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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
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**Proposal To: Public Works and Government  
Services Canada**

We hereby offer to sell to Her Majesty the Queen in right  
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set out herein, referred to herein or attached hereto, the  
goods, services, and construction listed herein and on any  
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**Proposition aux: Travaux Publics et Services  
Gouvernementaux Canada**

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ci-jointes, les biens, services et construction énumérés  
ici sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

**Comments - Commentaires**

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<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> 01581-210602/A	<b>Date</b> 2020-12-31
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**Instructions: See Herein**

**Instructions: Voir aux présentes**

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<b>Vendor/Firm Name and Address</b> <b>Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur</b>	
<b>Telephone No. - N° de téléphone</b> <b>Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur</b>	
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<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

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## **PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **1.1 Statement of Requirement**

The requirement is detailed under Article 6.2 of the resulting contract clauses.

### **1.2 Debriefings**

Bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the bid solicitation process. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority within 15 working days from receipt of the results of the bid solicitation process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

### **1.3 epost Connect service**

This bid solicitation allows bidders to use the epost Connect service provided by Canada Post Corporation to transmit their bid electronically. Bidders must refer to Part 2 entitled Bidder Instructions, and Part 3 entitled Bid Preparation Instructions, of the bid solicitation, for further information."

## **PART 2 - BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS**

### **2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions**

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the bid solicitation 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.

Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract.

The [2003](#) (2020-05-28) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

#### **2.1.1 SACC Manual Clauses**

[B1000T](#) (2014-06-26), Condition of Material – Bid

### **2.2 Submission of Bids**

Bids must be submitted only to the Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit specified below by the date and time indicated on page 1 of the bid solicitation:

#### **PWGSC Western Region Bid Receiving Unit**

Only bids submitted using epost Connect service will be accepted. The Bidder must send an email requesting to open an epost Connect conversation to the following address:

[roreceptionSoumissions.wrbidreceiving@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:roreceptionSoumissions.wrbidreceiving@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)

**Note:** Bids 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 [2003](#), or to send bids through an epost Connect message if the bidder is using its own licensing agreement for epost Connect.

It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure the request for opening an epost Connect conversation is sent to the email address above at least six days before the solicitation closing date.

Bids transmitted by facsimile or hardcopy to PWGSC will not be accepted.

### 2.3 Enquiries - Bid Solicitation

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than five (5) calendar days before the bid closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

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

### 2.4 Applicable Laws

Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Alberta.

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

### 2.5 Bid Challenge and Recourse Mechanisms

- (a) Several mechanisms are available to potential suppliers to challenge aspects of the procurement process up to and including contract award.
- (b) Canada encourages suppliers to first bring their concerns to the attention of the Contracting Authority. Canada's [Buy and Sell](#) website, under the heading "[Bid Challenge and Recourse Mechanisms](#)" contains information on potential complaint bodies such as:
  - Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO)
  - Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)
- (c) Suppliers should note that there are **strict deadlines** for filing complaints, and the time periods vary depending on the complaint body in question. Suppliers should therefore act quickly when they want to challenge any aspect of the procurement process.

## PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

### 3.1 Bid Preparation Instructions

The Bidder must submit its bid electronically in accordance with section 08 of the 2003 standard instructions. The epost Connect system has a limit of 1GB per single message posted and a limit of 20GB per conversation.

The bid must be gathered per section and separated as follows:

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

Bids transmitted by facsimile or hardcopy will not be accepted.

**Section I: Technical Bid**

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

**Section II: Financial Bid**

Bidders must submit their financial bid in accordance with the Basis of Payment.

**3.1.1 Electronic Payment of Invoices – Bid**

If you are willing to accept payment of invoices by Electronic Payment Instruments, complete Annex “D” Electronic Payment Instruments, to identify which ones are accepted.

If Annex “D” Electronic Payment Instruments is not completed, it will be considered as if Electronic Payment Instruments are not being accepted for payment of invoices.

Acceptance of Electronic Payment Instruments will not be considered as an evaluation criterion.

**3.1.2 Exchange Rate Fluctuation**

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

**Section III: Certifications**

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

**PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION**

**4.1 Evaluation Procedures**

- (a) Bids will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the bid solicitation including the technical and financial evaluation criteria.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the bids.

**4.1.1 Technical Evaluation**

**4.1.1.1 Mandatory Technical Criteria**

Ability to meet all mandatory requirements in Annex “A” Requirement.

**4.1.2 Financial Evaluation**

*SACC Manual* Clause A0222T (2014-06-26), Evaluation of Price-Canadian/Foreign Bidders

The total evaluated bid price will be the sum of line items 1-5.

**4.2 Basis of Selection**

**4.2.1 Basis of Selection – Mandatory Technical Criteria**

SACC Manual Clause [A0031T](#) (2010-08-16), Basis of Selection – Mandatory Technical Criteria

## **PART 5 – CERTIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Bidders must provide the required certifications and additional information to be awarded a contract.

