





## **SOLICITATION AMENDMENT # 013**

The purpose of this amendment is to:

- 1) Questions and Answers: The purpose of this amendment is to provide a response to Follow-Up Question No. 21 regarding reconsidering Canada's response in Amendment No. 002 , Question 7 regarding Option Periods;

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### **1. Follow up Question # 21-**

We respectfully request that this clause be changed since Long Distance services are a legacy service provided on legacy platforms. Assuring service and price for a period of 8 years is difficult given the nature of legacy systems. Providers may be unable to confirm availability of systems and services interoperability with third parties and suppliers for greater than 4 years.

Will SSC reconsider and confirm the 4 x 1 year extensions will be “mutually agreed upon”.

#### **Answer**

Canada appreciates the requirements of this RFP are offered through various legacy platforms and are open to system, program and infrastructure changes throughout the Contract, but expect the Contract deliverables and rates quoted in the pricing table to be maintained.

Canada's focus is price protection and as such have amended Item 7.9b) Contract Period, Option to Extend the Contract as follows:

#### **Delete**

Option to Extend the Contract:

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to extend the term of the Contract by up to 4 additional 1-year periods under the same terms and conditions. The Contractor agrees that, during the extended period of the Contract, it will be paid in accordance with the applicable provisions set out in the Basis of Payment.

Canada may exercise this option at any time by sending a written notice to the Contractor at least 30 calendar days before the expiry date of the Contract. The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority, and will be evidenced, for administrative purposes only, through a contract amendment.



**Insert**

Option to Extend the Contract:

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to extend the term of the Contract by up to 2 additional 1-year periods under the same terms and conditions. The Contractor also grants to Canada a mutually agreed upon option to extend the contract for a further 2 years under the same terms and conditions .

The Contractor agrees that, during the extended period of the Contract, it will be paid in accordance with the applicable provisions set out in the Basis of Payment.

Canada may exercise this option at any time by sending a written notice to the Contractor at least 30 calendar days before the expiry date of the Contract. The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority, and will be evidenced, for administrative purposes only, through a contract amendment.

Canada has also amended Item 1.2 Summary Item b) as follows:

**Delete:**

Term of Contract: SSC intends to award the contract for a contract period of 4 year, plus 4 one-year irrevocable options allowing Canada to extend the term of the contract.

**Insert:**

Term of Contract: SSC intends to award the contract for a contract period of 4 year, plus 2 one-year irrevocable options and 2 mutually agreed to 1 year option periods allowing Canada to extend the term of the contract.

**ALL OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO THIS SOLICITATION,  
REMAINS UNCHANGED**