



Addendum 4

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Project: Installation of new laboratory chemical fume hoods – Sherbrooke Research and Development Centre

Bidders must make sure that their bids are based on the latest version of the tender documents published and take into consideration the following amendments and information, including any information provided on amendments or Q&A previously published for this project.

Bidders that do not comply with this requirement will be discarded.

This addendum aims to replace the Appendix A – General Instructions to bidders that was incorrectly printed out by the one attached.

All other terms and conditions remain the same



Appendix "A"

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

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GI01 COMPLETION OF BID

- 1) The bid shall be:
 - (a) submitted on the BID AND ACCEPTANCE FORM provided by AAFC with the bid package or on a clear and legible reproduced copy of such BID AND ACCEPTANCE FORM that must be identical in content and format to the BID AND ACCEPTANCE FORM provided by AAFC;
 - (b) based on the Bid Documents listed in the Special Instructions to Bidders;
 - (c) correctly completed in all respects;
 - (d) signed, with an original signature, by a duly authorized representative of the Bidder; and
 - (e) accompanied by
 - (i) bid security as specified in GI07; and
 - (ii) any other document or documents specified elsewhere in the solicitation where it is stipulated that said documents are to accompany the bid.
- 2) Subject to paragraph 6) of GI10, any alteration to the pre-printed or pre-typed sections of the Bid and Acceptance Form, or any condition or qualification placed upon the bid shall be cause for disqualification. Alterations, corrections, changes or erasures made to statements or figures entered on the Bid and Acceptance Form by the Bidder shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the bid. Alterations, corrections, changes or erasures that are not initialed shall be deemed void and without effect.
- 3) Unless otherwise noted elsewhere in the Bid Documents, facsimile copies of bids are not acceptable.

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GI02 IDENTITY OR LEGAL CAPACITY OF THE BIDDER

- 1) In order to confirm the authority of the person or persons signing the bid or to establish the legal capacity under which the Bidder proposes to enter into Contract, any Bidder who carries on business in other than its own personal name shall, if requested by Canada, provide satisfactory proof of
 - (a) such signing authority; and
 - (b) the legal capacity under which it carries on business;

prior to contract award. Proof of signing authority may be in the form of a certified copy of a resolution naming the signatory(ies) that is (are) authorized to sign this bid on behalf of the corporation or partnership. Proof of legal capacity may be in the form of a copy of the articles of incorporation or the registration of the business name of a sole proprietor or partnership.

GI03 APPLICABLE TAXES

- 1) "Applicable Taxes" means the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), and any provincial tax, by law, payable by Canada such as, the Quebec Sales Tax (QST) as of April 1, 2013.

GI04 CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT CHARGES

- 1) For the purposes of GC1.8 LAWS, PERMITS AND TAXES in the General Conditions of the Contract, only fees or charges directly related to the processing and issuing of building permits shall be included. The Bidder shall not include any monies in the bid amount for special municipal development, redevelopment or other fees or charges which a municipal authority may seek as a prerequisite to the issuance of building permits.

GI05 REGISTRY AND PRE-QUALIFICATION OF FLOATING PLANT

- 1) Dredges or other floating plant to be used in the performance of the Work must be of Canadian registry. For dredges or other floating plant that are not of Canadian make or manufacture, the Bidder must obtain a certificate of qualification from Industry Canada and this certificate must accompany the bid. Plant so qualified by Industry Canada may be accepted on this project.

GI06 LISTING OF SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

- 1) Notwithstanding any list of Subcontractors that the Bidder may be required to submit as part of the bid, the Bidder shall, within 48 hours of receipt of a notice to do so, submit all information requested in the said notice including the names of Subcontractors and Suppliers for the part or parts of the Work listed. Failure to do so shall result in the disqualification of its bid.

GI07 BID SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

- 1) The Bidder shall submit bid security with the bid in the form of a bid bond or a security deposit in an amount that is equal to not less than 10 percent of the bid amount. Applicable Taxes shall not be included when calculating the amount of any bid security that may be required. The maximum amount of bid security required with any bid is \$2,000,000.00.

