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Request For a Standing Offer Demande d'offre à commandes

Regional Individual Standing Offer (RISO)

Offre à commandes individuelle régionale (OCIR)

Canada, as represented by the Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada, hereby requests a Standing Offer on behalf of the Identified Users herein.

Le Canada, représenté par le ministre des Travaux Publics et Services Gouvernementaux Canada, autorise par la présente, une offre à commandes au nom des utilisateurs identifiés énumérés ci-après.

Comments - Commentaires

Vendor/Firm Name and Address**Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur**

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Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client K4B20-20-0339	GETS Ref. No. - N° de réf. de SEAG PW-\$HAL-405-10799
File No. - N° de dossier HAL-9-83097 (405)	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2019-11-26	Time Zone Fuseau horaire Atlantic Standard Time AST
Delivery Required - Livraison exigée See Herein	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Kendell, Byron	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur hal405
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (902)497-5345 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX (902)496-5016
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction: DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT SEE HEREIN Canada	
Security - Sécurité This request for a Standing Offer does not include provisions for security. Cette Demande d'offre à commandes ne comprend pas des dispositions en matière de sécurité.	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

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

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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Introduction

The Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) is divided into seven parts plus attachments and annexes, as follows:

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| Part 1 | General Information: provides a general description of the requirement; |
| Part 2 | Offeror Instructions: provides the instructions applicable to the clauses and conditions of the RFSO; |
| Part 3 | Offer Preparation Instructions: provides offerors with instructions on how to prepare their offer to address the evaluation criteria specified; |
| Part 4 | Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection: indicates how the evaluation will be conducted, the evaluation criteria which must be addressed in the offer, and the basis of selection; |
| Part 5 | Certifications and Additional Information: includes the certifications and additional information to be provided; |
| Part 6 | Security, Financial and Insurance Requirements: includes specific requirements that must be addressed by offerors; and |
| Part 7 | 7A, Standing Offer, and 7B, Resulting Contract Clauses:

7A, includes the Standing Offer containing the offer from the Offeror and the applicable clauses and conditions;

7B, includes the clauses and conditions which will apply to any contract resulting from a call-up made pursuant to the Standing Offer. |

The Annexes include the Statement of Work, the Basis of Payment, the Standing Offer Reporting Form and the Information for Code of Conduct Certification.

1.2 Summary

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Atlantic Region, has a requirement for various compressed gases to support meteorological and scientific/analytical services at its upper air monitoring stations and laboratories throughout the Atlantic region, as per Annex A – Statement of Work.

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

This RFSO allows offerors to use the epost Connect service provided by Canada Post Corporation to transmit their offers electronically. Offerors must refer to Part 2 of the RFSO entitled Offeror Instructions and Part 3 of the RFSO entitled Offer Preparation Instructions, for further information on using this method.

1.3 Debriefings

Offerors may request a debriefing on the results of the request for standing offers process. Offerors should make the request to the Standing Offer Authority within 15 working days of receipt of the results of the request for standing offers process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

1.4 Anticipated migration to an e-Procurement Solution (EPS)

Canada is currently developing an online EPS for faster and more convenient ordering of goods and services. In support of the anticipated transition to this system and how it may impact any resulting Standing Offer that is issued under this solicitation, refer to 7.15 Transition to an e-Procurement Solution (EPS).

The Government of Canada's [press release](#) provides additional information.

PART 2 - OFFEROR INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) 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.

Offerors who submit an offer agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the RFSO and accept the clauses and conditions of the Standing Offer and resulting contract(s).

The [2006](#) (2019-03-04), Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the RFSO.

Subsection 5.4 of [2006](#), Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, is amended as follows:

Delete: 60 days
Insert: 90 days

2.2 Submission of Offers

Offers must be submitted only to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit by the date, time and place indicated in the RFSO.

Note: For offerors choosing to submit using epost Connect the email address is:

TPSGC.RARceptionSoumissionsNE-ARBidReceivingNS.PWGSC@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

Note: Offers 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 [2006](#), or to send offers through an epost Connect message if the bidder is using its own licensing agreement for epost Connect.

