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**4500007898**

**Subject :** Request for Proposal  
**Title:** 4500007898 – Search Optimization Methodologies for Canadian Coast Guard  
Maritime Search and Rescue

### **ADDENDUM #3**

Further to the above - mentioned Request for Proposal documentation previously provided, Addendum (#3) is hereby issued.

### **Questions and Answers**

#### **Question 4:**

Reading the mandatory technical criteria gives the impression that it is very, very precise and focused. This gives the appearance of conflicts of interest and can be considered discriminatory and unfair. There is only one bidder who can meet these criteria. It is the tenderer who obtained the contract in 2015. I request the withdrawal or modification of these criteria (especially M1 and M4) for that those who have experience in developing search and rescue optimization algorithms can bid and judge on an equal footing, failing which a formal complaint to public works could be made.

#### **Answer 4:**

There is no current incumbent in place for this requirement. In addition, it was reviewed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans contracting department and determined not to be pointed at any specific bidder. This tender is being released globally and the Canadian system is not the only one in existence, nor is experience working specifically on CANSARP required to bid. As such, more than just the former tenderer have the expertise to bid on it. The mandatory criteria M1 and M4 will not be removed.

#### **Question 5:**

Is it possible to extend the solicitation closing date? Would September 21 be acceptable?

#### **Answer 5:**

The solicitation period will be extended to September 7, 2021.



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All other terms and conditions of this RFP remain the same.

Regards,

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