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**Request for Proposal (RFP)
Demande de proposition (DDP)**

Proposal To: Natural Resources 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, referred to herein or attached hereto, the goods, services, and construction listed herein and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefor.

Proposition à: Ressources Naturelles 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 biens, services et construction énumérés ici sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

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Title – Sujet NORTHERN CANADA LOW-TEMPERATURE THERMOCHRONOLOGY DATA MINING AND RELATIONAL DATABASE CONSTRUCTION	
Solicitation No. – No de l'invitation NRCan - 5000060606	Date September 7, 2021
Requisition Reference No. - N° de la demande 5000060606	Amendment No. – Modification No. 01
Solicitation Closes – L'invitation prend fin at – à 02:00 PM (Eastern Daylight Savings Time (EDT)) on – le September 20, 2021	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresse toutes questions à: raymond.thai@NRCan-RNCan.gc.ca	
Telephone No. – No de telephone (343) 543-7427	
Destination – of Goods and Services: Destination – des biens et services: As specified herein.	
Security – Sécurité There is no security requirements associated with this requirement.	
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur Telephone No.: - No. de téléphone: Facsimile No.: - No. de télécopieur:	
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 _____



This Amendment 01 of **RFP #5000060606** is being raised to respond to questions.

Question #1: Regarding the required trade agreements mentioned in 1.2.1, I am wondering why the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Transpacific Partnership (CPTPP) is not included in this list, as it is also a legit FTA and includes Canada and Australia. Our main concern is if we as an Australian company are eligible to bid for this tender?

Answer #1: The maximum budget as per stated under Article **4.2.1 - Basis of Selection** and **Appendix #1 - Mandatory Financial Criteria** is under the trade threshold of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Transpacific Partnership (CPTPP), Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement, Canada-UK Trade Continuity Agreement, Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement and World Trade Organization-Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-GPA). This was the reason why these free trade agreements were not included in the RFP as they are not applicable.

Question #2: Regarding the certifications mentioned in section 5, it is our understanding the only certification which would be mandatory for us at this stage would be part of the required documentation for the Integrity Provisions. Is there a specific form we should use or will it be enough for us to create a list of all registered directors of our company? In our case, there is no criminal history, ex-federal contractors or former public Canadian servants involved, so I suppose the rest will not be applicable for us.

Answer #2: The only **mandatory** documentation from Part 5 would be **5.1.1 Integrity Provisions – Declaration of Convicted Offenses**, where you would provide us with the Integrity declaration form available on the [Forms for the Integrity Regime](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/declaration-eng.html) website (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/declaration-eng.html>). This is provided **only if applicable**. Sections **5.2.1 Integrity Provisions – Required Documentation** and subsequent sections under Part 5 can be submitted prior to bid solicitation closing however would only be required prior to Contract Award.

Question #3: One of our main concerns is clause 4007 in Article 7.2.2 regarding Foreground IP generated during this project. We will run this issue via legal before submitting our bid, but I thought I would like to check if you could provide me with some more background information. Would this clause mean that only all additional IP based on Canada's specific requirements and amendments to our code and databases will be owned by Canada and all our existing background IP will rest with us (beside the license for Canada as defined in clause 4007)? We just cannot enter a contract where we transfer our own pre-existing Background IP over to our clients.

Answer #3: Clause **4007** (2010-08-16), Canada to Own Intellectual Property Rights in Foreground Information under Articles 7.2.2 of the RFP, only applies to **Foreground** information only. Foreground information refers to “all Intellectual Property first conceived, developed, produced or reduced to practice as **part of the Work under the Contract.**”

ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME