

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION #289 - REFRESH 5: AUDIT, SPECIAL EXAMINATION AND RELATED SERVICES (289-5)

Annual Refresh of Permanent Suppliers List Resulting from Request for Standing Offer #256 and #264 - Amendment #2

This Amendment #2, including any appendices attached hereto (the "Addendum"), amends and clarifies Request for Qualification #289-5 Audit, Special Examination and Related Services, as previously amended and clarified. The Request for Qualification otherwise remains unchanged and any capitalized words not defined herein have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Request for Qualification.

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Request for Clarification Address:	suppliers@oag-bvg.gc.ca
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Technical Offers should be limited to a maximum of 40 single-sided pages (or 20 double sided pages) for each Stream using 8.5 x 11 inch paper and size 10 font. Any information contained in pages exceeding the stipulated maximum may not be evaluated, in the OAG's sole and absolute discretion. To ensure completeness and to maximize scoring potential, Bidders should prepare their proposal to respond to the mandatory (if any) and rated requirements below.

The OAG does not intend to evaluate corporate literature or website information referenced within the proposal. Prices and financial information should NOT appear in the Technical Offer given no financial evaluation is required to qualify for the permanent suppliers list as described in in section 3 (Basis and Method of Evaluation) of this qualification solicitation.

In addition to the one (1) paper original, Bidders should provide four (4) paper copies and one electronic copy on CD or USB. In the event and to the extent of any discrepancies, inconsistencies, ambiguities or conflicts of or between the wording of the original and any copy, the original shall prevail. To promote consideration of the environment, Bidders should also use paper containing fibre certified as originating from a sustainably-managed forest and containing minimum 30% recycled content, as well as use an environmentally-preferable format including black and white printing instead of colour printing, printing double-sided, and using staples or clips instead of cerlox, duotangs or binders.

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