



**Request for Standing Offer (RFSO):  
01B46-21-154**

**MECHANICAL WORK**

**FOR**

**The HARROW RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
CENTRE  
2585 County Road 20  
Harrow, Ontario, N0R 1G0**

**Tenders must be received by: 2:00 PM, Eastern  
Standard Time**

**on February 23, 2022 at the following  
address:**

**[aafc.escprocurement-cseapprovisionnement.aac@agr.gc.ca](mailto:aafc.escprocurement-cseapprovisionnement.aac@agr.gc.ca)**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **1.0 PROJECT SUMMARY**

Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), Research Branch operates The Harrow Research and Development Centre (HRDC) an agricultural research laboratory with attached greenhouses, central heating plant and outbuildings at Harrow, Ontario. The main laboratory complex and heating plant were built in 1969, after near 47 years of service, many mechanical components in the laboratory building and heating plant require overhaul, replacement and maintenance to ensure reliable efficient operation.

The extent of the work required to test, maintain and replace existing systems and system components requires various licenced skilled trades personnel to meet current acts, codes and regulations and that is the justification for this "Standing Offer Request".

Harrow also operates and maintains land and buildings at a second site located in Lakeshore Township. The Hon. Eugene F. Whelan Experimental Farm is located at 1367 County Road 46 in Lakeshore Township. The buildings and services at this site form part of this requirement.

### **1.1 Standing Offer summary**

1.1.1 The purpose of this Request for Standing Offer (RFSO) is to issue Departmental Individual Standing Offer (DISO) to obtain the services described in the Statement of Work - Appendix "B", at **Harrow Research and Development Centre located at 2585 County Road 20, Harrow, ON, N0R 1G0.**

1.1.2 The period of the Standing Offer will be of **1 year** with the possibility to extend the Standing Offer for **2 additional 2 year periods.**

1.1.3 The total estimated budget for the SOs will be **\$250,000.00 per year** for a total of **\$1,250,000.000** (Goods and Services tax or Harmonized sales tax not included) including years of option.

### **2.0 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

There is a security requirement for this service contract. Personnel security screening level required : Reliability Status.

Before Contract award, the Security requirements must be met. The bidder should submit evidence of security requirements with their bid submission. Refer to Part 2, Article 4.2 and Part 3, Article 3.0 for additional information.

Until the security screenings of the Contractor's personnel required by this Contract have been completed satisfactorily by Industrial Security Division (ISD), Contractor personnel **MAY NOT HAVE ACCESS** to sensitive (CLASSIFIED/DESIGNATED) information or assets, and **MAY NOT ENTER** sites where such information or assets are



kept, without an escort provided by the department or agency for which the Work is being performed.

### **3.0 INTERPRETATION**

In the Request for Standing Offer “RFSO”,

- 3.1 “Canada”, “Crown”, “Her Majesty”, “the Government” or “Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada” or “AAFC” means Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food;
- 3.2 “Call-up”, “Contract” means an order issued by an Identified User duly authorized to issue a call-up against a particular standing offer. Issuance of a call-up to the Offeror constitutes acceptance of its offer and results in the creation of a contract between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and the Offeror for the goods, services or both described in the Call-up;
- 3.3 “Identified User” means a person or entity identified in the Standing Offer and authorized by the Standing Offer Authority to make call-ups against the Standing Offer;
- 3.4 “Standing Offer” means the written offer from the Offeror, the clauses and conditions set out in full text or incorporated by reference from these general conditions, annexes and any other document specified or referred to as forming part of the Standing Offer;
- 3.5 “Offeror”, “Contractor” means the person or entity whose name appears on the signature page of the Standing Offer and who offers to provide goods, services or both to Canada under the Standing Offer;
- 3.6 “Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food or anyone authorized to act on his/her behalf;
- 3.7 “Proposal” means an offer, submitted in response to a request from a Contracting Authority, that constitutes a solution to the problem, requirement or objective in the request;
- 3.8 “Bidder” means a person or entity submitting a Proposal in response to this RFSO;
- 3.9 “Work” means the whole of the activities, services, materials, equipment, software, matters and things required to be done, delivered or performed by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this RFSO.

### **4.0 COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT**

- 4.1 This requirement is subject to the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Supplier Personnel. Failure to complete and provide the COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement Certification as part of the offer will render the offer non-responsive.



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## **PART 1: BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS, INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS**

### **1.0 CONTRACTUAL CAPACITY**

- 1.1 The Bidder must have the legal capacity to enter into legally binding contracts. If the Bidder is a sole proprietorship, a partnership or a corporate body, the Bidder shall provide a statement indicating the laws under which it is registered or incorporated together with the registered or corporate name and place of business and the country where the controlling interest/ownership of the organization is located as per Appendix E of this RFSO.