The certifications provided by Bidders to Canada are subject to verification by Canada at all times. Unless specified otherwise, Canada will declare a bid non-responsive, or will declare a contractor in default if any certification made by the Bidder is found to be untrue whether made knowingly or unknowingly, during the bid evaluation period or during the contract period.

The Contracting Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Bidder's certifications. Failure to comply and to cooperate with any request or requirement imposed by the Contracting Authority will render the bid non-responsive or constitute a default under the Contract.

### **5.1 Certifications Required with the Bid**

Bidders must submit the following duly completed certifications as part of their bid.

#### **5.1.1 Integrity Provisions - Declaration of Convicted Offences**

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

#### **5.1.2 Additional Certifications Required with the Bid.**

### **5.2 Certifications Precedent to Contract Award and Additional Information**

The certifications and additional information listed below should be submitted with the bid, but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications or additional information is not completed and submitted as requested, the Contracting Authority will inform the Bidder 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 bid 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 Bidder 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 - Bid Certification**

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder, and any of the Bidder's members if the Bidder 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 \(ESDC\) - Labour's](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-contractor-program.html#) website (<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-contractor-program.html#>).

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Canada will have the right to declare a bid non-responsive if the Bidder, or any member of the Bidder if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, appears on the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list at the time of contract award.

## **PART 6 - RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES**

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from the bid solicitation.

### **6.1 Security Requirements**

6.1.1 There is no security requirement applicable to the Contract.

### **6.2 Statement of Requirement**

The Contractor must provide the items detailed under the "Requirement" at Annex "A".

### **6.3 Standard Clauses and Conditions**

All clauses and conditions identified in the Contract 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.

#### **6.3.1 General Conditions**

[2010A](#) (2020-05-28), General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity), apply to and form part of the Contract.

### **6.4 Term of Contract**

#### **6.4.1 Delivery Date**

All the deliverables must be received on or before March 31, 2021.

#### **6.4.2 Delivery Points**

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

### **6.5 Authorities**

#### **6.5.1 Contracting Authority**

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Name: Daisy Truong  
Title: Procurement Officer  
Public Services and Procurement Canada  
Procurement Branch  
Address: Suite 110, 101-22<sup>nd</sup> St E  
Saskatoon SK S7K 0E1  
Telephone: 306-241-3376  
Facsimile: 306-975-5397  
E-mail address: [Daisy.Truong@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:Daisy.Truong@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)

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The Contracting Authority is responsible for the management of the Contract and any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the Contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from anybody other than the Contracting Authority.

### 6.5.2 Project Authority

The Project Authority for the Contract is: **(To be provided at time of contract 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 is being carried out under the Contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the Project Authority, however the Project Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of the Work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

### 6.5.3 Contractor's Representative (To be completed by bidder)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6.6 Payment

### 6.6.1 Basis of Payment

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid a firm unit price *as specified in Annex B for a cost of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (insert the amount at contract award)*. 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.

### 6.6.2 Single Payment

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

### 6.6.3 SACC Manual Clauses

SACC Manual Clause [C2000C](#) (2007-11-30), Taxes – Foreign-based Contractor

#### 6.6.4 Electronic Payment of Invoices – Contract

The Contractor accepts to be paid using any of the following Electronic Payment Instrument(s): **(To be provided at time of contract award)**

- a. Visa Acquisition Card;
- b. MasterCard Acquisition Card;
- c. Direct Deposit (Domestic and International);
- d. Electronic Data Interchange (EDI);
- e. Wire Transfer (International Only);

#### 6.7 Invoicing Instructions

1. 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.
2. Invoices must be distributed as follows
  - a) The original and one (1) copy must be forwarded to the following address for certification and payment.

**Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
Swift Current Research and Development Centre  
Box 1030  
Swift Current, SK S9H 3X2**

- b) One (1) Copy must be forwarded to the Contracting Authority identified under the section entitled "Authorities" of the Contract.

#### 6.8 Certifications and Additional Information

##### 6.8.1 Compliance

Unless specified otherwise, the continuous compliance with the certifications provided by the Contractor in its bid or precedent to contract award, and the ongoing cooperation in providing additional information are conditions of the Contract and failure to comply will constitute the Contractor in default. Certifications are subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the Contract.

#### 6.9 Applicable Laws

The Contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert the name of the province or territory as specified by the Bidder in its bid, if applicable*).

