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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
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The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

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This amendment is raised to publish all answers to questions:

1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Question 1

Would it be possible to extend the closing date of this solicitation?

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Answer 1

Yes, Canada will extend bid closing date to June 19, 2020.

Question 2

What is the Canadian Content Policy?

Answer 2

The Canadian Content Policy is a Policy that limits, in specific circumstances, competition for government procurement opportunities to suppliers of Canadian goods and services.

Question 3

Does the Canadian Content Policy apply to this procurement?

Answer 3

Yes. Per Section 5.3, this procurement is solely limited to Canadian goods. This means that only suppliers of Canadian goods are eligible to be awarded a contract.

Question 4

Are foreign suppliers eligible to bid on this procurement?

Answer 4

It is not required that suppliers be located in Canada or be of Canadian origin/nationality in order to bid. Foreign suppliers are eligible to bid so long as the goods they provide are Canadian goods.

Question 5

Are Canadian suppliers who supply foreign goods eligible to bid on this procurement?

Answer 5

No. Only suppliers of Canadian goods are eligible to be awarded a contract.

Question 6

How do I determine whether or not my goods are Canadian goods?

Answer 6

- A good wholly manufactured or originating in Canada is considered a Canadian good.
- A product containing imported components may also be considered Canadian when it has undergone sufficient change in Canada, in a manner that satisfies the definition specified under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Rules of Origin (as found in [Chapter 4](#) and [Annex 401 of NAFTA](#)). For the purposes of this determination, the reference to "territory" in the Rules of Origin must be replaced with "Canada".
- To determine if any product that is partially or wholly constructed from imported components meets the NAFTA Rules of Origin definition, the following steps could be taken:
 - 1) Determine the tariff classification number in the Canadian Customs Tariff Harmonized System that best reflects the final product for sale. The most recent [Canadian Customs Tariff](#) can be found on the Canada Border Services Agency website.

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- 2) Determine the tariff classification number(s) in the Canadian Customs Tariff Harmonized System that identify the imported component(s) used to construct the final product.
 - 3) Locate the tariff classification number of the final product for sale in NAFTA (see [Chapter 4](#) and [Annex 401](#)). Use the definition provided to determine whether the changes to the good that took place in Canada are sufficient to qualify the final product as a Canadian good.
- Further information on the Rules of Determination, including examples, can be found in [Annex 3.6](#) of the PSPC Supply Manual.

Question 7

Will Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) determine whether my goods are Canadian goods?

Answer 7

No, it is the responsibility of the bidder to determine whether or not their goods qualify as Canadian goods.

Question 8

How do I certify that my goods are Canadian goods?

Answer 8

Per section 5.3, in order to certify that the goods being provided are Canadian goods, the bidder must complete the following statement by placing and "X" between the brackets, and including the completed statement with their bid:

The Bidder certifies that:

() the good(s) offered are Canadian goods as defined in paragraph 1 of clause A3050T.

The bidder's certification is subject to verification by PSPC and to audit.

Question 9

Where can I find additional information on the Canadian Content Policy?

Answer 9

Additional information on the Canadian Content Policy can be found in [Section 3.130](#) and [Annex 3.6](#) of the PSPC Supply Manual.

Question 10

Can you elaborate on the packaging requirement for the face shields? Does each unit need to be individually packaged? If not, is there a maximum limit to the number of units per box required? Are there weight limitations for each box?

Answer 10

If the face shields do not get damaged, we do not require each unit to be packaged individually and we can allow up to 50 face shields in one box.

Question 11

The RFP states that the Face Shield must be recyclable. If something like a strip of PET brow foam is adhered to the clear recyclable shield, the shield is still considered recyclable, is it not?

Answer 11

Yes, foam adhered to the face shield would be considered recyclable.

Question 12

The RFP states that the headband must be recyclable. Recyclability can be debatable. For example, rubber can be recycled, but is not necessarily curbside recyclable. Please clarify what you mean by recyclable in this context. Furthermore, if material is biodegradable instead of recyclable, is that sufficient

to meet specifications? If the band is not recyclable but can easily be removed from the shield, is this sufficient?

Answer 12

The headband must be made of recyclable material such as paper, plastic, rubber, etc. This requirement is put in place to ensure proper decontamination and then recyclability of the product.