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- 2) A bid bond shall be in an approved form <http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=14494#appS>, properly completed, with original signature(s) and issued by an approved company whose bonds are acceptable to Canada either at the time of solicitation closing or as identified in Treasury Board Appendix L: [Acceptable Bonding Companies](#).
- 3) A security deposit shall be an original, properly completed, signed where required and be either:
 - (a) a bill of exchange, bank draft or money order made payable to the Receiver General for Canada and certified by an approved financial institution or drawn by an approved financial institution on itself; or
 - (b) bonds of, or unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by, the Government of Canada;
- 4) For the purposes of subparagraph 3) (a) of GI07
 - (a) a bill of exchange is an unconditional order in writing signed by the Bidder and addressed to an approved financial institution, requiring the said institution to pay, on demand, at a fixed or determinable future time a sum certain of money to, or to the order of, the Receiver General for Canada;
 - (b) if a bill of exchange, bank draft or money order is certified by or drawn on an institution or corporation other than a chartered bank, it must be accompanied by proof that the said institution or corporation meets at least one of the criteria described in subparagraph 4.c. of GI07, either by letter or by a stamped certification on the bill of exchange, bank draft or money; and
 - (c) An approved financial institution is:
 - (i) a corporation or institution that is a member of the Canadian Payments Association as defined in the [Canadian Payments Act](#);
 - (ii) a corporation that accepts deposits that are insured, to the maximum permitted by law, by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or the "Autorité des marchés financiers";
 - (iii) a corporation that accepts deposits from the public if repayment of the deposit is guaranteed by Her Majesty the Queen in right of a province;
 - (iv) a corporation, association or federation incorporated or organized as a credit union or co-operative credit society that conforms to the requirements of a credit union which are more particularly described in paragraph 137(6) of the [Income Tax Act](#); or
 - (v) Canada Post Corporation.
- 5) Bonds referred to in subparagraph 3)(b) of GI07 shall be provided on the basis of their market value current at the date of solicitation closing, and shall be:
 - (a) payable to bearer;
 - (b) accompanied by a duly executed instrument of transfer of the bonds to the Receiver General for Canada in the form prescribed by the Domestic Bonds of Canada Regulations; or
 - (c) registered as to principal or as to principal and interest in the name of the Receiver General for Canada pursuant to the Domestic Bonds of Canada Regulations.

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- 6) As an alternative to a security deposit an irrevocable standby letter of credit is acceptable to Canada and the amount shall be determined in the same manner as a security deposit referred to above.
- 7) An irrevocable standby letter of credit referred to in paragraph 6) of GI07 shall
 - (a) be an arrangement, however named or described, whereby a financial institution (the "Issuer") acting at the request and on the instructions of a customer (the "Applicant") or on its own behalf,
 - (i) is to make a payment to, or to the order of, the Receiver General for Canada as the beneficiary;
 - (ii) is to accept and pay bills of exchange drawn by the Receiver General for Canada;
 - (iii) authorizes another financial institution to effect such payment or accept and pay such bills of exchange; or
 - (iv) authorizes another financial institution to negotiate against written demand(s) for payment provided that the terms and conditions of the letter of credit are complied with;
 - (b) state the face amount which may be drawn against it;
 - (c) state its expiry date;
 - (d) provide for sight payment to the Receiver General for Canada by way of the financial institution's draft against presentation of a written demand for payment signed by the Departmental Representative identified in the letter of credit by his/her office;
 - (e) provide that more than one written demand for payment may be presented subject to the sum of those demands not exceeding the face value of the letter of credit;
 - (f) provide that it is subject to the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Uniform Customs and Practice (UCP) for Documentary Credits, 2007 Revision, ICC Publication No. 600; pursuant to the ICC UCP; a credit is irrevocable even if there is no indication to that effect; and
 - (g) be issued or confirmed, in either official language, by a financial institution which is a member of the Canadian Payments Association and is on the letterhead of the Issuer or Confirmer. The format is left to the discretion of the Issuer or Confirmer.
- 8) Bid security shall lapse or be returned as soon as practical following:
 - (a) the solicitation closing date, for those Bidders submitting non-compliant bids; and
 - (b) the administrative bid review, for those Bidders submitting compliant bids ranked fourth to last on the schedule of bids; and
 - (c) the award of contract, for those Bidders submitting the second and third ranked bids; and
 - (d) the receipt of contract security, for the successful Bidder; or
 - (e) the cancellation of the solicitation, for all Bidders.
- 9) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 8) of GI07 and provided more than three compliant bids have been received, if one or more of the bids ranked third to first is withdrawn or rejected for whatever reason then Canada reserves the right to hold the security of the next highest ranked compliant bid in order to retain the bid security of at least three valid and compliant bids.

