - Within-frame navigation and zooming capability
  - Control of motorized stage and magnification via live view
- e) Automatic magnification recognition
- f) Rapid imaging and processing speed, a minimum of 50 frames/second
- g) Shooting conditions must be available and easily manipulated and include simple post production features to refine captured images
- h) Image stacking / montage software (Zerene Stacker, or equivalent)
- i) Image stitching software – Automatically generate composite image from multiple stacked/montaged images using motorized stage
  - In generation of stacked and stitched images, user must have the ability to define imaging area and depth, as well as image stack number
- j) Measurement capabilities (length, surface area, count)

#### **4. Delivery**

The two imaging microscope systems must be delivered to Agriculture Agri-Food Canada, 960 Carling Avenue, K.W.Neatby Bldg., Ottawa, Ontario, K1A-OC6, Canada

#### **5. Installation**

On-site installation of each system including the automated digital image microscope systems and related software are the responsibility of the contractor and must be performed by the contractor factory-trained, certified technical representative

User's Guide: Each system must include a user guide in English describing the installation and the configuration of the software as well as an operation manual for the software package.

Tutorials: The contractor must provide tutorials in English describing the proper use and maintenance of the systems including any upgrades during the period of the contract.

#### **6. Training**

After delivery and installation of the systems, the contractor must provide on-site training to the end users, to demonstrate the safe operation of the hardware and software package.

On-site user training must be provided for up to 12 users in English.

#### **7. Warranty, Preventive Maintenance and Emergency Services**

Initial First year warranty (which also includes optics, mechanics and electronics)

During the Warranty periods the contractor must provide on-site:

Preventive Maintenance Visit: One preventive maintenance visit for each systems at the end of the covered period of each year.

Emergency Service: Emergency service must be provided during regularly scheduled business hours, between the hours of 08:30 and 17:00 (Eastern Time), Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.

#### **8. Support Services**

The Contractor must provide unlimited technical support, technical phone support, support via the Internet and email support during regular business hours from the delivery of the systems until the end of the contract.

The Contractor must acknowledge a request for service by phone or by email within 24 hours.

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**9. The requirement also includes the option to purchase the following additional services on an as and when requested basis:**

**Optional Extended Warranty, Preventive Maintenance, Emergency Services and Support Services for a one-year period.**

Optional one-year warranty period (which also includes optics, mechanics and electronics)

During the Warranty period the contractor must provide on-site:

Preventive Maintenance Visit: One preventive maintenance visit for each systems at the end of the covered period of each year.

Emergency Service: Emergency service must be provided during regularly scheduled business hours, between the hours of 08:30 and 17:00 (Eastern Time), Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.

**The requirement must work and operate at all times in accordance with the mandatory technical requirements and the mandatory evaluation criteria as specified below at Part 2.1 - Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria.**

## Part 2.1 - MANDATORY TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following requirements are the mandatory technical evaluation criteria which will be evaluated during the Bid Evaluation. In addition the Contractor will be required to meet all of the mandatory technical requirements for the duration of the Contract.

Bidders are requested to cross reference the mandatory technical criteria in a concise format by using page, paragraph(s) & sub-paragraphs as applicable to their supporting technical documentation.

ITEM	CRITERIA	REFERENCE TO SUBSTANTIATION IN THE TECHNICAL BID.
1	The interchangeable lenses for camera must be 20-200x and 100-1000x;	
2	The motorized stage must allow for smooth movement (frictionless) over x and y axes within 100x100mm; and	
3	The camera and software must allow a minimum of 50 frames/second to capture the target specimen.	

## ANNEX B

### BASIS OF PAYMENT

The Bidder must provide all of the pricing requested in the following Tables in accordance with **Article 6.6.1 - Basis of Payment.**

**Table 1: Initial Requirement:**

Item	Description	Number of Units	Unit of Issue	Firm all inclusive Lot Price	Extended Price (Number of Units X Firm all inclusive Lot Price)
1	Imaging microscope systems in accordance with Annex A.	2	Lot	\$	\$
2	Installation in accordance with Annex A	1	Lot	\$	\$
3	On-site Training in accordance with Annex A.	1	Lot	\$	\$
<b>Evaluated Price (Sum of Items 1 to 3)</b>					<b>\$</b>

**Table 2: Optional Requirement: Extended Warranty including Preventive Maintenance, Emergency Services and Support Services**

Option Year	Description	Unit of Issue	Firm All Inclusive Annual Lot Price
1	Extended Warranty including Preventive Maintenance, Emergency Services and Support Services in accordance with Annex A.	Annual	\$
<b>Evaluated Price (Sum of Year 1)</b>			<b>\$</b>

**Table 3: Total Aggregated Bid Price:**

Item	Description	Evaluated Price
1	Table 1: Initial Requirement	As per Evaluated Price from Table 1
2	Table 2: Optional Requirement	As per Evaluated Price from Table 2
3	Total Aggregated Bid Price	Sum of Tables 1 and 2

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**ANNEX C**  
**LIST OF PRODUCTS**

Product Name	Model/Part Number	Name of Manufacture		

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**ANNEX D**  
**COMPLETE LIST OF DIRECTORS**  
**(As per Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions Part 2)**

Name	Position
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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## ANNEX E

### ELECTRONIC PAYMENT INSTRUMENTS

***As indicated in Part 3, clause 3.1.1, 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)