Question 13

The face shield plastic must be no less than .30 mm thickness is the correct?

Answer 13

The thickness of the face shield has been changed to 0.16mm. See amendment 001 for revised specifications.

Question 14

Are these face shields intended for single use (then recycled) or for repeat use? If repeat use is there a requirement of longevity of the provided shield? For example can be cleaned and reused 5x or 10x?

Answer 14

The face shields can be single use or reusable. If the product is reusable, please include disinfection methods as well as a label stating how many times it can be reused (twice, 5 times or 10 times).

Question 15

The minimal dimensions of the face shields on the solicitation are 200mm x 175mm. At the same time as per Health Canada requirements the minimal dimensions 360mm x 240mm.

Answer 15

The dimensions of the face shield have been changed. See amendment 001 for revised specifications.

Question 16

We are a Canadian company "physically in Canada", but our manufacturing facility/supplier is not in Canada but, it's registered under the MDEL (Medical devices Establishment license and has a license). It would be acceptable or this bid is only for manufacturing facilities that are physically in Canada.

Answer 16

Yes, if the manufacturer has an MDEL, they are able to distribute directly to our warehouse. The manufacturer can also include your location under their MDEL to allow you to distribute and import.

Question 17

We can supply 12" wide to curve around the face and protect the eyes. Health Canada requires about 14.25". Would you consider this?

Answer 17

The dimensions of the face shield have been changed. See amendment 001 for revised specifications.

Question 18

The minimum size in this solicitation, seems quite small at 7" x 8". Are these face shields maybe being used for children or students?

Answer 18

The dimensions of the face shield have been changed. See amendment 001 for revised specifications. The supply of the face shields are for non-medical use by workers.

Question 19

On Section 5.1.2 a) regarding head band adjustability. The design of our Face Shield includes a piece of ribbon elastic meant to provide durability, comfort and flexibility while being worn. Although the ribbon is not "adjustable" in the sense that length can be directly altered by the end user, the design of our Face Shield allows for a comfortable one-size-fits-all fitment. Is an acceptable characteristic.

Answer 19

Yes, this is acceptable. The ribbon is not adjustable per say, but the material itself will adjust to the end-users head.

Question 20

The face shields in this RFP intended to be single use disposable face shields typically used in healthcare or are they meant to be for multiple uses over a period of time as you would find in industrial settings?

Answer 20

The face shields can be single use or reusable. If the product is reusable, please include disinfection methods as well as a label stating how many times it can be reused (twice, 5 times or 10 times).

Question 21

Will a bid be considered if not all the components are recyclable? (Our headband is not recyclable)

Answer 21

The face shield must be made of recyclable material such as paper, plastic, rubber, etc. This requirement is put in place to ensure proper decontamination and then recyclability of the product.

Question 22

Is a 0.25 mm thickness acceptable?

Answer 22

The thickness of the face shield have been changed. See amendment 001 for revised specifications.

Question 23

Are you requesting Disposable or Reusable Face Shields?

Answer 23

The face shields can be single use or reusable. If the product is reusable, please include disinfection methods as well as a label stating how many times it can be reused (twice, 5 times or 10 times).

Question 24

3.0 Background (page 21) The bid document states, "These Face Shields are not medical devices nor personal protective equipment." Health Canada states that a Face Shield is a Class 1 Medical Device. If the bid is asking for Face Shields that are not Medical Devices then does the Face Shield Submitted have to meet the Class 1 Face Shield Device Guidelines by Health Canada? Please clarify.

Answer 24

Yes, the product itself is a medical device but the intent is not for medical use. To import or distribute any class 1 medical devices, you must hold an active MDEL.

Question 25

The head band we make is re-useable so for example if you get 1 head band and 10 visors or 1 and 5, would something like that be suitable for your needs?

Answer 25

If the headband is reusable, please include disinfection methods as well as a label stating how many times it can be reused (twice, 5 times or 10 times).