#### 6.10 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 Articles of Agreement;
- (b) the general conditions [2010A](#) (2020-05-28), General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity),
- (c) Annex A, Statement of Requirement;

- (d) Annex B, Basis of Payment;  
(e) the Contractor's bid dated \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert date of bid*) (*If the bid was clarified or amended, insert at the time of contract award: “, as clarified on \_\_\_\_\_” or “, as amended on \_\_\_\_\_” and insert date(s) of clarification(s) or amendment(s)*)

#### **6.11 SACC Manual Clauses**

A9068C (2010-01-11), Government Site Regulations  
B7500C (2006-06-16), Excess Goods  
G1005C (2016-01-28), Insurance - No Specific Requirement

#### **6.12 Dispute Resolution**

- (a) The parties agree to maintain open and honest communication about the Work throughout and after the performance of the contract.
- (b) The parties agree to consult and co-operate with each other in the furtherance of the contract and promptly notify the other party or parties and attempt to resolve problems or differences that may arise.
- (c) If the parties cannot resolve a dispute through consultation and cooperation, the parties agree to consult a neutral third party offering alternative dispute resolution services to attempt to address the dispute.
- (d) Options of alternative dispute resolution services can be found on Canada's Buy and Sell website under the heading "Dispute Resolution".

## **ANNEX "A"**

### **STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENT**

#### **1. Purpose:**

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) has a requirement for the supply and delivery for one (1) high throughput thermal cycler and one (1) plate heat sealer to be delivered to Swift Current Research and Development Centre on or before March 31, 2021.

The thermal cycler must be capable of amplifying polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplicons in all standard Society for Biomolecular Sciences (SBS) sample plate formats in under 75 minutes. The instrument must incorporate sample immersion technology to allow multiple sample plates to be processed in parallel in a single run.

The sample plate heat sealer must be compatible with the thermal cycler and capable of providing a waterproof seal on all standard SBS sample plate formats suitable for immersion-based thermal cycling as well as ultra-cold long term sample storage. The instrument must be capable of welding and unwelding seals to sample plates multiple times using the same seal.

#### **2. Mandatory Specifications:**

(To be inserted from Annex "D" Minimum Specifications at contract award)

Refer to the Compliance Matrix for the complete performance specifications and instructions that must be satisfied in order for a bid to be deemed responsive.

#### **3. Installation and Training:**

Installation and training support must be provided for the setup of the system. This can be provided remotely via video chat and phone.

#### **4. Delivery Location:**

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
Research and Development Centre  
Box 1030, 1 Airport Road  
Swift Current, Saskatchewan S9H 3X2

**ANNEX "B"**

**BASIS OF PAYMENT**

Bidder must provide firm prices for the period of the contract including all fees as applicable (training, installation, delivery, customs, duties).

Prices must include all costs associated with providing the good and services in accordance with the Statement of Requirement, Annex A attached herein.

G.S.T is excluded and is to be listed on invoices as a separate item.

Line Item	Description	Unit of Issue	Quantity	Unit Price
1	<b>High Throughput Thermal cycler</b> In accordance with mandatory performance specifications in Annex "A" – Requirement	Each	1	
2	<b>Sample Plate Heat Sealer</b> In accordance with mandatory performance specifications in Annex "A" – Requirement	Each	1	
3	<b>Installation</b> In accordance with mandatory performance specifications Annex "A" – Requirement	Each	1	
4	<b>Training Sessions</b> for up to five(5) AAFC staff as per requirement in Annex A	Lot	1	
5	<b>FOB Destination including all delivery and off-loading charges</b>  Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research and Development Centre Box 1030, 1 Airport Road Swift Current, Saskatchewan S9H 3X2			
<b>Total Evaluated Price</b>				

## **ANNEX "C"**

### **COMPLIANCE MATRIX – MINIMUM MANDATORY PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **Instructions to Bidders**

1. A complete list of the mandatory evaluation criteria are detailed in the Compliance Matrix below.
2. Bids which fail to meet all of the mandatory evaluation criteria will be declared non-responsive.
3. Bidders should demonstrate their understanding of the requirements contained in the bid solicitation and explain how they meet each mandatory evaluation criteria. Bidder should demonstrate their capability in a thorough, concise and clear manner.
4. The technical bid should address clearly and in sufficient depth the points that are subject to the evaluation criteria against which the bid will be evaluated. Simply repeating the statement contained in the bid solicitation or stating, without any substantiating information, that a bidder is compliant will not be sufficient.
5. Substantiating information may include, but is not limited to, specification sheets, technical brochures, photographs or illustrations. If published supporting technical documentation is not available, the Bidder should prepare a written narrative complete with a detailed explanation of how its bid demonstrates technical compliance. All substantiating information should be provided with the bid at solicitation closing date. It is the Bidders responsibility to ensure that the submitted supporting technical documentation provides detail to demonstrate that the proposed product(s) meet the requirements of the evaluation criteria.
6. If the supporting documentation referenced above has not been provided at bid closing, the Contracting Authority will notify the Bidder that they must provide supporting documentation within two (2) business days following notification. Failure to comply with the request of the Contracting Authority within that time period, will deem the bid non-responsive and the bid will be given no further consideration.
7. In order to facilitate the evaluation of the bid, Canada requests that bidders address and present the topics in the order of the evaluation criteria, and include a grid in their proposal, containing the information which demonstrates how the bidder meets each evaluation criteria. Alternatively, and to avoid any duplication, bidders may also refer to the different sections of their bids by identifying the specific paragraph and page number where the subject topic has already been addressed.
8. Bidders must address any concerns with the performance specifications in written detail to the Contracting Authority before bid closing as outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) document.