2.3 Former Public Servant

Contracts awarded to 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 awarded to FPS, offerors must provide the information required below before the issuance of a standing offer. If the answer to the questions and, as applicable the information required have not been received by the time the evaluation of offers is completed, Canada will inform the Offeror of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to comply with Canada's request and meet the requirement within the prescribed time frame will render the offer non-responsive.

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.

Former Public Servant in Receipt of a Pension (to be completed by bidder)

As per the above definitions, is the Offeror a FPS in receipt of a pension? **YES () NO ()**

If so, the Offeror 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, Offerors agree that the successful Offeror'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](#).

Work Force Adjustment Directive (to be completed by bidder)

Is the Offeror a FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of the Work Force Adjustment Directive? **YES () NO ()**

If so, the Offeror 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 adjustment 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.

2.4 Enquiries - Request for Standing Offers

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Standing Offer Authority no later than **five (5)** calendar days before the Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Offerors should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the RFSO to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by offerors 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 offerors do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question(s) is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered to all offerors. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all offerors may not be answered by Canada.

2.5 Applicable Laws

The Standing Offer and any contract resulting from the Standing Offer must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Nova Scotia.

Offerors may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their offer, 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 offerors.

PART 3 - OFFER PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Offer Preparation Instructions

- If the Offeror chooses to submit its offer electronically, Canada requests that the Offeror submits its offer in accordance with section 08 of the 2006 standard instructions. The epost Connect system has

a limit of 1GB per single message posted and a limit of 20GB per conversation. The offer must be gathered per section and separated as follows:

Section I: Technical Offer
Section II: Financial Offer
Section III: Certifications

- If the Offeror chooses to submit its offer in hard copies, Canada requests that the Offeror provides its offer in separately bound sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Offer (1 hard copy)
Section II: Financial Offer (1 hard copy)
Section III: Certifications (1 hard copy)

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of the soft copy on electronic media and the hard copy, the wording of the hard copy will have priority over the wording of the soft copy.

- If the Offeror is simultaneously providing copies of its offer 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 offer only. No prices must be indicated in any other section of the offer.

Canada requests that offerors follow the format instructions described below in the preparation of hard copy of their offer:

- (a) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper;
- (b) use a numbering system that corresponds to the RFSO.

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, Offerors 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 Offer

In their technical offer, offerors should explain and demonstrate how they propose to meet the requirements and how they will carry out the Work.

Section II: Financial Offer

Offerors must submit their financial offer in accordance with Annex B, Basis of Payment.

3.1.1 Exchange Rate Fluctuation

C3011T (2013-11-06), Exchange Rate Fluctuation

Section III: Certifications

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

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

4.1 Evaluation Procedures

- (a) Offers will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the Request for Standing Offers including the technical and financial evaluation criteria.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the offers.

4.1.1 Financial Evaluation

M0220T (2016-01-28), Evaluation of Price

4.2 Basis of Selection

An offer must comply with the requirements of the Request for Standing Offers to be declared responsive. The responsive offer with the lowest evaluated price will be recommended for issuance of a standing offer.

PART 5 – CERTIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Offerors must provide the required certifications and additional information to be issued a standing offer.

The certifications provided by offerors to Canada are subject to verification by Canada at all times. Unless specified otherwise, Canada will declare an offer non-responsive, will have the right to set-aside a standing offer, or will declare a contractor in default if any certification made by the Offeror is found to be untrue whether made knowingly or unknowingly during the offer evaluation period, during the Standing Offer period, or during the contract period.

The Standing Offer Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Offeror's certifications. Failure to comply and to cooperate with any request or requirement imposed by the Standing Offer Authority will render the offer non-responsive, result in the setting aside of the Standing Offer or constitute a default under the Contract.

5.1 Certifications Required with the Offer

Offerors must submit the following duly completed certifications as part of their offer.

5.1.1 Integrity Provisions - Declaration of Convicted Offences

In accordance with the Integrity Provisions of the Standard Instructions, all offerors must provide with their offer, **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.

5.2 Certifications Precedent to the Issuance of a Standing Offer and Additional Information

The certifications and additional information listed below should be submitted with the offer, but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications or additional information is not completed and submitted as requested, the Standing Offer Authority will inform the Offeror 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 offer 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 Offeror 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 - Standing Offer Certification

By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies that the Offeror, and any of the Offeror's members if the Offeror 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-Labour's](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/canada-labour's) website (<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-contractor-program.html#s4>).