Question 26

In the technical requirements sections 5.1.1 b and 5.1.1 b, the minimum shield dimensions are indicated as 7" x 8" or 175mm x 200mm. However, in the preamble to this section, the instructions are that "The design must comply with the Public Health Agency of Canada guidelines on face shields." According to the specifications on the following link for eye-protection for Canadian PPE, the size specs for shields are indicated as a minimum 24 cm high, 36 cm wide. Link: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/specifications-for-COVID-19-products#500> I understand that these shields are for non-medical use but that is a large discrepancy in shield size. The size indicated in the RFP seems extremely small, can you confirm that it is correct? If so, can your also provide a link or document for the actual guidelines referred to in the in section 5 of the RFP.

Answer 26

The dimensions of the face shield have been changed. See amendment 001 for revised specifications.

Question 27

The standard shield PET is a 250 micron thick material with anti-fog and liners on both sides, bringing it to 300 micron thick. Would this be rejected due to the PET being under the 300 micron?

Answer 27

The thickness of the face shield have been changed. See amendment 001 for revised specifications.

Question 28

Any material can be recycled but is not necessarily easily recyclable in all regions. Is there any stipulation on the ease of recycling or does providing a national facility that can process the material suffice?

Answer 28

As long as the face shield is made of recyclable material such as paper, plastic, rubber, etc. This requirement is put in place to ensure proper decontamination and then recyclability of the product.

Question 29

Is there a specific anti fog requirement for these face shields? In previous face shields that we have made based on Health Canada guidelines (i.e. GC Buy and Sell Face Shield Product Specifications), anti-fog application packets were included with the face shields. If these packets are unacceptable, we can apply a durable water proof coating on our face shields but this would increase the cost per unit significantly and would complicate the recycling of the clear plastic material.

Answer 29

Anti-fog is not a requirements as it was required for the first responders call-out. However, having anti-fog face shields may be an advantage when the end-users pick which bid they would like to procure.

Question 30

Could you please clarify the definition of 'Head Band' in 5.1.2? Is this referring to the strap (commonly an elastic strap) or the component (commonly made of foam) that rests between the user's forehead and shield material or both? I am not aware of an easily recyclable elastic strap as they commonly contain a complex mix of fiber with rubber (latex) or spandex. It is possible to use a more rigid and readily recyclable homogeneous material such as cotton or plastic however, the functionality of this strap will be poor in comparison and uncomfortable with extended use. We would like to avoid providing a poorly suited product based on an incorrectly interpreted requirement.

Answer 30

Requirements of 5.1.2 refers to the headband being one size fits all and the strap allowing for adjustability. If an elastic band is used, this would be acceptable for adjustability as it allows the product to fit to a person's head. You may use other material such as cotton or plastic as long as these materials allows for comfort and durability.

Part a) of 5.1.2 seems to refer to an adjustable strap whereas b) is better interpreted as the component resting on the forehead since this provides a one size fits all solution to keeping the mask from resting on the face. This could not be both one size fits all and adjustable as per a).

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Question 31

Is an elastic band considered adjustable?

Answer 31

Yes, an elastic band would be suitable for adjustability.

Question 32

Does the shield need to have foam?

Answer 32

The face shield does not require to have a foam but this would be advantageous when the end-user choses which products they would procure based on comfort and durability.

Question 33

Does the foam on the headband needs to be recyclable (this is not specified – it says the headband and shield must be recyclable but does not say the foam).

Answer 33

The foam tends to be recyclable material. If it is not, that would be up to the end-user to decide if they wish to procure this product.

Question 34

In the Basis of Selection. Canada reserves the right to consider numerous factors in awarding one or multiple contracts, including but not limited to: a) the bidder's experience and capacity outlined in response to M1 and M2; b) the quality of workmanship in the sample submitted; c) the bidder's proposed delivery time frame for firm and optional quantities; d) the bidder's proposed subcontractors; e) the bidder's proposed price; f) socio-economic considerations, such as businesses owned by aboriginals or minorities.

What is considered to be a minority in this case?

Answer 34

PSPC has defined minority or underrepresented suppliers as a business owned, or led (i.e., operated or controlled) by a member of an underrepresented group (e.g., women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, etc.) Therefore if the board member is an underrepresented suppliers as per PSPC's definition then it can be considered a minority for the purpose of this RFP.

Question 35

Is there a minimum amount of face shields a contract may be awarded for?

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Answer 35

No, Canada will be awarding one or multiply contracts until the full 5,000,000 face shields have been awarded.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME