



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

<b>Title:</b>	Water Quality Analysis, First Nation Bacteriological Sampling Program, Indigenous Services Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Ontario Region.
<b>Solicitation Number:</b>	1000212686
<b>QUESTION 1:</b>	<p>Has there been an incumbent within twelve months (or greater) either as a Term; Casual or Agency Contract (THS, TSPS, TBIPS) performing these duties?</p> <p>If so, can the crown, please confirm if the supplier has been invited? What was the dollar value of the contract? What was the length of the contract? What was the level of effort (days).</p>
<b>ANSWER 1:</b>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>No, the supplier has not been invited as this is an open tender not a selective one. The overall value of the contract was \$196,620.01. The duration of the contract and the level of effort (days) will not be disclosed.</p>
<b>QUESTION 2:</b>	<p>Is this an Aboriginal set-aside?</p>
<b>ANSWER 2:</b>	<p>No.</p>
<b>QUESTION 3:</b>	<p>I'm very interested in applying for this bid. I'm very new to bidding, so I would really appreciate scheduling a call with you to ask some specific questions if you're available.</p>
<b>ANSWER 3:</b>	<p>To ensure that there will be no question of preferential treatment, all communication must be done in writing so that all suppliers have access to the same information at the same time. All questions must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority, Christine Madore: <a href="mailto:christine.madore@canada.ca">christine.madore@canada.ca</a>. Then the Contracting Authority will post the Questions and Answers at the following address: <a href="https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/tender-notice/PW-21-00940799">https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/tender-notice/PW-21-00940799</a></p> <p>If you need help understanding the federal procurement process or registering as a supplier, contact the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises: <a href="https://buyandsell.gc.ca/for-businesses/contacts-for-">https://buyandsell.gc.ca/for-businesses/contacts-for-</a></p>



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**QUESTION 4:**

M3 Firm Experience: Is one example of the Contractor's experience sufficient or multiple is required?

ANSWER 4:

M3, the Bidder must demonstrate meeting the years of experience required.

**QUESTION 5:**

R1 Firms Additional Experience: Is one example of the Contractor's experience sufficient or multiple is required?

ANSWER 5:

R1, is in relation to M3, the Bidder must demonstrate additional years of experience.

**QUESTION 6:**

Part 6, Item 6.5 Insurance Requirements: Is providing a certificate as evidence of insurance sufficient or is a letter a must?

ANSWER 6:

The Bidder must provide a letter from an insurance broker or an insurance company licensed to operate in Canada.

**QUESTION 7:**

Annex A Statement of Work, Item 7.3 Shipping Arrangements: Is the utilization of nearby service centers/depots for sample drop off by First Nations/ISC an option?

ANSWER 7:

No. It must allow First Nations easy access to submit samples for analysis by pickup in the community.

**QUESTION 8:**

Forms: *Annex D Security Requirements Agreement, Appendix 1 to Annex D Security Agreement and Annex F Non-Disclosure Agreement*: Are these forms required with the submissions or after the award of contract?

ANSWER 8:

Bidders must submit the required documents in accordance with Part 3 – Bid Preparation Instructions. In addition, refer to Part 5 – Certifications and Additional Information.



**QUESTION 9:**

Is there a way to get an approximate number of bacti tests in regard to frequency and what will be sent per shipment, per location? (i.e. Ottawa Communities – every two weeks, 17 samples per shipment, Peterborough Communities – every two weeks, 23 samples).

Or if each community will be sending their own samples can those be broken down for the bidders. (i.e. Six Nations of the Grand River – typically sends 4 samples, Curve Lake typically sends 2 samples, etc.).

**ANSWER 9:**

As an average, samples should be sent on a weekly basis, and generally 4 sample bottles per community.