Canada will have the right to declare an offer non-responsive, or to set-aside a Standing Offer, if the Offeror, or any member of the Offeror if the Offeror is a Joint Venture, appears on the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list at the time of issuing of a Standing Offer or during the period of the Standing Offer.

PART 6 - SECURITY, FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Insurance Requirements

The Offeror must provide a letter from an insurance broker or an insurance company licensed to operate in Canada stating that the Offeror, if issued a standing offer as a result of the request for standing offer, can be insured in accordance with the Insurance Requirements specified in Annex E.

If the information is not provided in the offer, the Standing Offer Authority will so inform the Offeror and provide the Offeror with a time frame within which to meet the requirement. Failure to comply with the request of the Standing Offer Authority and meet the requirement within that time period will render the offer non-responsive.

PART 7 - STANDING OFFER AND RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

A. STANDING OFFER

7.1 Offer

7.1.1 The Offeror offers to perform the Work in accordance with the Statement of Work at Annex A.

7.2 Security Requirements

7.2.1 There is no security requirement applicable to the Standing Offer.

7.3 Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the Standing Offer and resulting contract(s) 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.

7.3.1 General Conditions

2005 (2017-06-21) General Conditions - Standing Offers - Goods or Services, apply to and form part of the Standing Offer.

7.3.2 Standing Offers Reporting

The Offeror must compile and maintain records on its provision of goods and services to Canada under contracts resulting from the Standing Offer. This data must include all purchases done by Canada, including those acquired and paid for by Canada acquisition cards.

If some data is not available, the reason must be indicated in the report. If no goods or services is provided during a given period, the Offeror must provide a "nil" report.

The data must be submitted on a quarterly basis to the Standing Offer Authority.

The quarterly reporting periods are defined as follows:

- first quarter: April 1 to June 30
- second quarter: July 1 to September 30
- third quarter: October 1 to December 31
- fourth quarter: January 1 to March 31

The data must be submitted to the Standing Offer Authority no later than **ten (10)** calendar days after the end of the reporting period.

7.4 Term of Standing Offer

7.4.1 Period of the Standing Offer

The period for making call-ups against the Standing Offer is **1 December 2019 to 30 November** 2020, inclusive.

7.4.2 Extension of Standing Offer

If the Standing Offer is authorized for use beyond the initial period, the Offeror offers to extend its offer for an additional **two (2), one (1) year periods** under the same conditions and at the rates or prices specified in the Standing Offer, or at the rates or prices calculated in accordance with the formula specified in the Standing Offer.

The Offeror will be advised of the decision to authorize the use of the Standing Offer for an extended period by the Standing Offer Authority before the expiry date of the Standing Offer. A revision to the Standing Offer will be issued by the Standing Offer Authority.

7.4.3 Delivery Points

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

7.5 Authorities

7.5.1 Standing Offer Authority

The Standing Offer Authority is:

Name: Byron Kendell
Title: Supply Officer
Public Works and Government Services Canada
Acquisitions Branch
Address: 1713 Bedford Row, Halifax, NS B3J 3C9

Telephone: 902-497-5345
Facsimile: 902-496-5016
E-mail address: byron.kendell@pwgsc.gc.ca

The Standing Offer Authority is responsible for the establishment of the Standing Offer, its administration and its revision, if applicable. Upon the making of a call-up, as Contracting Authority, he is responsible for any contractual issues relating to individual call-ups made against the Standing Offer by any Identified User.

7.5.2 Project Authority

The Project Authority for the Standing Offer is (completed at award):

Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: ____ - ____ - _____

Facsimile: ____ - ____ - _____

E-mail address: _____

The Project Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work will be carried out pursuant to a call-up under the Standing Offer and is responsible for all the technical content of the Work under the resulting Contract.

7.5.3 Offeror's Representative (to be completed by bidder)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: ____ - ____ - _____

Facsimile: ____ - ____ - _____

E-mail address: _____

7.6 Proactive Disclosure of Contracts with Former Public Servants

By providing information on its status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a [Public Service Superannuation Act](#) (PSSA) pension, the Contractor has agreed that this information will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports, in accordance with [Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2](#) of the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada.

