



**RETURN BIDS TO:
RETOURNER LES SOUMISSIONS À:**

Please use epost Connect
Veuillez utiliser le serviceConnex

**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

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

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

Comments - Commentaires

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

Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution
Weapons Systems Division/Division des systèmes
d'arme
11 Laurier St. / 11, rue Laurier
8C2, Place du Portage
Gatineau
Québec
K1A 0S5

Title - Sujet Multi-Cal Rifle System	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8476-196090/B	Amendment No. - N° modif. 009
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W8476-196090	Date 2020-10-07
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$BM-030-27872	
File No. - N° de dossier 030bm.W8476-196090	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2020-10-30	
Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Mosher, Jeff	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 030bm
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (819) 420-1748 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX () -
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone 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

The following changes to the tender documents are effective immediately. This amendment will form part of the contract documents.

Amendment 009 is issued for the following reasons:

- (1) Publish Bidders' Questions and Answers; and
- (2) Amend the Request for Proposal (RFP).

(1) Bidders' Questions and Answers

QUESTION # 24:

The current COVID-19 is having huge impact on lead-times such as shortage in ammunition availability. This worldwide situation is even worst in Canada due to smaller market for firearms and accessories. Many suppliers will limit the quantity per customer which makes it even harder to supply the required components for testing.

We are also aware that very few manufacturers have their own private 100m interior range for testing and this may give them an advantage over other companies. Accessing firing range with this distance (100m) involves many issues such as limited accessibility (social distancing), especially at this time of the year with the hunting season. Also note that most firing range will not allow the use of Prohibited devices and are already having issues with noise restrictions in their respective cities.

For all the above mentioned reasons, completing all mandatory test for this bid submission isn't possible in such a limited timeframe.

Would Canada be open to extend the RFP closing date in order for us to provide a competitive and quality MCSW solution to Canadian Forces?

ANSWER # 24:

Canada could potentially offer an extension for the RFP closing date if a formal and substantiated request is provided stating a specific extension time period.

QUESTION # 25:

Considering the ammunition shortage due to Covid-19 and the worldwide situation, the specified ammunition to be used by Canada for the testing phase cannot be found. Knowing the current shortage in ammunition, would Canada consider a larger variety of bullet weight for this early testing phase at Column 4 of Appendix 1 to Annex D?

In terms of 7.62mm/.308WIN, would 150gr-168gr rounds from recognized ammunition manufacturers be considered sufficient and compliant considering lower weight bullet will have higher velocities, therefore reducing barrel life?

ANSWER # 25:

Regarding the first part of the question, the request of “a larger variety of bullet weight for this early testing phase at Column 4 of Appendix 1 to Annex D”, Canada will consider all requests that are substantiated, refer to a specific requirement, identify a specific bullet weight, and discuss the performance of the proposed bullet as it relates to the requirement.

Regarding the second part of the question for the 7.62 rounds, there are no restrictions for bullet weights to be used for the Test Reports.

QUESTION # 26:

As stated at 3.1.1.2 in Annex C, “The rifle must be compatible with NATO 7.62X51mm ammunition [...]”. Considering the minor discrepancies between 7.62 & .308 WIN chambers, would a rifle chambered in .308 WIN be considered compliant?

ANSWER # 26:

A Rifle chambered in .308 WIN will be considered compliant as long as it meets all the Technical Requirements.

(2) Amendment of the Request for Proposal (RFP)

The RFP is hereby amended as follows:

At 2.4 Enquiries - Bid Solicitation:

DELETE:

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than seven (7) calendar days before the bid closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

INSERT:

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.

END OF AMENDMENT 009