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Public Services and Procurement Canada Finance and Administration Branch Departmental Materiel and Acquisitions Services BY EMAIL to the Contracting Authority: Marie-Anne.Clancy@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL **DEMANDE DE PROPOSITION**

Proposal to: Public Works and Government Services Canada

We hereby offer to sell to Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein, refered or attached hereto, the supplies and services listed herein or on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefor.

Propositions aux: Travaux publics et Services gouvernementaux Canada

Nous offrons par la présente de vendre à sa Majesté la Reine du chef du Canada, aux conditions énoncées ou incluses par référence dans la présente et aux annexes ci-jointes, les articles et les services énumérés ici et sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

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Instructions:

New Brunswick

Municipal taxes are not applicable.

Unless otherwise specified herein by the Crown, all prices quoted are to be net prices in Canadian funds including Canadian customs duties, excise taxes, and are to be F.O.B, including all delivery charges to destination(s) as indicated. The amount of the Goods and Services Tax is to be shown as a separate item.

Instructions:

Les taxes municipales ne s'appliquent pas.

Sauf indication contraire, énoncée par la Couronne, dans les présentes, tous les prix indiqués sont des prix nets, en dollars canadiens, comprenant les droits de douane canadiens, la taxe d'accise et doivent être F.A.B, y compris tous frais de livraison à la (aux) destination(s) indiquée(s). La somme de la taxe sur les produits et services devra être un article particulier.

Delivery required - Livraison exigée	Delivery offered - Livraison proposée	
Vendor Name and Address - Raison	sociale et adresse du fournisseur	
Escrimila No. Nº do táláconious		
Facsimile No N° de télécopieur		
Telephone No N° de téléphone		
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of vendor (type or print) - Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur (caractère d'impression)		
Signature	Date	

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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Security Requirements

- 1. At the date of bid closing, the following conditions must be met:
 - the Bidder must hold a valid organization security clearance as indicated in Part 6 -Resulting Contract Clauses;
 - the Bidder's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites must meet the security requirements as indicated in Part 6
 Resulting Contract Clauses;
 - (c) the Bidder must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites;
 - (d) the Bidder's proposed location of work performance and document safeguarding must meet the security requirements as indicated in Part 6 Resulting Contract Clauses;
 - (e) the Bidder must provide the addresses of proposed sites or premises of work performance and document safeguarding as indicated in Part 3 Section IV Additional Information.
- 2. For additional information on security requirements, Bidders should refer to the <u>Contract Security Program of Public Works and Government Services Canada (http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/esc-src/introduction-eng.html) website.</u>

1.2 Statement of Work

The Work to be performed is detailed under Article 6.2 of the resulting contract clauses.

1.3 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.

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 <u>Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual</u> (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 <u>2003</u> (2020-05-28) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

Subsection 5.4 of 2003, Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, is amended as follows:

Delete: 60 days Insert: 90 days

2.2 Submission of Bids

Bids must be submitted only to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) by BY EMAIL ONLY to the Contracting Authority (<u>Marie-Anne.Clancy@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca</u>) by the date, time and place indicated on page 1 of the bid solicitation.

Bidders must submit Page 1 of this Request for Proposal, duly completed, signed and dated by a person authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder (Vendor/firm).

Due to the nature of the bid solicitation, bids transmitted by facsimile to PWGSC will not be accepted.

2.3 Former Public Servant

Contracts awarded to former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension or of a lump sum payment must bear the closest public scrutiny and reflect fairness in the spending of public funds. In order to comply with Treasury Board policies and directives on contracts awarded to FPS, bidders must provide in writing before contract award for each question below, the answer and, as applicable, the information required.

If the Contracting Authority has not received the answer to the question and, as applicable, the information required by the time the evaluation of bids is completed, Canada will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the answer and, as applicable, the information required. Failure to comply with Canada's request and meet the requirement within the prescribed time frame will render the bid non-responsive.

Definitions

For the purposes of this clause,

"former public servant" is any former member of a department as defined in the <u>Financial Administration</u> <u>Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c. F-11, a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces or a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A former public servant may be:

- (a) an individual:
- (b) an individual who has incorporated;
- (c) a partnership made of former public servants; or

(d) a sole proprietorship or entity where the affected individual has a controlling or major interest in the entity.

"lump sum payment period" means the period measured in weeks of salary, for which payment has been made to facilitate the transition to retirement or to other employment as a result of the implementation of various programs to reduce the size of the Public Service. The lump sum payment period does not include the period of severance pay, which is measured in a like manner.

"pension" means a pension or annual allowance paid under the <u>Public Service Superannuation Act</u> (<u>PSSA</u>), R.S., 1985, c. P-36, and any increases paid pursuant to the <u>Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c. S-24 as it affects the PSSA. It does not include pensions payable pursuant to the <u>Canadian Forces Superannuation Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c. C-17, the <u>Defence Services Pension Continuation Act</u>, 1970, c. D-3, the <u>Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act</u>, 1970, c. R-10, and the <u>Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c. R-11, <u>the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c. M-5, and that portion of pension payable to the <u>Canada Pension Plan Act</u>, R.S., 1985, c. C-8.

Former Public Servant in Receipt of a Pension

As per the above definitions, is the Bidder a FPS in receipt of a pension

Yes () No ()

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information for all FPS in receipt of a pension, as applicable:

- (a) name of former public servant; and
- (b) date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service.

By providing this information, bidders agree that the successful Bidder's status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports in accordance with Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2 and the Guidelines on the Proactive Disclosure of Contracts.

Work Force Adjustment Directive

Is the Bidder a FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of the Work Force Adjustment Directive?

Yes () No ()

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information:

- (a) name of former public servant:
- (b) conditions of the lump sum payment incentive;
- (c) date of termination of employment;
- (d) amount of lump sum payment;
- (e) rate of pay on which lump sum payment is based;
- (f) period of lump sum payment including start date, end date and number of weeks; and
- (g) number and amount (professional fees) of other contracts subject to the restrictions of a work force reduction program.

For all contracts awarded during the lump sum payment period, the total amount of fees that may be paid to a FPS who received a lump sum payment is \$5,000, including Applicable Taxes.

2.4 Enquiries - Bid Solicitation

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than 10 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.

2.5 Applicable Laws

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

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.

2.6 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 <u>Buy and Sell</u> website, under the heading "<u>Bid Challenge and Recourse Mechanisms</u>" 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

Canada requests that bidders provide their bid in separately bound sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Bid – One (1) soft copy Portable Document File (PDF) by way of email; Section II: Financial Bid – One (1) soft copy Portable Document File (PDF) by way of email; Section III: Certifications – One (1) soft copy Portable Document File (PDF) by way of email; and Section IV: Additional Information – One (1) soft copy Portable Document File (PDF) by way of email.

Prices must appear in the financial bid only. No prices must be indicated in any other section of the bid.

Canada requests that bidders submit their bids in unprotected (i.e. no password) PDF format by email.

The PWGSC email attachment size limit is 10MB. Emails exceeding 10MB will not be received. Bidders may split their submitted content into multiple emails by identifying, for example 1 of 3, 2 of 3 etc..

It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to ensure a timely submission of their bid is made. Canada will not be responsible for late bids received at destination after the closing time, even if it was submitted before.

Bidders should also ensure that their email message indicates the legal name of the bidding entity.

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.

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 is not sufficient. In order to facilitate the evaluation of the bid, Canada requests that Bidders address and present topics in the order of the evaluation criteria under the same headings. To avoid duplication, Bidders may refer to different sections of their bids by identifying the specific paragraph and page number where the subject topic has already been addressed.

Section II: Financial Bid

Bidders must submit their financial bid in accordance with the Pricing Schedule detailed in Attachment 1 to Part 3.

3.1.2 Exchange Rate Fluctuation

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

3.1.3 SACC Manual Clauses

Section III: Certifications

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

Section IV: Additional Information

3.1.4 Bidder's Proposed Sites or Premises Requiring Safeguarding Measures

3.1.4.1 As indicated in Part 1 under Security Requirements, the Bidder must provide the full addresses of the Bidder's and proposed individuals sites or premises for which safeguarding measures are required for Work Performance:

Street Number / Street Name, Unit / Suite / Apartment Number City, Province, Territory / State

Postal Code / Zip Code Country

3.1.4.2 The Company Security Officer must ensure through the <u>Contract Security Program</u> that the Contractor and individuals hold a valid security clearance at the required level, as indicated in Part 1, clause 1.1, Security Requirements.

ATTACHMENT 1 TO PART 3 PRICING SCHEDULE

The Bidder should complete this pricing schedule and include it in its financial bid once completed. As a minimum, the Bidder must respond to this pricing schedule by including in its financial bid, for each service category specified below, a firm all-inclusive price (in Canadian dollars), as appropriate.

Volumetric data (estimates) shown in the pricing schedule are included solely for the purpose of determining the evaluated price of each offer. They must not be considered to constitute a contractual guarantee. Their inclusion in this pricing schedule does not represent a commitment on the part of Canada to the effect that future use of the services described in the Request for Proposal will match these data.

1. Online Web Platform

Setup, implementation and training of the Contact Center Virtual Simulation web platform.	\$
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2. Tests

Product Description	Estimated Usage (Annually)	Firm Price per Test	Total Cost
Contact Centre Virtual Scenario assessment test	400	\$	\$

TOTAL EVALUATED PROPOSAL PRICE (in Canadian dollars, Applicable Taxes are extra)		
Item Sub-Totals		
1. Online Web Platform	\$	
2. Tests	\$	
Total Evaluated Proposal Price \$		

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

Refer to Attachment 1 to Part 4.

4.1.2 Financial Evaluation

SACC Manual Clause A0220T (2014-06-26), Evaluation of Price-Bid

4.2 Basis of Selection

4.2.1 Mandatory Technical Criteria

A bid must comply with the requirements of the bid solicitation and meet all mandatory technical evaluation criteria to be declared responsive. The responsive bid with the lowest evaluated price will be recommended for award of a contract.

ATTACHMENT 1 TO PART 4 TECHNICAL CRITERIA

Mandatory Technical Criteria

The bid must meet the mandatory technical criteria specified below. The Bidder must provide the necessary documentation to support compliance with this requirement.

Bids which fail to meet the mandatory technical criteria will be declared non-responsive. Each mandatory technical criterion should be addressed separately.

ID#	Mandatory Criteria	Proposal Reference Page #
M1	The virtual contact centre test must be in French and English.	
M2	The online platform must include training sessions for the administrators in French and English.	
M3	The online platform must include a contact number for customer service support in French and English.	
M4	The online platform must include the user guide for interpretation of results in French and English.	
M5	The virtual contact centre test must have a completion time of approximately 30 minutes.	
M6	The virtual contact centre test must be on a web platform that can be equally accessible on external or internal networks.	
M7	The virtual contact centre test must put the candidate in front of at least 4 typical simulated contact centre calls.	

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 <u>Forms for the Integrity Regime</u> website (http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/declaration-eng.html), to be given further consideration in the procurement process.

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 <u>Ineligibility and Suspension Policy</u> (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 website (https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-contractor-program.html#).

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** The following security requirements (SRCL and related clauses provided by the Contract Security Program) apply and form part of the Contract.
- The Contractor/Offeror must, at all times during the performance of the Contract/Standing Offer, hold a valid Designated Organization Screening (DOS) with approved Document Safeguarding at the level of PROTECTED A, issued by the Contract Security Program (CSP), Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC).
- 2. The Contractor/Offeror personnel requiring access to PROTECTED information, assets or work site(s) must EACH hold a valid personnel security screening at the level of SECRET, or RELIABILITY STATUS, as required by the security guide, granted or approved by the CSP, PWGSC.
- 3. The Contractor MUST NOT utilize its Information Technology systems to electronically process, produce or store PROTECTED information until written approval has been issued by the client department security authority. After approval has been granted, these tasks may be performed at the level of PROTECTED A.
- 4. Subcontracts which contain security requirements are NOT to be awarded without the prior written permission of CSP/PWGSC.
- 5. The Contractor/Offeror must comply with the provisions of the:
 - (a) Security Requirements Check List and security guide (if applicable), attached at Annex C;
 - (b) Industrial Security Manual (Latest Edition);
 - (c) CSP website: Security requirements for contracting with the Government of Canada, located at www.tpsqc-pwqsc.qc.ca/esc-src

6.1.2 Contractor's Sites or Premises Requiring Safeguarding Measures

6.1.2.1 Where safeguarding measures are required in the performance of the Work, the Contractor must diligently maintain up-to-date, the information related to the Contractor's and proposed individuals' sites or premises for the following addresses:

Street Number / Street Name, Unit / Suite / Apartment Number City, Province, Territory / State Postal Code / Zip Code Country

6.1.1.2 The Company Security Officer must ensure through the <u>Contract Security Program</u> that the Contractor and individuals hold a valid security clearance at the required level of document safeguarding capability.

6.2 Statement of Work

The Contractor must perform the Work in accordance with the Statement of Work 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 <u>Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual</u> (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

<u>2010B</u> (2020-05-28), General Conditions - Professional Services (Medium Complexity) apply to and form part of the Contract.

6.3.2 Supplemental General Conditions

4006 (2010-08-16) Contractor to Own Intellectual Property Rights in Foreground Information, apply to and form part of the Contract.

6.4 Term of Contract

6.4.1 Period of the Contract

The period of the Contract is from date of Contract to March 31, 2022 inclusive.

6.4.3 Option to Extend the Contract

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to extend the term of the Contract by up to two additional one year periods under the same conditions. The Contractor agrees that, during the extended period of the Contract, it will be paid in accordance with the applicable provisions as set out in the Basis of Payment.

Canada may exercise this option at any time by sending a written notice to the Contractor before the expiry date of the Contract. The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority, and will be evidenced for administrative purposes only, through a contract amendment.

6.5 Authorities

6.5.1 Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Marie-Anne Clancy Supply Specialist Public Services and Procurement Canada Finance and Administration Branch Departmental Materiel and Acquisitions Services 873-353-6097

Marie-Anne.Clancy@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

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 (To be completed at contract award)

The Project Authority for the	e Contract is:	
Name: Title:		
Organization:		
Address:		

Telephone:	 	
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 at contract award*)

6.6 Proactive Disclosure of Contracts with Former Public Servants

By providing information on its status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a <u>Public Service Superannuation Act</u> (PSSA) pension, the Contractor has agreed that this information will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports, in accordance with <u>Contracting Policy Notice</u>: 2019-01 of the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada.

6.7 Payment

6.7.1 Basis of Payment

The Contractor will be paid for its costs reasonably and properly incurred in the performance of the Work, in accordance with the Basis of payment in Annex B, to a limitation of expenditure of \$\(\text{(insert the amount at contract award)}\). Applicable Taxes are extra.

6.7.2 Limitation of Expenditure

- 1. Canada's total liability to the Contractor under the Contract must not exceed \$ _____ (insert the amount at contract award). Applicable Taxes are extra.
- 2. No increase in the total liability of Canada or in the price of the Work resulting from any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work, will be authorized or paid to the Contractor unless these design changes, modifications or interpretations have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work. The Contractor must not perform any work or provide any service that would result in Canada's total liability being exceeded before obtaining the written approval of the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must notify the Contracting Authority in writing as to the adequacy of this sum:
 - a. when it is 75% committed, or
 - b. four months before the contract expiry date, or
 - c. as soon as the Contractor considers that the contract funds provided are inadequate for the completion of the Work,

whichever comes first.