7.7 Identified Users

The Identified User authorized to make call-ups against the Standing Offer is: **ECCC Procurement Officers in the Atlantic Region and, for call-ups under \$5,000, ECCC personnel with delegated authority.**

7.8 Call-up Instrument

The Work will be authorized or confirmed by the Identified User(s) using the duly completed forms or their equivalents as identified in paragraphs 2 and 3 below, or by using Canada acquisition cards (Visa or MasterCard) for low dollar value requirements.

1. Call-ups must be made by Identified Users' authorized representatives under the Standing Offer and must be for goods or services or combination of goods and services included in the Standing Offer at the prices and in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the Standing Offer.
2. Any of the following forms could be used which are available through [PWGSC Forms Catalogue](#) website:
 - PWGSC-TPSGC 942 Call-up Against a Standing Offer
 - PWGSC-TPGSC 942-2 Call-up Against a Standing Offer - Multiple Delivery
 - PWGSC-TPSGC 944 Call-up Against Multiple Standing Offers (English version)
 - PWGSC-TPSGC 945 Commande subséquente à plusieurs offres à commandes (French version)

or

3. An equivalent form or electronic call-up document which contains at a minimum the following information:

- standing offer number;
- statement that incorporates the terms and conditions of the Standing Offer;
- description and unit price for each line item;
- total value of the call-up;
- point of delivery;
- confirmation that funds are available under section 32 of the Financial Administration Act;
- confirmation that the user is an Identified User under the Standing Offer with authority to enter into a contract.

7.9 Limitation of Call-ups

Individual call-ups against the Standing Offer must not exceed **\$ (completed at award)** (Applicable Taxes included).

7.10 Financial Limitation

The total cost to Canada resulting from call-ups against the Standing Offer must not exceed the sum of **\$ (to be completed at award)** (Harmonized Sales Tax excluded) unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Standing Offer Authority. The Offeror must not perform any work or services or supply any articles in response to call-ups which would cause the total cost to Canada to exceed the said sum, unless an increase is so authorized.

The Offeror must notify the Standing Offer Authority as to the adequacy of this sum when 75 percent of this amount has been committed, or before the expiry date of the Standing Offer, whichever comes first. However, if at any time, the Offeror considers that the said sum may be exceeded, the Offeror must promptly notify the Standing Offer Authority.

7.11 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 call up against the Standing Offer, including any annexes;
- b) the articles of the Standing Offer;
- c) the general conditions **2005** (2017-06-21), General Conditions - Standing Offers - Goods or Services
- d) the general conditions **2010C** (2018-06-21), Services (medium complexity);
- e) Annex A, Statement of Work;
- f) Annex B, Basis of Payment;
- g) the Offeror's offer dated _____ (*insert date of offer*).

7.12 Certifications and Additional Information

7.12.1 Compliance

Unless specified otherwise, the continuous compliance with the certifications provided by the Offeror with its offer or precedent to issuance of the Standing Offer (SO), and the ongoing cooperation in providing additional information are conditions of issuance of the SO and failure to comply will constitute the Offeror in default. Certifications are subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the SO and of any resulting contract that would continue beyond the period of the SO.

7.13 Applicable Laws

The Standing Offer and any contract resulting from the Standing Offer must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Nova Scotia.

7.14 Transition to an e-Procurement Solution (EPS)

During the period of the Standing Offer, Canada may transition to an EPS for more efficient processing and management of individual call-ups for any or all of the SO's applicable goods and services. Canada reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to make the use of the new e-procurement solution mandatory.

Canada agrees to provide the Offeror with at least a three-month notice to allow for any measures necessary for the integration of the Offer into the EPS. The notice will include a detailed information package indicating the requirements, as well as any applicable guidance and support.

If the Offeror chooses not to offer their goods or services through the e-procurement solution, the Standing Offer may be set aside by Canada.

B. RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from a call-up against the Standing Offer.

7.1 Statement of Work

The Contractor must perform the Work described in the call-up against the Standing Offer.

7.2 Standard Clauses and Conditions

7.2.1 General Conditions

2010C (2018-06-21), General Conditions - Services (Medium Complexity) apply to and form part of the Contract.

7.3 Term of Contract

7.3.1 Period of the Contract

The Work must be completed in accordance with the call-up against the Standing Offer.

7.3.2 Delivery Date

Delivery must be completed in accordance with the call-up against the Standing Offer.

7.4 Proactive Disclosure of Contracts with Former Public Servants

By providing information on its status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a [Public Service Superannuation Act](#) (PSSA) pension, the Contractor has agreed that this information will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports, in accordance with [Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2](#) of the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada.

7.5 Payment

7.5.1 Basis of Payment

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid firm unit prices, as specified in Annex B. 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.

7.5.2 Limitation of Price

[C6000C](#) (2017-08-17), Limitation of Price

7.5.3 Single Payment

[H1000C](#) (2008-05-12), Single Payment

7.5.4 Electronic Payment of Invoices – Call-up

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)

7.6 Invoicing Instructions

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.

Invoices must be distributed as per each individual call-up. Call-ups valued under \$5,000 may be raised using PWGSC form 942 and paid using MasterCard.

7.7 Insurance

The Contractor must comply with the insurance requirements specified in Annex E. The Contractor must maintain the required insurance coverage for the duration of the Contract. Compliance with the insurance requirements does not release the Contractor from or reduce its liability under the Contract.

The Contractor is responsible for deciding if additional insurance coverage is necessary to fulfill its obligation under the Contract and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any additional insurance coverage is at the Contractor's expense, and for its own benefit and protection.

The Contractor must forward to the Contracting Authority within ten (10) days after the date of award of the Contract, a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the insurance coverage and confirming that the insurance policy complying with the requirements is in force. For Canadian-based Contractors, coverage must be placed with an Insurer licensed to carry out business in Canada, however, for Foreign-based Contractors, coverage must be placed with an Insurer with an A.M. Best Rating no less than "A-". The Contractor must, if requested by the Contracting Authority, forward to Canada a certified true copy of all applicable insurance policies.

7.8 SACC Manual Clauses

C0705C (2010-01-11), Discretionary Audit
A9062C (2011-05-16), Canadian Forces Site Regulations
D5328C (2014-06-26), Inspection and Acceptance
B7500C (2006-06-16), Excess Goods
B1505C (2016-01-28), Shipment of Hazardous Materials
D3015C (2014-09-25), Dangerous Goods/Hazardous Products

ANNEX A

STATEMENT OF WORK

1. Purpose

- a. Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Atlantic Region, has a requirement for various compressed gases to support meteorological and scientific/analytical services at its upper air monitoring stations and laboratories throughout the region.

2. Objective

- a. The Upper Air stations at Yarmouth, NS and CFB Shearwater, NS launch weather balloons twice daily to gather data in support of the Canadian Upper Air Network. Regular deliveries of Helium compressed gas cylinders are required to inflate the upper air weather balloons in order for ECCC to meet its national and international commitments.
- b. The Atlantic Laboratory for Environmental Testing (ALET) in Moncton, NB requires various compressed gases to support their analytical testing.

3. Requirements

- a. ECCC requires an initial stock of sixteen (16) full cylinders of helium (8.1 m3 CGA-580 - 99.995% pure) at Yarmouth
- b. ECCC requires an initial stock of sixteen (16) full cylinders of helium (8.1 m3 CGA-580 - 99.995% pure) at CFB Shearwater
- c. ECCC will require a weekly restocking of four to six (4 to 6) full cylinders of helium (8.1 m3 CGA-580 - 99.995% pure) at Yarmouth
- d. ECCC will require a weekly restocking of four to six (4 to 6) full cylinders of helium (8.1 m3 CGA-580 - 99.995% pure) at CFB Shearwater
- e. ECCC will require delivery of the following compressed gases, on an as and when required basis, to the ALET in Moncton, NB.
 - i. Air Grade Zero 0.1
 - ii. AIR, MEDICAL, 44, (6.5M3 / 229.55SCF), CGA-346
 - iii. Argon Compressed Gas; Class 2.2; Ultra-High Purity 99.999% Grade 5.0
 - iv. Carbon dioxide, bone dry grade 3.0 (99.9%)
 - v. Helium Grade 5.0 (99.999%)
 - vi. Hydrogen Grade 5.0 (99.999%)
 - vii. Nitrogen Grade 5.0 (99.999%)
 - viii. Nitrogen Industrial Grade
 - ix. Oxygen Grade 5.0 (99.999%)

