



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

<b>Title:</b>	Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) - Northern Contaminated Sites Program, Major Mine Closure Project Services
<b>Solicitation Number:</b>	1000227875
<b>QUESTION 1:</b>	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?
<b>ANSWER 1:</b>	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.
<b>QUESTION 2:</b>	Section M2 on page 19 of 86 in the above-referenced RFSO refers to Table M2 "Offeror Resource Team Structure form" with instructions to "see templates provided in Attachment". I do not see that templates have been provided with the RFSO. Will CIRNAC provide the required templates for Offerors' use?
<b>ANSWER 2:</b>	The templates have been provided, please refer to RFSO Amendment No. 1.
<b>QUESTION 3:</b>	Can you please confirm that, if awarded a Standing Offer, Offerors will not be precluded from pursuing any future design or construction aspects of mine closure at the sites.
<b>ANSWER 3:</b>	An award through this standing offer process would not preclude a contractor from bidding on any future design or construction procurements. Any potential conflicts of interest would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis as they arise.