





This solicitation amendment (001) is raised to change the basis of selection and to respond to the following questions from industry;

**Question:**

Please confirm that the price limit on this RFP is \$10,000.00 and this is NOT a misprint.

If this is the correct figure, would NRC consider an upward revision to permit solid work in the area and perhaps one fact finding trip to the countries in question. Otherwise, you are limited to a computer literature search without explanations as to what and why the regulations are set in these two countries.

**Response:**

The Funding Limitation has been raised to \$20,000.00 following internal discussions.

**THE RFP IS AMENDED PER THE FOLLOWING:**

**AT: 4.2.1 Highest Rated Within Budget**

**DELETE:** In its entirety

**INSERT:** The following in its entirety:

**4.2.1 Highest Combined Rating of Technical Merit and Price**

1. To be declared responsive, a bid must:
  - a. comply with all the requirements of the bid solicitation; and
  - b. meet all mandatory criteria; and
  - c. obtain the required minimum of 70 points overall for the technical evaluation criteria which are subject to point rating.  
The rating is performed on a scale of 100 points.
2. Bids not meeting (a) or (b) or (c) will be declared non-responsive.
3. The selection will be based on the highest responsive combined rating of technical merit and price. The ratio will be 60 % for the technical merit and 40 % for the price.
4. To establish the technical merit score, the overall technical score for each responsive bid will be determined as follows: total number of points obtained / maximum number of points available multiplied by the ratio of 60 %.
5. To establish the pricing score, each responsive bid will be prorated against the lowest evaluated price and the ratio of 40 %.
6. For each responsive bid, the technical merit score and the pricing score will be added to determine its combined rating.



7. Neither the responsive bid obtaining the highest technical score nor the one with the lowest evaluated price will necessarily be accepted. The responsive bid with the highest combined rating of technical merit and price will be recommended for award of a contract.

The table below illustrates an example where all three bids are responsive and the selection of the contractor is determined by a 60/40 ratio of technical merit and price, respectively. The total available points equal 135 and the lowest evaluated price is \$45,000 (45).

<b>Basis of Selection - Highest Combined Rating Technical Merit (60%) and Price (40%)</b>				
		<b>Bidder 1</b>	<b>Bidder 2</b>	<b>Bidder 3</b>
<b>Overall Technical Score</b>		115/135	89/135	92/135
<b>Bid Evaluated Price</b>		\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00
<b>Calculations</b>	<b>Technical Merit Score</b>	$115/135 \times 60 = 51.11$	$89/135 \times 60 = 39.56$	$92/135 \times 60 = 40.89$
	<b>Pricing Score</b>	$45/55 \times 40 = 32.73$	$45/50 \times 40 = 36.00$	$45/45 \times 40 = 40.00$
<b>Combined Rating</b>		83.84	75.56	80.89
<b>Overall Rating</b>		1st	3rd	2nd

**AT: Appendix 1 – Evaluation Criteria, 2.1.1 Funding Limitation**

**DELETE:** \$10,000.00

**INSERT:** \$20,000.00

**AT: Appendix 1 – Evaluation Criteria**

**INSERT:** The following in its entirety:

## 2.2 Cost Breakdown

It is mandatory to present a cost breakdown to support the Financial Proposal (Appendix “2” - Financial Proposal Form).

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FIRM HOURLY RATE</b>	<b>LEVEL OF EFFORT</b>	<b>COST \$</b>
			\$ _____
			\$ _____
<b>Total</b>			\$ _____