4. Tasks

- a. The supplier will deliver approximately 2100 m3 of helium (8.1 m3 CGA-580 - 99.995% pure), based on normal program usage, to Yarmouth at regular intervals in compressed gas cylinders
- b. The supplier will deliver approximately 2100 m3 of helium (8.1 m3 CGA-580 - 99.995% pure), based on normal program usage, to CFB Shearwater at regular intervals in compressed gas cylinders
- c. The supplier will be responsible for the delivery of full cylinders of compressed gas within two (2) days of a Call Up being awarded to the ALET in Moncton, NB.
- d. The supplier will be responsible for the delivery of full cylinders and the removal of empty cylinders for all deliveries. Due to limited space, delivery and removal of cylinders must take place at the same time.

End of Statement of Work

ANNEX B

BASIS OF PAYMENT

Please complete the following tables and submit with your bid.

Firm, all-inclusive prices per cylinder are indicated below. All-inclusive means including delivery FOB destination, environmental/disposal fees and cylinder rental fees. Contractor must remove empty canister when providing new (full) cylinder. The price of the bid will be evaluated in Canadian dollars, the Goods and Services tax or the Harmonized Sales Tax excluded, FOB destination including Canadian customs duties and excise taxes included.

Year 1

Item Description	Unit of Issue (Pressurized Cylinder)	Estimated Quantity (per year)	Unit Price- Yarmouth	Total – Yarmouth (Est Qty x Unit \$)
Helium, industrial grade (not “balloon grade”)	8.1 m ³ CGA-580 (type 50)	328		
Table A Evaluated Price Year 1 (Yarmouth)				

Item Description	Unit of Issue (Pressurized Cylinder)	Estimated Quantity (per year)	Unit Price - Shearwater	Total – Shearwater (Est Qty x Unit \$)
Helium, industrial grade (not “balloon grade”)	8.1 m ³ CGA-580 (type 50)	328		
Table B Evaluated Price Year 1 (Shearwater)				

Item Description	Unit of Issue (Pressurized Cylinder)	Estimated Quantity (per year)	Unit Price- Moncton	Total – Moncton (Est Qty x Unit \$)
Air Grade Zero 0.1	8.3 m ³	7		
AIR, MEDICAL, 44, (6.5M3 / 229.55SCF), CGA- 346	6.5 m ³	2		
Argon Compressed Gas; Class 2.2; Ultra-High Purity 99.999% Grade 5.0	9.18 m ³	3		
Carbon dioxide, bone dry grade 3.0 (99.9%)	8.3 m ³	5		
Helium Grade 5.0 (99.999%)	8.49 m ³	25		
Hydrogen Grade 5.0 (99.999%)	5.41 m ³	6		
Nitrogen Grade 5.0 (99.999%)	8.3 m ³	15		
Nitrogen Industrial Grade	8.3 m ³	12		
Oxygen Grade 5.0 (99.999%)	6.9 m ³	2		
Table C Evaluated Price Year 1 (Moncton)				

Year 2

Item Description	Unit of Issue (Pressurized Cylinder)	Estimated Quantity (per year)	Unit Price- Yarmouth	Total – Yarmouth (Est Qty x Unit \$)
Helium, industrial grade (not “balloon grade”)	8.1 m ³ CGA-580 (type 50)	328		
Table D Evaluated Price Year 2 – Option Year 1 (Yarmouth)				

Item Description	Unit of Issue (Pressurized Cylinder)	Estimated Quantity (per year)	Unit Price - Shearwater	Total – Shearwater (Est Qty x Unit \$)
Helium, industrial grade (not “balloon grade”)	8.1 m ³ CGA-580 (type 50)	328		
Table E Evaluated Price Year 2 – Option Year 1 (Shearwater)				