**COMPLIANCE MATRIX – MINIMUM MANDATORY PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS:**

Requirement:	Manufacturer(s) Offered:	Model Number(s) Offered:
High Throughput Thermal Cyclers		
Plate Heat Sealer		

Item #	Performance Specification	Status (M) Mandatory (D) Desirable*	Performance Specification Offered: Bidder <u>should</u> indicate how they meet the performance specification by recording this information in this column	Cross Reference: In this column, Bidders <u>should</u> cross-reference where this performance specification is indicated in their supporting documents
<b>High Throughput Thermal Cyclers</b>				
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Throughput</b>			
1.1	Must accommodate a minimum of ten (10) 96-well, sixteen (16) 384-well or sixteen (16) PCR sample plates in a single run.	<b>M</b>		
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Thermal Design</b>			
2.1	Must employ sample immersion rather than peltier block technology to ensure temperature uniformity and eliminate edge effects.	<b>M</b>		
2.2	Must be capable of moving samples to at least three (3) sample immersion positions to allow for individual denature, anneal and extension temperatures thereby eliminating temperature ramp times in the PCR process.	<b>M</b>		
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Sample Format Compatibility</b>			
3.1	Must be compatible with SBS standard 96, 384 and 1536 samples plates.	<b>M</b>		
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Operating Environment</b>			
4.1	Must operate on North American standard 110V or 220V AC power.	<b>M</b>		
4.2	Must generate minimal external heat allowing for installation in a small room (8' x 6') without the need for air conditioning/external cooling.	<b>M</b>		
4.3	Must possess a footprint smaller than 30" depth x 30" width x 60" high to allow for installation in a specific location	<b>M</b>		

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Support and Training</b>			
5.1	Must include a minimum of 1-year warranty (parts and labor) in the purchase price.	<b>M</b>		
5.2	Must include on-site installation and training of up to 5 AAFC technical staff in the purchase price.	<b>M</b>		
5.3	Warranty must include paid on-site technical application support available on request.	<b>M</b>		
<b>Sample Plate Heat Sealer</b>				
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Throughput and Automation</b>			
6.1	Must seal an individual plate in under 10 seconds	<b>M</b>		
6.2	Must be compatible with seal film rolls	<b>M</b>		
6.3	Must be automation-ready and allow for portrait or landscape plate presentation so as to be compatible with multitude of plate handling robotics	<b>M</b>		
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Thermal Design</b>			
7.1	The thermal design of the Plate Heat Sealer must be able to provide a strong enough weld to provide watertight sample immersion, prevent evaporation, edge effects, well to well contamination and withstand ultra-cold sample storage to -200C without degrading temperature sensitive polymerases.	<b>M</b>		
7.2	Must be capable of welding and unwelding the same seal up to five times to allow for sample access and manipulation.	<b>M</b>		
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Sample Plate Compatibility</b>			
8.1	Must be compatible with SBS standard 24, 48, 96, 384 and 1536 sample plates, including high rim plates.	<b>M</b>		
8.2	Must allow for customized sealing methods to accommodate varying sealing conditions and seal lengths.	<b>M</b>		
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Seal Types</b>			
9.1	Must support optically clear seals for fluorometric analyses and optically opaque seals for light sensitive reagents.	<b>M</b>		
9.2	Must support both individual seals and seal rolls.	<b>M</b>		
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Operating Environment</b>			
10.1	Must operate on North American standard 110V or 220V AC power	<b>M</b>		

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10.2	Must possess a footprint smaller than 12.5" depth x 12.5" width x 12.5" high to allow for installation in a specific location.	<b>M</b>		
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Support</b>			
11.1	Must include a minimum of 1-year warranty (parts and labor) in the purchase price.	<b>M</b>		
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Compatibility</b>			
12.1	Must be compatible with High Throughput Thermal Cyclers.	<b>M</b>		

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## **ANNEX "D" to PART 3 OF THE BID SOLICITATION**

### **ELECTRONIC PAYMENT INSTRUMENTS**

The Bidder accepts any of the following Electronic Payment Instrument(s):

- VISA Acquisition Card;
- MasterCard Acquisition Card;
- Direct Deposit (Domestic and International);
- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI);
- Wire Transfer (International Only);