### **2.0 ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 2.1 Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will only consider Proposals which accept Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's terms and conditions.
- 2.2 The General Conditions attached in Appendix A and those set out in Part 3 of this RFSO shall form part of any Call-ups against a Standing Offer.

### **3.0 INCURRING COST**

- 3.1 The cost to prepare the Proposal will not be reimbursed by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.
- 3.2 No cost incurred before receipt of a signed Call-up or specified written authorization from the Contracting Authority can be charged to any Resulting Contract.

### **4.0 ENQUIRIES - SOLICITATION STAGE**

- 4.1 All enquiries or issues concerning this solicitation must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority named at Part 3A, section 5 of the RFSO. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to obtain clarification of the requirements contained herein, if necessary prior to submitting a proposal.
- 4.2 Enquiries and issues must be received by the Contracting Authority no later than **five (5) business days prior to the solicitation closing date** specified herein to allow sufficient time to provide a response. Enquiries or issues received after that time may not be able to be answered prior to the solicitation closing date.
- 4.3 To ensure consistency and quality of information provided to Bidders, the Contracting Authority will provide, simultaneously to all Bidders any information with respect to **significant** enquiries received and the replies to such enquiries without revealing the sources of the enquiries.
- 4.4 All enquiries and other communications with government officials throughout the solicitation period are to be directed **ONLY** to the Contracting Authority. Noncompliance with this condition during the proposal solicitation period may (for that reason alone) result in disqualification of a Proposal.



4.5 Meetings will not be held with individual bidders prior to the closing date/time of this RFSO, unless otherwise specified.

4.6 Bidders shall not place any conditions or make any assumptions that attempt to limit or otherwise modify the scope of Work pursuant to the Statement of Work, Appendix B.

#### **4.7 Requests for Standing Offer amendment(s)**

Any modifications to this RFSO will be made through an amendment which will be posted publicly via [Buyandsell.gc.ca](http://Buyandsell.gc.ca).

### **5.0 RIGHTS OF CANADA**

5.1 Canada reserves the right to:

1. Accept any Proposal in whole or in part, without prior negotiation;
2. Reject any or all Proposals received in response to this RFSO;
3. Cancel and/or re-issue this RFSO at any time;
4. Ask the Bidder to substantiate any claim made in the Proposal;
5. Enter into negotiations with one or more Bidders on any or all aspects of their Proposals;
6. Award one or more Standing Offers;
7. Retain all Proposals submitted in response to this RFSO.

### **6.0 SUBSTANTIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RATES**

6.1 In Canada's experience, bidders will from time to time propose prices at the time of bidding that they later refuse to honour, on the basis that these prices do not allow them to recover their own costs and/or make a profit. When evaluating the prices for professional services bid, Canada may, but will have no obligation to, require price support for any prices proposed. Examples of price support that Canada would consider satisfactory include:

1. documentation (such as billing records) that shows that the Bidder has recently provided and invoiced another customer (with whom the Bidder deals at arm's length) for services similar to the services that would be provided under a resulting contract, and the fees charged are equal to or less than the price offered to Canada (to protect the privacy of the customer, the Bidder may black out the customer's name and personal information on the invoice submitted to Canada);
2. a signed contract between the Bidder and an individual qualified (based on the qualifications described in this bid solicitation) to provide services under a resulting contract where the amount payable under that contract by the Bidder to the resource is equal to or less than the price bid;
3. a signed contract with a subcontractor who will perform the work under any resulting contract, which provides that the required services will be provided at a price that is equal to or less than the price bid; or



4. details regarding the salary paid to and benefits provided to the individuals employed by the Bidder to provide services, where the amount of compensation, when converted to a per diem or hourly rate (as applicable), is equal to or less than the rate bid for that resource category.

Once Canada requests substantiation of the prices bid, it is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to submit information (either the information described in the examples above, or other information that demonstrates that it will be able to recover its own costs based on the prices it has proposed) that will allow Canada to determine whether it can rely, with confidence, on the Bidder's ability to provide the required services at the prices bid, while, at a minimum, recovering its own costs. Where Canada determines that the information provided by the Bidder does not demonstrate the Bidder's ability to recover its own costs in providing the prices bid, Canada may, at their sole discretion declare the bid non-compliant.

## **7.0 MANDATORY CLAUSES**

- 7.1 Where the words “**must**”, “**shall**” or “**will**” appear in this RFSO, the clause is to be considered as a mandatory requirement.

## **8.0 DEBRIEFING**

- 8.1 After Standing Offer award, bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the bid solicitation process. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority.. The debriefing may be in writing or by telephone at the discretion of the Contracting Authority.