Item Description	Unit of Issue (Pressurized Cylinder)	Estimated Quantity (per year)	Unit Price- Moncton	Total – Moncton (Est Qty x Unit \$)
Air Grade Zero 0.1	8.3 m ³	7		
AIR, MEDICAL, 44, (6.5M3 / 229.55SCF), CGA- 346	6.5 m ³	2		
Argon Compressed Gas; Class 2.2; Ultra-High Purity 99.999% Grade 5.0	9.18 m ³	3		
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Helium Grade 5.0 (99.999%)	8.49 m ³	25		
Hydrogen Grade 5.0 (99.999%)	5.41 m ³	6		
Nitrogen Grade 5.0 (99.999%)	8.3 m ³	15		
Nitrogen Industrial Grade	8.3 m ³	12		
Oxygen Grade 5.0 (99.999%)	6.9 m ³	2		
Table F Evaluated Price Year 2 – Option Year 1 (Moncton)				

Year 3

Item Description	Unit of Issue (Pressurized Cylinder)	Estimated Quantity (per year)	Unit Price- Yarmouth	Total – Yarmouth (Est Qty x Unit \$)
Helium, industrial grade (not “balloon grade”)	8.1 m ³ CGA-580 (type 50)	328		
Table G Evaluated Price Year 3 – Option Year 2 (Yarmouth)				

Item Description	Unit of Issue (Pressurized Cylinder)	Estimated Quantity (per year)	Unit Price - Shearwater	Total – Shearwater (Est Qty x Unit \$)
Helium, industrial grade (not “balloon grade”)	8.1 m ³ CGA-580 (type 50)	328		
Table H Evaluated Year 3 – Option Year 2 (Shearwater)				

Item Description	Unit of Issue (Pressurized Cylinder)	Estimated Quantity (per year)	Unit Price- Moncton	Total – Moncton (Est Qty x Unit \$)
Air Grade Zero 0.1	8.3 m ³	7		
AIR, MEDICAL, 44, (6.5M3 / 229.55SCF), CGA- 346	6.5 m ³	2		
Argon Compressed Gas; Class 2.2; Ultra-High Purity 99.999% Grade 5.0	9.18 m ³	3		
Carbon dioxide, bone dry grade 3.0 (99.9%)	8.3 m ³	5		
Helium Grade 5.0 (99.999%)	8.49 m ³	25		
Hydrogen Grade 5.0 (99.999%)	5.41 m ³	6		
Nitrogen Grade 5.0 (99.999%)	8.3 m ³	15		
Nitrogen Industrial Grade	8.3 m ³	12		
Oxygen Grade 5.0 (99.999%)	6.9 m ³	2		
Table I Evaluated Price Year 3 – Option Year 2 (Moncton)				

Summary

Table A	Yarmouth Year 1	\$ _____
Table B	Shearwater Year 1	\$ _____
Table C	Moncton Year 1	\$ _____

Total Year 1 (Table A+B+C)	\$ _____
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Table D	Yarmouth Year 2 – Option Year 1	\$ _____
Table E	Shearwater Year 2 – Option Year 1	\$ _____
Table F	Moncton Year 2 – Option Year 1	\$ _____

Total Option Year 1 (Table D+E+F)	\$ _____
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Table G	Yarmouth Year 3 – Option Year 2	\$ _____
Table H	Shearwater Year 3 – Option Year 2	\$ _____
Table I	Moncton Year 3 – Option Year 2	\$ _____

Total Option Year 2 (Table G+H+I)	\$ _____
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Total Evaluated Price	\$ _____
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End of Basis of Payment

ANNEX C

STANDING OFFER REPORTING FORM

Please fax to the Standing offer authority named herein.

Please use the Standing Offer number in the Subject line and clearly indicate:

- The standing offer number for which data is submitted;
- The period for which the data has been accumulated (start date to end date);
- The Department with whom the standing offer was arranged;
- The start date and the end date for the standing offer; and
- The total spend to date, by government department.

