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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise
indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation
remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire,
les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

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Title - Sujet CFIA - Liquid Chromatograph ACIA - Chromatographe en phase liquide	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation 39903-210743/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 39903-21-0743	Date 2021-04-13
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-SHAL-104-6142	
File No. - N° de dossier HAL-0-84115 (104)	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM Atlantic Daylight Saving Time ADT on - le 2021-05-20 Heure Avancée de l'Atlantique HAA	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Nowakowski, Leanne	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur hal104
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Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	

Instructions: See Herein

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Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
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Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

Solicitation Amendment 001 is being issued to provide questions and answers to date, as well as to extend the closing date until Thursday, May 20th, 2021.

Questions and Answers:

1. In Annex A, under “Minimum Performance Specifications”, for “UHPLC Specifications” point “3.f” it mentions that the autosampler capacity of at least 192 vials (1.5-2mL). Would it be acceptable if the capacity can be changed to 96 vials, instead of 192.
 - a. We Require the expanded capacity for this system. We have had numerous scenarios over the years where 96 vials wasn’t enough capacity for large runs, therefore we are looking for the expanded “sample organizer” style of autosampler for this system.
2. The close date for this RFP is April 27th, 2021 ... Given the fact that we have already ordered the standards but have been told that that it would not ship before April 6th, it only leaves us with couple of weeks to prepare and run all the samples, as well as provide a completed response. Would it be possible to extend the close date for this RFP by an extra 2-3 weeks? We would still be able to ship / deliver before the September 30th deadline, as long as the final decision / contract award is announced by early September.
 - a. Yes, an extension until Thursday, May 20th, 2021.
3. Which Instrument Detection Limit (IDL) would you like to achieve (based on reserpine, chloramphenicol, PTX-2, AZA-1, OA, DTX-1, or on the molecule of your choice)? We offer mid-range or high-end LCQQQ system so any information regarding the desired sensitivity will help us propose the best system for your particular application.
 - a. There is an error in Annex C of this document (p.26). Text from an earlier draft must have remained in the document.

In the mandatory table; section 5.a. it should read:

All certificates of analysis for the standards used must be included in the bid package. (IDL) for Chloramphenicol (CAS#: 56-75-7) must be lower than 40 femtograms on column at a 50 ms dwell time while operating in polarity switching mode.

The strikethrough text should be removed. The same requirement is documented properly on p.18.

With respect to the question: PTX-2, AZA-1, OA, and DTX-1 are the four compounds being evaluated in this process. Chloramphenicol and Reserpine are not evaluated.

The *minimum* IDL for PTX-2, AZA-1, OA, and DTX-1 are specified in 5.f – 5.i (as per the specified conditions). Only bids which meet this minimum for *all four* compounds will be scored. The winning bid will be selected based on price and performance as detailed on pp.8-9, & p.21. Bidders are responsible for determining which of their offering will best meet the required price/performance ratio.

4. I have a question in regards of 3. UHPLC Specifications: d. The UHPLC must contain a thermostatted column compartment that is capable of heating and cooling and provides a reproducible regulated temperature from 10 - 60 °C selectable in at least 1°C increments (25°C ambient temperature)

Would :Temperature control range (Room temperature +5°C) to 150°C and Temperature setting range 4°C to 150°C (in steps of 1°C) be acceptable to the user?

- a. Room temperature in our lab is usually between 20-25 degrees, but we have validated methods which required the column to be held below 20°C. The Column compartment must be able to *cool* the column as well as heat. A column which cannot maintain a temperature below ambient is not acceptable.