3. If the notification is for inadequate contract funds, the Contractor must provide to the Contracting Authority a written estimate for the additional funds required. Provision of such information by the Contractor does not increase Canada's liability.

6.7.3 Monthly Payment

Canada will pay the Contractor on a monthly basis for work performed during the month covered by the invoice in accordance with the payment provisions of the Contract if:

- a. an accurate and complete invoice and any other documents required by the Contract have been submitted in accordance with the invoicing instructions provided in the Contract;
- b. all such documents have been verified by Canada;
- c. the Work performed has been accepted by Canada.

6.7.4 SACC Manual Clause

SACC Manual Clause C6006C (2017-08-17), Limitation of Price

6.8 Invoicing Instructions

 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.

Each invoice must be supported by details of the goods or services provided to support the claim;

- 2. Invoices must be distributed as follows:
 - a. One (1) copy must be forwarded to the Project Authority identified under the article titled "Authorities" of the Contract for certification and payment; and
 - b. One (1) copy must be forwarded to: (insert the amount at contract award)

6.9 Certifications and Additional Information

6.9.1 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.

6.10 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).

6.11 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 supplemental general conditions <u>4006</u> (2010-08-16) Contractor to Own Intellectual Property Rights in Foreground Information;
- (c) the general conditions <u>2010B</u> (2020-05-28), General Conditions Professional Services (Medium Complexity);
- (d) Annex A, Statement of Work;
- (e) Annex B, Basis of Payment;
- (f) Annex C, Security Requirements Check List;
- (g) the Contractor's bid dated _____ (insert date of bid)

6.12 SACC Manual Clauses

6.12.1 SACC Manual Clause A9113C (2014-11-27), Handling of Personal Information

6.12.2 SACC Manual Clause K3015C (2008-05-12), Confidentiality of Foreground Information

The Contractor, during the performance of the Contract, must keep confidential and must not publish or otherwise disclose to any person any Foreground Information, except as may be necessary to perform the Work under the Contract. The Contractor must impose the same obligation of confidentiality on any person to whom the information is disclosed to perform the Work.

6.13 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 WORK

1. Title

Testing simulation contact centre solution.

2. Introduction

The contractor will provide testing simulation contact centre solutions for the Government of Canada Pension Centre - Public Services and Procurement Canada – Shediac, NB and Ottawa, ON locations. This interactive simulation "virtual contact centre" puts the candidate in front of typical simulated contact centre calls.

3. Objective

The objective of this request is to procure a modern virtual scenario assessment tool to administer contact centre simulation tests and aligns with the Pension Centre's operational requirements, recruitment strategies and overall staffing needs.

4. Background

In order to support our mandate, our workforce must consist of employees having the right skills to do their job.

Being a major recruiter in both regions, we are continuously hiring employees at the entry level. Over the past few years, we have seen a need to diversify our assessment tools in order to make them more available (online) and more relevant to our work.

This evaluation tool will focus on assessing competencies for our entry level positions. These simulations should include scenarios that will test the key tasks performed by our customer service agents.

5. Scope

The purchase of a virtual simulation test for a contact centre environment, available from a web platform and that can be used with a computer or laptop, must be equally accessible on external or internal networks. In addition, it could be used in a supervised or unsupervised environment and be of an approximate duration of 30 minutes.

The assessment must be a simulation of various scenarios and should be able to measure the following competencies:

- 1. Navigation (using technology): This measures a candidate's interaction within a realistic contact centre environment. It uses several customer service links that are executed simultaneously on a Windows environment.
- 2. Customer Service: This measures a candidate's ability to focus on meeting customers' needs in a simulated contact centre environment. This includes the tone and language used to respond to customers' questions, apologizing when appropriate and providing solutions that directly relate to customers' requests.
- 3. Problem Solving: This measures a candidate's ability to engage in problem solving with customers in the context of simulated phone calls. This includes acquiring the necessary information from both clients and systems to understand the nature of the problem, working through ambiguity to determine the correct answer and tactfully explaining the situation to the client.
- 4. Data Entry Accuracy: This measures a candidate's ability to listen to and record information received form customers accurately.