Standing Offer		(Insert Standing Offer #)	Start Date of SO (DD/MM/YYYY)	End Date of SO (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Total Value to Date (\$)		Total Value for Reporting Period (\$)	Start Reporting Period (DD/MM/YYYY)	End Reporting Period (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Department Requesting	Order Number	Work Description	Date of Order	Date of Delivery	Value of Order (not including HST)

ANNEX D

INFORMATION FOR CODE OF CONDUCT CERTIFICATION

[PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT WITH BID]

Please provide list of names of the following entities, according to the ownership nature of the company

1. For a Corporation - each current member of the Bidder's Board of Directors;

2. For a Sole Proprietorship or an individual doing business under a firm name - the name of the sole proprietor or individual;

3. For a Joint Venture - the names of all current members of the Joint venture;

4. For an individual - the full name of the person;

ANNEX E

INSURANCE

Commercial General Liability Insurance

1. The Contractor must obtain Commercial General Liability Insurance, and maintain it in force throughout the duration of the Contract, in an amount usual for a contract of this nature, but for not less than \$2,000,000 per accident or occurrence and in the annual aggregate.
2. The Commercial General Liability policy must include the following:
 - a. Additional Insured: Canada is added as an additional insured, but only with respect to liability arising out of the Contractor's performance of the Contract. The interest of Canada should read as follows: Canada, as represented by Public Works and Government Services Canada.
 - b. Bodily Injury and Property Damage to third parties arising out of the operations of the Contractor.
 - c. Products and Completed Operations: Coverage for bodily injury or property damage arising out of goods or products manufactured, sold, handled, or distributed by the Contractor and/or arising out of operations that have been completed by the Contractor.
 - d. Personal Injury: While not limited to, the coverage must include Violation of Privacy, Libel and Slander, False Arrest, Detention or Imprisonment and Defamation of Character.
 - e. Cross Liability/Separation of Insureds: Without increasing the limit of liability, the policy must protect all insured parties to the full extent of coverage provided. Further, the policy must apply to each Insured in the same manner and to the same extent as if a separate policy had been issued to each.
 - f. Blanket Contractual Liability: The policy must, on a blanket basis or by specific reference to the Contract, extend to assumed liabilities with respect to contractual provisions.
 - g. Employees and, if applicable, Volunteers must be included as Additional Insured.
 - h. Employers' Liability (or confirmation that all employees are covered by Worker's compensation (WSIB) or similar program)
 - i. Broad Form Property Damage including Completed Operations: Expands the Property Damage coverage to include certain losses that would otherwise be excluded by the standard care, custody or control exclusion found in a standard policy.
 - j. Notice of Cancellation: The Contractor will provide the Contracting Authority thirty (30) days prior written notice of policy cancellation or any changes to the insurance policy.
 - k. If the policy is written on a claims-made basis, coverage must be in place for a period of at least 12 months after the completion or termination of the Contract.
 - l. Owners' or Contractors' Protective Liability: Covers the damages that the Contractor becomes legally obligated to pay arising out of the operations of a subcontractor.

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- m. Non-Owned Automobile Liability - Coverage for suits against the Contractor resulting from the use of hired or non-owned vehicles.
 - n. Sudden and Accidental Pollution Liability (minimum 120 hours): To protect the Contractor for liabilities arising from damages caused by accidental pollution incidents.
 - o. Litigation Rights: Pursuant to subsection 5(d) of the [Department of Justice Act](#), S.C. 1993, c. J-2, s.1, if a suit is instituted for or against Canada which the Insurer would, but for this clause, have the right to pursue or defend on behalf of Canada as an Additional Named Insured under the insurance policy, the Insurer must promptly contact the Attorney General of Canada to agree on the legal strategies by sending a letter, by registered mail or by courier, with an acknowledgement of receipt.

For the province of Quebec, send to:

*Director Business Law Directorate,
Quebec Regional Office (Ottawa),
Department of Justice,
284 Wellington Street, Room SAT-6042,
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0H8*

For other provinces and territories, send to:

*Senior General Counsel,
Civil Litigation Section,
Department of Justice
234 Wellington Street, East Tower
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8*

A copy of the letter must be sent to the Contracting Authority. Canada reserves the right to co-defend any action brought against Canada. All expenses incurred by Canada to co-defend such actions will be at Canada's expense. If Canada decides to co-defend any action brought against it, and Canada does not agree to a proposed settlement agreed to by the Contractor's insurer and the plaintiff(s) that would result in the settlement or dismissal of the action against Canada, then Canada will be responsible to the Contractor's insurer for any difference between the proposed settlement amount and the amount finally awarded or paid to the plaintiffs (inclusive of costs and interest) on behalf of Canada.