

**STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS:
(APPLICABLE TO BID SOLICITATION)**

1.0 Submission of Bids

1.1 It is the Bidder's responsibility to:

- (a) send a signed original of the bid solicitation, duly completed, IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED;
- (b) direct its bid ONLY to the email address specified;
- (c) ensure that the Bidder's name, the bid solicitation reference number, and bid solicitation closing date and time are clearly visible;
- (d) provide a comprehensive and sufficiently detailed bid, including all requested pricing details, that will permit a complete evaluation in accordance with the criteria set out in the bid solicitation.

Timely and correct delivery of bids to the specified email address is the sole responsibility of the Bidder. The National Research Council Canada (NRC) will not assume or have transferred to it those responsibilities. All risks and consequences of incorrect delivery of bids are the responsibility of the Bidder.

- 1.2 Bids may be accepted in whole or in part. The lowest or any bid will not necessarily be accepted. In the case of error in the extension of prices, the unit price will govern. NRC may enter into contract without negotiation.
- 1.3 Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the terms and conditions of the resulting contract.
- 1.4 Bids will remain open for acceptance for a period of not less than sixty (60) days from the closing date of the bid solicitation, unless otherwise indicated by NRC in such bid solicitation.
- 1.5 While NRC may enter into contract without negotiation, Canada reserves the right to negotiate with bidders on any procurement.
- 1.6 Notwithstanding the bid validity period stipulated in this solicitation, Canada reserves the right to seek an extension from all responsive bidders, within a minimum of three (3) days prior to the end of such period. Bidders shall have the option to either accept or reject the extension.
- 1.7 If the extension referred to above is accepted, in writing, by all those who submitted responsive bids, then Canada shall continue immediately with the evaluation of the bids and its approval processes.
- 1.8 If the extension referred to above is not accepted, in writing, by all those who submitted responsive bids then Canada shall, at its sole discretion: either continue to evaluate the responsive bids of those who have accepted the extension and seek the necessary approvals; or cancel the solicitation; or cancel and reissue the solicitation.

2.0 Late Bids

- 2.1 It is NRC policy to return, unopened, bids delivered after the stipulated bid solicitation closing date and time.
- 2.2 All risks and consequences of incorrect delivery of bids are the responsibility of the Bidder. The NRC will not be held responsible for electronic bids that arrive after the due date and time due to power failure or any other electronic failure issues.

For further information, please contact the Contracting Authority identified in the bid solicitation.