6. Tasks

The Contractor must ensure the online platform:

- Is hosted on a server based in Canada;
- Is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via an internet link;
- Is accessible to candidates without the need of any software download;
- Must be accessible to visually impaired users according to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 See definition at https://www.w3.org/WAI/standards-guidelines/wcag/
- Has data export functionalities

The Contractor must:

- Provide training on the use of the platform for (approximately 10) administrators;
- Provide an access key to exclusively for the administrators from the Government of Canada Pension Centre;
- Provide tests on an "as and when requested" basis within 48 hours upon request;
- Provide a mechanism for immediate customer support in both English and French such as a toll-free number to access to a helpdesk or customer representative which must be available at minimum from 6:00 AM to 12:00 AM EST, 7 days a week, 52 weeks per year, excluding statutory holidays for troubleshooting assistance;
- Ensure all means of communication will be in the candidate's official language of choice;
- Provide tests and results in both official languages (French and English);
- Ensure Privacy of personal information as per the Privacy Act: http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/p-21/
- Provide written notice by email to the Project Authority, of any planned and unplanned system outages.

7. Training

Within two weeks of contract award, the Contractor must provide training to the administrators. The scope of the training must include but is not limited to:

- the processes necessary to order tests;
- use of the online testing platform;
- customer service procedures;
- generate or retrieve reports; and
- Interpret results.

The Contractor will provide real-time instructor-led training sessions through video web-conference and virtual self-paced learning at the Government of Canada Pension Centre's choice.

8. Method and Source of Acceptance

The tests will be judged conclusive if the simulation reflects work in a call centre environment and if the mandatory competencies are effectively evaluated by the test. The tests must be on a web platform that is equally accessible on external or internal networks. The test must be of a duration of approximatively 30 minutes.

ANNEX "B" BASIS OF PAYMENT

The Contractor will be paid in accordance with the following Basis of Payment for Work pursuant to the Contract.

1. Online Web Platform

Setup, implementation and training of the Contact Center Virtual Simulation web platform.	\$ Expressed as a firm all-inclusive price in Canadian dollars. Applicable Taxes are extra.
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2. Tests

Product Description	Estimated Usage (Annually)	Firm Price per Test	Total Cost
Contact Centre Virtual Scenario assessment test	400	\$	\$

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST (in Canadian dollars, Applicable Taxes are extra)						
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1. Online Web Platform	\$					
2. Tests	\$					
Total Estimated Cost - Limitation of Expenditure	\$					

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ANNEX "C"

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Definition	Information (of <u>LOW sensitivity</u>) that, if compromised could reasonably be expected to cause a <u>low degree</u> of injury to personal or other non-national interests	Information that, if compromised, could cause <u>SERIOUS</u> injury to personal or other non-national interests	Information that, if compromised, could reasonably be expected to cause <u>EXTREMELY grave injury to</u> personal or other non-national interests	Information that, if compromised, can cause <u>LOW</u> <u>degree</u> of injury to the national interest	Information that, if compromised, can cause EXCEPTIONALLY grave injury to the national interest							
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Electronic	Delete files and empty recycling bin	Consult your Unit Security Officer or IT Security at SNCR-SecuriteTI-ITSecurity@pwqsc-tpsqc.qc.ca										

We invite you to consult the following:

PWGSC Information Management intranet site - http://intranet.tpsqc-pwqsc.qc.ca/dpi-cio/qi-im/index-eng.html

Treasury Board's Operational Security, Standard on Physical Security, Appendix C. "Minimum Safeguards for the Transport and Transmittal of Protected and Classified Assets" - http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?section=text&id=12329

Treasury Board's Policy on Government Security - http://www.tbs-sct.qc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=16578

Treasury Board's Operational Security Standard on physical security https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=12329§ion=text



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