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Title - Sujet GCMS System with Autosampler Autosampler – Calgary, Alberta	
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File No. - N° de dossier EDM-1-44090 (055)	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
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Amendment 003 has been raised to answer the following questions:

SR 2.1 Gas Chromatograph (GC)

- 2.1.2: Could the Project Authority clarify why this is a requirement for the intended application? This appears to be a lock-out feature. [This flexibility is required for our research lab to be at the forefront of method development and innovation.](#)

[The purpose of this feature is for retention time repeatability. Should this requirement not be for your intended retention time repeatability rather than a vendor-specific feature? Kindly provide your retention time repeatability requirements so vendors can address if they can meet this or not. We meet the most aggressive EPA retention time repeatability so we are confident we can meet your requirements for retention time repeatability especially since with the power of the masses using mass spectrometer, this does not need to be as aggressive as the EPA requirement may even for future requirements especially in method development.](#)

Answer: retention time repeatability must be at least +/- 0.01 min for hydrocarbon analysis

- 2.1.3: We are wondering why Canada require a 150 autosampler tray when the average GC runtimes are 20 minutes. Would a minimum of 100 autosampler tray be acceptable? A 150 position autosampler is very expensive, and appears to be a lock-out feature. [The average run times in our lab are not 20 minutes, again being a research lab, there can be a wide range of run times and method development. The 150 tray gives us more capacity in the current environment of the building not being at 100% staff capacity.](#)

[Could the project authority explain how doing method development requires high throughput capacity? This autosampler is an extremely expensive option which may not be required for R&D productivity requirements. In addition, good practice is to change a septum after about 100 injections so there would need to be personnel intervention at this time where more samples can be loaded if needed.](#)

Answer: 150 position would give more capacity, samples could be pre-loaded and minimize personnel intervention time. However, a minimum of 100 positions would be acceptable.

SR 2.2 Mass Spectrometer (MS)

- 2.2.1: Could you please clarify why this is a requirement for your intended application? This appears to be a lock-out feature. – for maximum sensitivity and sharing of parts of existing equipment.
Thank you for the clarification. If the reason for this specification is “sharing of parts of existing equipment”, we suggest Canada remove this specification as this suggests a bias towards one vendor, and does not fulfil the requirement for an open and competitive bidding process.

Answer: Remove specification

Under Annex “A” Requirement

DELETE:

2.2.1 the MS must be a single quadrupole MS fitted with an Electron Impact ion source constructed from an inert material;

Under Annex “C” Evaluation Criteria

DELETE:

a single quadrupole MS fitted with an Electron Impact ion source** constructed from an inert material;

- 2.2.3: This appears to be a lock-out feature; would Canada accept a better and more robust material? – to ensure high thermal stability and sharing of parts of existing equipment for efficient troubleshooting, both cost wise and time. Also for comparability of data with existing systems with different sample introduction such as pyrolysis.
To address the response, we have been doing pyrolysis successfully for many years and will continue to do so. In addition, it would be very unlikely to share quadrupoles between instruments. That would make another instrument down and costing Canada unnecessary time when with our solution this would not be the case. Why is Canada not willing to open and accept something better?

Answer: The lab has a dedicated pyrolysis- GC- quadrupole system made of the same material. Having the same material in the new system would minimize variables when comparing data from the dedicated pyrolysis-GCMS with that of liquid or SPME injection from different sample prep techniques, which the new system would be used for. Sharing of parts would be beneficial when troubleshooting to test which parts are at fault. There would be more costs associated with a service call and it would also minimise downtime associated with lengthy procurement lead times.

- 2.2.5: This appears to be a lock-out feature; would Canada accept an easier assembly requiring no tools to maintain? To ensure limited downtime of instrument when performing maintenance, no tools may not avoid less time in vented mode. Also familiarity with existing systems will limit downtime.

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If the requirement is for a system that offers the least amount of downtime, our solution exceeds this requirement. Again, Canada's response indicates a preference for a specific vendor, and this defeats the purpose of an open and competitive bidding process. Not requiring tools or having small screws ensures less downtime; provides ease of use; and is more robust.

Answer: Acceptable

- 2.2.6: Could the Project Authority clarify why this is required for their application? How many scans are they currently achieving across the chromatographic peak? Being a research lab, applications can change and mandate includes pursuing innovation, technology transfer along with some routine analysis. The lab houses a variety of mass spectrometers with varying specifications.
To know if we can meet this requirement, we need to know how many scans / sec you require. Our scan speed exceeds the requirements of the narrowest bore column, and in the future if there was a narrower bore column, vendors would need to develop different pneumatics to accommodate these.

Answer : at least 10,000u/second

Question:

2.1.1 the GC must be fitted with an inert capillary split/splitless injector; - **Will this GC need just 1 split/splitless injector or will it require 2.**

Answer:

Only one injector necessary at this time

Question:

2.1.5 the auto-sampler and tray must have the ability to be installed at 2 different injector positions without the need for alignment;- same as above – **is the requirement for 2 injectors or 1 that is shared between detectors.**

Answer:

The requirement would be for 2 injectors, this is for possible upgrade and future capabilities.

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