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	<p><b>EC Bid Solicitation No. /SAP No. – N° de la demande de soumissions EC / N° SAP</b> 5000060524</p>	<p><b>Amendment No. - N° de modif.</b> 3</p>
	<p><b>Date of Bid solicitation (YYYY-MM-DD) – Date de la demande de soumissions (AAAA-MM-JJ)</b> 2021-11-25</p>	
	<p><b>Bid Solicitation Closes (YEAR-MM-DD) - La demande de soumissions prend fin (AAAA-MM-JJ)</b> <b>2021-12-21</b> <b>at – à 2:00 P.M.</b></p>	<p><b>Time Zone – Fuseau horaire</b> Eastern Standard Time</p>
	<p><b>F.O.B – F.A.B</b> Destination</p>	
	<p><b>Address Enquiries to - Adresser toutes questions à</b> Aurora Hudson Aurora.hudson@ec.gc.ca</p>	
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**The amendment to the bid solicitation is to address the enquiries received:**

Response(s) (R) to Question(s) (Q):

**Q1** We would like to respectively request an extension to January 11, 2022 at 2:00pm.

**R1** No. Our timeline for the project is ambitious and to meet our deadlines we need to adhere to the existing deadlines.

**Q2** M1: Can you please clarify what types of projects would qualify as “Environmental / Ecological Risk Management Services” projects?

**R2** The types of projects that would qualify as “Environmental / Ecological Risk Management Services” would be those projects that demonstrate the application of the goals, objectives, principles and criteria of international recognized risk management approaches (e.g., ISO 31000) to the management of natural resources, or ecological landscapes.

**Q3** M3: What other recognized professional certifications are acceptable to obtain full points (other than the CRM)? For example, is the PIEVC Certification or QPRA considered as recognized professional certification under the subject RFP?

**R3** The Canadian Risk Management (CRM) designation identified in the RFP is just one certification/designation that would be acceptable to obtain full points for M3. The others include, but are not limited to, Risk Management Certificate programs from a recognized Canadian university or college (e.g., Carleton University-Professional Certificate in Risk Management; York University-Certificate in Risk Management, etc.).

**Q4** R9: Does experience with other statistical software programs count towards full points? (e.g., SPSS)

**R4** No, other statistical software programs do not count towards full points. The Database or Spreadsheet Application Developer should demonstrate having experience with using R as a coding language or some other similar statistical coding language. R is both a statistical coding language and a statistical package, however SPSS is just a statistical package. It is important to note that R9 also includes having experience with Fisheries and Oceans Canada’s Habitat Alteration Assessment Tool (HEAT) that was developed using R as a coding language and therefore allows for application of the lessons learned during the development HEAT to be directly applicable and provides for a greater opportunity for compatibility and collaboration in the advancement of the two tools in the future.

**Q5** Please confirm that the minimum point value required for the technical score is 70% (or 151 out of 215) not the “Minimum 165 Points” presented at the bottom of the Rated Criteria Table (on Page 24).

**R5** Please see amendment 2 to the RFP. The “Minimum 165 Points” presented at the bottom of the Rated Criteria Table (on Page 24) has been replaced with “Minimum 151 Points” as per amendment 2 posted on December 3, 2021.

**Q6** Would a Master’s degree in Geography be considered a ‘related discipline’ as required in **Criterion M4**?

**R6** A Master's degree in Geography where the area of study focused on biogeography would be considered a 'related discipline' and meet the Mandatory Technical Criteria for M4.

**Q7** Can the M2 Mandatory Criterion either:

- a. Be removed entirely while leaving the R3 Point Rated requirement intact; or
- b. Be modified to allow an equivalency of experience to satisfy the mandatory requirement?

**R7** As a result of this question the solicitation document has been modified as follows:

**At page 18, M2:**

**Delete:**

The Bidder must identify one (1) resource as a Project Manager, with a minimum of five (5) years' experience in Project Management within the past 10 years of bid closing.

Bidder must provide a CV for the resource including the following:

Education: a minimum of a college diploma or bachelor's degree in project management, and Project Management Professional Certification

Work History

List of Projects including:

- Project titles
- total duration of project (month/year to month/year)
- brief description of project
- role and responsibility of resource
- client organization

**Insert:**

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Bidder must provide a CV for the resource including the following:

Education: a minimum of a college diploma or bachelor's degree and Project Management Professional Certification from a recognized Canadian university or college (e.g., University of Toronto-Project Management Professional Designation/Certification).

Work History

List of Projects including:

- Project titles
- total duration of project (month/year to month/year)
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**Q8** Given the delay in providing responses to questions and the fact that the buyandsell.gc.ca website is currently inoperable (checked at 1:12pm today), can the bid closing date be amended to the first or second week of January?

**R8** We are not amending the closing date at this time. Our timeline for this project is ambitious and to meet our deadlines we need to adhere to the existing closing date and time. We are aware of the issues with the buyandsell.gc.ca website being offline and we are monitoring the situation carefully. Should the buyandsell.gc.ca website continue to be offline for a significant amount of time, we will reconsider amending the closing date accordingly.

**All other terms and conditions of the Bid Solicitation remain the same.**