



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Title:	Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) - Northern Contaminated Sites Program, Major Mine Closure Project Services
Solicitation Number:	1000227875
QUESTION 1: Will there be an indigenous set aside component to this SO? Given the messaging on procurement regarding projects that impact indigenous communities, it would seem a perfect fit?	
ANSWER 1: The evaluation criteria for the Request for Standing Offer includes a point-rated criteria related to Indigenous Opportunities Considerations. At the time of the development of this Request for Standing Offer solicitation document, it was determined that based on the market capacity of Indigenous businesses with the required major mine closure expertise, that the inclusion of Indigenous Opportunities Considerations would be the most effective way to maximize Indigenous involvement under potential contracts. The Indigenous Opportunities Considerations provides flexibility for the potential contractor to be able to support the delivery of services, such as employment or subcontracting opportunities. Although CIRNAC has included Indigenous Opportunities Considerations for this Request for Standing Offer solicitation, CIRNAC is not precluded from implementing Procurement Set asides for Indigenous Businesses in the future.	