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GI08 SUBMISSION OF BID

- 1) The Bid and Acceptance Form, duly completed, and the bid security shall be enclosed and sealed in an envelope provided by the Bidder, and shall be addressed and submitted to the office designated on the INVITATION TO TENDER Form for the receipt of bids. The bid must be received on or before the date and time set for solicitation closing.
- 2) Unless otherwise specified in the Special Instructions to Bidders
 - (a) the bid shall be in Canadian currency;
 - (b) exchange rate fluctuation protection is not offered; and
 - (c) any request for exchange rate fluctuation protection shall not be considered.
- 3) Prior to submitting the bid, the Bidder shall ensure that the following information is clearly printed or typed on the face of the bid envelope:
 - (a) Solicitation Number;
 - (b) Name of Bidder;
 - (c) Return address; and
 - (d) Closing Date and Time.
- 4) Timely and correct delivery of bids is the sole responsibility of the Bidder.

GI09 REVISION OF BID

- 1) A bid submitted in accordance with these instructions may be revised by letter or facsimile provided the revision is received at the office designated for the receipt of bids, on or before the date and time set for the closing of the solicitation. The letter or facsimile shall be on the Bidder's letterhead or bear a signature that identifies the Bidder;
- 2) A revision to a bid that includes unit prices must clearly identify the changes(s) in the unit price(s) and the specific item(s) to which each change applies.
- 3) A letter or facsimile submitted to confirm an earlier revision shall be clearly identified as a confirmation.
- 4) Failure to comply with any of the above provisions shall result in the rejection of the non-compliant revision(s) only. The bid shall be evaluated based on the original bid submitted and all other compliant revision(s).

GI10 REJECTION OF BID

- 1) Canada may accept any bid, whether it is the lowest or not, or may reject any or all bids.
- 2) Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1) of GI10, Canada may reject a bid if any of the following circumstances is present:
 - (a) the Bidder, or any employee or subcontractor included as part of the bid, has been

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convicted under Section 121 ("Frauds on the government" & "Contractor subscribing to election fund"), 124 "Selling or purchasing office"), 380 ("Fraud committed against Her Majesty") or 418 ("Selling defective stores to Her Majesty") of the Criminal Code of Canada, or under paragraph 80(1)(d) ("False entry, certificate or return"), subsection 80(2) ("Fraud against Her Majesty") or Section 154.01 ("Fraud against Her Majesty") of the *Financial Administration Act*;

- (b) the Bidder's bidding privileges are suspended or are in the process of being suspended;
 - (c) the bidding privileges of any employee or subcontractor included as part of the bid are suspended or are in the process of being suspended, which suspension or pending suspension would render that employee or subcontractor ineligible to bid on the Work, or the portion of the Work the employee or subcontractor is to perform;
 - (d) the Bidder is bankrupt, or where for whatever reason, its activities are rendered inoperable for an extended period;
 - (e) evidence, satisfactory to Canada, of fraud, bribery, fraudulent misrepresentation or failure to comply with any law protecting individuals against any manner of discrimination, has been received with respect to the Bidder, any of its employees or any subcontractor included as part of its bid;
 - (f) evidence satisfactory to Canada that based on past conduct or behavior, the Bidder, a sub-contractor or a person who is to perform the Work is unsuitable or has conducted himself/herself improperly;
 - (g) with respect to current or prior transactions with Canada
 - (i) Canada has exercised, or intends to exercise, the contractual remedy of taking the work out of the contractor's hands with respect to a contract with the Bidder, any of its employees or any subcontractor included as part of its bid; or
 - (ii) Canada determines that the Bidder's performance on other contracts is sufficiently poor to jeopardize the successful completion of the requirement being bid on.
- 3) In assessing the Bidder's performance on other contracts pursuant to subparagraph 2)(g)(ii) of GI10, Canada may consider, but not be limited to, such matters as:
- (a) the quality of workmanship in performing the Work;
 - (b) the timeliness of completion of the Work;
 - (c) the overall management of the Work and its effect on the level of effort demanded of the department and its representative; and
 - (d) the completeness and effectiveness of the Contractor's safety program during the performance of the Work.
- 4) Without limiting the generality of paragraphs 1), 2) and 3) of GI10, Canada may reject any bid based on an unfavourable assessment of the:
- (a) adequacy of the bid price to permit the work to be carried out and, in the case of a bid providing prices per unit or a combination of lump sum and prices per unit, whether each such price reasonably reflects the cost of performing the part of the work to which that

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price applies;

- (b) Bidder's ability to provide the necessary management structure, skilled personnel, experience and equipment to perform competently the work under the Contract; and
 - (c) Bidder's performance on other contracts.
- 5) Where Canada intends to reject a bid pursuant to a provision of paragraphs 1), 2), 3) or 4) of GI10, other than subparagraph 2)(g) of IT10, the contracting authority will inform the Bidder and provide the Bidder ten (10) days within which to make representations, before making a final decision on the bid rejection.
- 6) Canada may waive informalities and minor irregularities in bids received if Canada determines that the variation of the bid from the exact requirements set out in the Bid Documents can be corrected or waived without being prejudicial to other Bidders.

GI11 BID COSTS

- 1) No payment will be made for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid in response to the bid solicitation. Costs associated with preparing and submitting a bid, as well as any costs incurred by the Bidder associated with the evaluation of the bid, are the sole responsibility of the Bidder.

GI12 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

- 1) By submission of a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder has the legal capacity to enter into a contract and is in possession of all valid licences, permits, registrations, certificates, declarations, filings, or other authorizations necessary to comply with all federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations applicable to the submission of the bid and entry into any ensuing contract for the performance of the work.
- 2) For the purpose of validating the certification in paragraph 1) of GI12, a Bidder shall, if requested, provide a copy of every valid licence, permit, registration, certificate, declaration, filing or other authorization listed in the request, and shall provide such documentation within the time limit(s) set out in the said request.
- 3) Failure to comply with the requirements of paragraph 2) of GI12 shall result in disqualification of the bid.

GI13 APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS

- 1) When materials are specified by trade names or trademarks, or by manufacturers' or suppliers' names, the bid shall be based on use of the named materials. During the solicitation period, alternative materials may be considered provided full technical data is received in writing by the Contracting Officer at least 10 calendar days prior to the solicitation closing date.

GI14 CONFLICT OF INTEREST - UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

- 1) In order to protect the integrity of the procurement process, bidders are advised that Canada may reject a bid in the following circumstances:
- (a) if the Bidder, any of its subcontractors, any of their respective employees or former

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employees was involved in any manner in the preparation of the bid solicitation or in any situation of conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest;

- (b) if the Bidder, any of its subcontractors, any of their respective employees or former employees had access to information related to the bid solicitation that was not available to other bidders and that would, in Canada's opinion, give or appear to give the Bidder an unfair advantage.
- 2) The experience acquired by a bidder who is providing or has provided the goods and services described in the bid solicitation (or similar goods or services) will not, in itself, be considered by Canada as conferring an unfair advantage or creating a conflict of interest. This bidder remains however subject to the criteria established above.
 - 3) Where Canada intends to reject a bid under this section, the Contracting Authority will inform the Bidder and provide the Bidder an opportunity to make representations before making a final decision. Bidders who are in doubt about a particular situation should contact the Contracting Authority before bid closing. By submitting a bid, the Bidder represents that it does not consider itself to be in conflict of interest nor to have an unfair advantage. The Bidder acknowledges that it is within Canada's sole discretion to determine whether a conflict of interest, unfair advantage or an appearance of conflict of interest or unfair advantage exists.

GI15 INTEGRITY PROVISIONS - BID

- 1) Ineligibility and Suspension Policy (the "Policy"), and all related Directives, are incorporated by reference into, and form a binding part of the procurement process. The Supplier must comply with the Policy and Directives, which can be found at *Ineligibility and Suspension Policy*.
- 2) Under the Policy, charges and convictions of certain offences against a Supplier, its affiliates or first tier subcontractors, and other circumstances, will or may result in a determination by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) that the Supplier is ineligible to enter, or is suspended from entering into a contract with Canada. The list of ineligible and suspended Suppliers is contained in PWGSC's Integrity Database. The Policy describes how enquiries can be made regarding the ineligibility or suspension of Suppliers.
- 3) In addition to all other information required in the procurement process, the Supplier must provide the following:
 - a. by the time stated in the Policy, all information required by the Policy described under the heading "Information to be Provided when Bidding, Contracting or Entering into a Real Property Agreement"; and
 - b. with its bid / quote / proposal, a complete list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions pertaining to itself, its affiliates and its proposed first tier subcontractors that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the listed offences in the Policy. The list of foreign criminal charges and convictions must be submitted using an Integrity Declaration Form, which can be found at [Declaration form for procurement](#).
- 4) Subject to subsection 5, by submitting a bid / quote / proposal in response a request by AAFC, the Supplier certifies that:
 - a. it has read and understands the *Ineligibility and Suspension Policy*;
 - b. it understands that certain domestic and foreign criminal charges and convictions, and

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- other circumstances, as described in the Policy, will or may result in a determination of ineligibility or suspension under the Policy;
- c. it is aware that Canada may request additional information, certifications, and validations from the Supplier or a third party for purposes of making a determination of ineligibility or suspension;
 - d. it has provided with its bid / quote / proposal a complete list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions pertaining to itself, its affiliates and its proposed first tier subcontractors that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the listed offences in the Policy;
 - e. none of the domestic criminal offences, and other circumstances, described in the Policy that will or may result in a determination of ineligibility or suspension, apply to it, its affiliates and its proposed first tier subcontractors; and
 - f. it is not aware of a determination of ineligibility or suspension issued by PWGSC that applies to it.
- 5) Where a Supplier is unable to provide any of the certifications required by subsection 4, it must submit with its bid/ quote / proposal a completed Integrity Declaration Form, which can be found at [Declaration form for procurement](#).
- 6) Canada will declare non-responsive any bid / quote / proposal in respect of which the information requested is incomplete or inaccurate, or in respect of which the information contained in a certification or declaration is found by Canada to be false or misleading in any respect. If Canada establishes after award of the Contract that the Supplier provided a false or misleading certification or declaration, Canada may terminate the Contract for default. Pursuant to the Policy, Canada may also determine the Supplier to be ineligible for award of a contract for providing a false or misleading certification or declaration.

Ineligibility and Suspension Policy - <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/politique-policy-eng.html>

Declaration form for procurement - <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/declaration-eng.html>

GI16 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PROCUREMENT - BID

- 1) The Code of Conduct for Procurement provides that Bidders must respond to bid solicitations in an honest, fair and comprehensive manner, accurately reflect their capacity to satisfy the requirements set out in the bid solicitation and resulting contract, submit bids and enter into contracts only if they will fulfill all obligations of the Contract. By submitting a bid, the Bidder is certifying that it is complying with the Code of Conduct for Procurement. Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct for Procurement may render the bid non-responsive.