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Page	Section	Statement	Question	DND answer
N/A	N/A	N/A	Can you confirm if you can accept e-signatures on submissions for W6399-21-LG84/A - Handheld X-Ray Fluorescence Systems (XRF)?	E-signatures are acceptable on submitted documents.
	Annex A, 1.2		In Annex A Statement of Work, section 1.2, Background, RFP states “DND has a requirement for analysis and identification of inorganic materials. The XRFS will allow capability to analyze samples at the atomic level for the identification and quantification of compounds”. Can you provide additional information regarding these inorganic compounds and whether or not you expect suppliers to provide application packages, in addition to alloy mode, to quantify these inorganic compounds?	Elemental analysis of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - common commercial/industrial metals and alloys - common radiological compounds and ores - inorganic energetic compounds - miscellaneous: cyanide salts, various inorganic sulphides and phosphides <p>DND expects the bidder to provide the package that best meets our needs, whether it is an alloy package or a grouping of different packages.</p>
			We believe we have two different models of hand-held XRFS that may meet the technical requirements. Will you be willing to accept proposals for two different hand-held XRFS for consideration from a supplier?	The company can provide two separate bids, and we will evaluate them independently of each other.
	Annex B, Table 2		In Annex B Pricing Schedule, Table 2: Optional Requirement, there is an item called “Overall Sub-total”. Please clarify how this is supposed to be calculated.	In Annex B Pricing Schedule, Table 2, bidders are expected to calculate each column's subtotal, and then add those subtotals together to determine the overall subtotal for Table 2. Applicable taxes are not included in this total.
	Annex B, Table 3		In Table 3: Optional Product Support, there is a column “Extended Total in CAD\$ (C) = (A)*(B). We are	You may show prices in USD. Bids submitted in foreign currency will be converted to Canadian currency for evaluation purposes. The rate given

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			submitting our bid in US\$ so should we leave this blank or show the numbers in US\$.	by the Bank of Canada in effect on the bid solicitation closing date, or on another date specified in the bid solicitation, will be applied as a conversion factor to the bids submitted in foreign currency.
	Annex B		Also in the table “Overall Evaluated Price” the last column is in CAD. Can we change to US\$?	You may show prices in USD.
	Appendix 2 to Annex A		Can you tell us what the lowest level of F and Na, (fluorine and sodium), that is required for the readings is?	In Appendix 2 to Annex A - Performance and Technical Specifications, section 2.3.1, para d., the Spec says that “The XRFs should interrogate a 3 mm sample”. You must provide proof that you can meet this requirement for all the elements in section 2.3.1 a. and b. (if applicable), in order to get full points.
			Can you accommodate a one week extension?	Yes, Amendment 1 to the RFP extends the Bid Closing Date to 29 September 2021.
	Annex B, Table 1		In Annex B, Table 1, Item 6 – The number of units listed for the Spare Windows is “10”, however, the bid references 10 spare windows per System, so should the number of units for Item 6 be “70” for an accurate extended price?	Per Annex A – Statement of Work, section 2.0 b, each XRFs must include Quantity 10 Spare Windows. Line 6 can be ignored if the cost of the Spare Windows is included in the Line 1 costs, for the system. If Line 6 is used to indicate the price of the Spare Windows, the total number of Spare Windows should be Quantity 70.