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**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.

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Title - Sujet Permanent Resident Cards	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation B8362-190251/B	Amendment No. - N° modif. 007
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client B8362-190251	Date 2020-10-15
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$CW-011-78982	
File No. - N° de dossier cw011.B8362-190251	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2020-10-21	Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
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Signature	Date

SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 007

The purpose of this amendment is to answer bidder questions and to amend the solicitation document in consequence.

Questions and Answers:

Question 37:

In the Origination phase of a new or modified design, the electronic design files are translated from a single format document into multiple printing plates with multiple images on each plate. In essence, the design and origination materials and the creation thereof, form the technical “recipe” of the security printing specifications for the document. From a security perspective, it is therefore logical and critical that just as Canada has designated that the PR card be manufactured in a SECRET-cleared facility in Canada - and by SECRET-cleared staff - the same designation be applied to the facility and staff for the Design and Origination Departments. Any security breach in these two areas could undermine the security and integrity of the PR program. In allowing early design drafts to be done outside of Canada without clarifying what is meant by “early” this opens the door for a large percentage the design work including concept, all line work and origination to be performed outside of Canada.

Given the critical security implications of security design being done outside of Canada, would Canada consider defining ‘early design’ as “softcopy concept designs that are created with commercially available software applications, but does NOT include any security linework or simulation thereof produced by security design software nor security software used to create origination materials used to generate printing plates”?

Answer 37: ISO 27001 is a different certification than ISO 9001:2015 and cannot be considered as equivalent. For the purpose of this contract, Canada requires that the selected vendor holds a ISO 27001 or the ISO 14298 Intergraf – Central Bank Level (as mentioned in Q#7 of amendment 002 published on August 27, 2020).

Question 38:

Appendix C: Protection Profile Table – Personnel involved in Card Production

Would Canada consider amending the description of ‘Personnel involved in Card Production’ in line 17 of Appendix C to “ Refers to all personnel (including any subcontractors) involved in Production of Cards, and all personnel (including subcontractors) involved in producing designs or origination materials that contain any linework and which must be done in Canada”?

Answer 38: Section 7.3.1 of this RFP informs the contractor of its obligation of using personnel holding the proper clearance as required. As the design material is considered Secret as per item #12 of Appendix C, personnel involved in the design must hold a Secret clearance.

Question 39:

4.1.3 Financial Evaluation and Basis of Payment B1.13.1 – Optional Design Change Elements – Additional Security Features on the PR Card – Personalization on the edge of the Card – With regards to the mandatory pricing of ‘edge printing’, we draw attention to the fact it is a proprietary feature of one supplier, known as edge sealer and is protected by patents in a number of countries. The application of this feature to the Permanent Resident Card could cause patent problems for Canada, and the vendor, when the card is presented in a country where the patent is enforced. Furthermore, equipment manufacturers located in the countries where patents have been issued, such as Germany, are unwilling to build the equipment necessary to apply the feature due to patent infringement. We request that Canada removes the ‘edge printing’ from the mandatory list of priced

features.

Answer 39: Thank you for your question. Canada has not mentioned "edge sealer" specifically in its RFP but has used the expression "Personalization on the edge of the card". Furthermore, Canada has requested the price associated with such "personalization on the edge of a card" never referencing a particular technique. From the information Canada gathered, this "personalization on the edge of a card" could be done using a variety of techniques. At no time did Canada request specifically the use of an "edge sealer".

Question 40:

Basis of Payment – B.2 Economic Price Adjustment (EPA) – B2 currently states "Commencing with Option Year 1 and during subsequent Option Years of the Contract if exercised by Canada, the prices set out in articles B.1.4 and B.1.5 above are subject to Economic Price Adjustment." Since there is no B.1.5, can Canada confirm that they meant to state that B1.3 Cost per PR Card and B1.4 Additional Services – Via Task Authorization are subject to EPA?

Answer 40: For further clarification, B.2 will be amended.

1) In Annex B Basis of Payment, DELETE the following text denoted by the strikethrough font and INSERT the following text denoted by blue text:

Commencing with Option Year 1 and during any subsequent Option Years of the Contract if exercised by Canada, the prices set out in articles **B.1.3 and B.1.4** ~~B.1.4 and B.1.5~~ above are subject to Economic Price Adjustment.

ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS:

2) In Annex B Basis of Payment, DELETE the following text denoted by the strikethrough font:

~~Only travel required by Canada to locations outside of the NCR and that is pre-authorized by the Project Authority in writing and undertaken in accordance with the National Joint Council Travel Directive (most current version) (<https://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/travel-voyage/indexeng.php>) will be considered for reimbursement at cost, with no provision for mark-up, subject to the Contractor's providing the requisite receipts.~~

~~For clarity, no costs associated with any travel to conduct work in or attend meetings in the NCR will be eligible for reimbursement by Canada.~~

3) In Annex B Basis of Payment, DELETE the following text denoted by the strikethrough font and INSERT the following text denoted by blue text:

The base prices identified in the Basis of Payment will be adjusted annually on the first day of the Option Period start month, commencing with the first Option Year, by an amount established based on the percentage increase (or decrease), in the annual average index of the Consumer Price Index for Canada, All-Items (Not Seasonally Adjusted), published in Statistics Canada Catalogue **no.18-10-0256-01** ~~no.62-004, Table 5~~, from the 12-month base period ending 15 months prior to the current Option Period start date, to the same 12- month period ending 3 months prior to the current Option Period start date, in accordance with the following formula, rounded to the nearest two decimals:

[...]

Consumer Price Index for Canada is published by Statistics Canada and can also be found on the Statistics Canada website at:

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