## **9.0 CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL TRADE TRIBUNAL**

If you have issues or concerns regarding the solicitation, you have the option of raising them with the department or with the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) . The Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) is the bid challenge authority for Canada for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP), Canada - Chile Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA), Canada - Peru Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA), Canadian Free Trade Agreement and Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT). A potential supplier may file a complaint concerning a procurement action to the CITT, on the grounds that any aspect of the procurement process relating to a requirement covered by these agreements is unfair or discriminatory. You can also obtain more information on the Canadian International Trade Tribunal services available to you on their website at <http://www.citt-tcce.gc.ca/en> .

## **10.0 OPTIONAL SITE VISIT**

It is recommended that the Bidder or a representative of the Bidder visit the work site. Arrangements have been made for the site visit to be held at the Harrow Research and



Development Centre located at 2585 County Road 20, Harrow, ON in the week of **February 14 to 18, 2022**. By appointment only, details below.

This site visit is subject to the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Supplier Personnel. The person(s) who attend must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with a Health Canada-approved COVID-19 vaccine(s), or, for personnel that are unable to be vaccinated due to a certified medical contraindication, religion or other prohibited grounds of discrimination under the *Canadian Human Rights Act*, subject to accommodation and mitigation measures that have been presented to and approved by Canada.

Bidders must communicate with the Contracting Authority at [Claudia.lauzier@agr.gc.ca](mailto:Claudia.lauzier@agr.gc.ca) no later than February 10, 2022 to confirm attendance and provide time, date and name(s) of the person(s) who will attend. Bidders **must** also complete and submit the following certification:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*first and last name*), as the representative of \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of business*) pursuant to \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert solicitation number*), warrant and certify that all personnel that will attend this site visit on the business' behalf are:

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with Health Canada-approved COVID-19 vaccine(s); or
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ for personnel that are unable to be vaccinated due to a certified medical contraindication, religion or other prohibited grounds of discrimination under the *Canadian Human Rights Act*, subject to accommodation and mitigation measures that have been presented to and approved by Canada.

I certify that all personnel that will attend on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of business*) have been notified of the vaccination requirements of the Government of Canada's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Supplier Personnel, and that the \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of business*) has certified to their compliance with this requirement.

I certify that the information provided is true as of the date indicated below and will continue to be true for the duration of the site visit. I understand that the certifications provided to Canada are subject to verification at all times. Canada reserves the right to request additional information to verify the certifications at all times. I also understand that Canada will declare a bid non-responsive or a contractor in default, if a certification is found to be untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Information you provide on this Certification Form and in accordance with the Government of Canada's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Supplier Personnel will be protected, used, stored and disclosed in accordance with the Privacy Act. Please note that you have a right to access and correct any information on your file, and you have a right to file a complaint with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner regarding the handling of your personal information.



These rights also apply to all individuals who are deemed to be personnel for the purpose for the Contract and who require access to federal government workplaces where they may come into contact with public servants.

Bidders who do not confirm attendance, provide the name(s) of the person(s) who will attend, or who do not complete and submit the above certification as required will not be allowed access to the site. Bidders will be requested to sign an attendance sheet. No alternative appointment will be given to bidders who do not attend or do not send a representative. Bidders who do not participate in the visit will not be precluded from submitting a bid. Any clarifications or changes to the bid solicitation resulting from the site visit will be included as an amendment to the bid solicitation.

## **PART 2: PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS & EVALUATION PROCEDURES**

### **1.0 APPLICABLE LAWS**

- 1.1 The Standing Offer and the Call-ups shall be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties, determined by the laws in force in the Province of Ontario.
- 1.2 In their bid submission, bidders may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their proposal, by deleting the Canadian province specified in the previous paragraph and inserting the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, the bidder acknowledges the applicable law specified is acceptable to the Bidder.

### **2.0 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL**

- 2.1 Proposals must be submitted by email as described in Article 3.0.
- 2.2 The proposal **MUST** be delivered to and received by the Contracting Unit no later than the **date and time indicated on the cover page of this RFSO**. The subject of the email containing the proposal should include the RFSO number found on the cover page of the RFSO.
- 2.3 The onus for submitting proposals on time at the specified location rests with the Bidder. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure correct delivery of their proposal to the Contracting Authority.
- 2.4 Proposals submitted in response to this RFSO will not be returned.

### **3.0 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 The proposal **must** be structured in **THREE SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS** as indicated below:



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Section 1	Technical Proposal (with no reference to price)	By email
Section 2	Financial Proposal	By email
Section 3	Certifications	By email

3.2 The Bidder may **submit a proposal in either official language.**

3.3 Each copy of the proposal is to include the Bidder's legal entity name, the name of the Bidder's contact, address, telephone number, facsimile number, email address and the RFSO Number.

#### 4.0 **PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (Section 1)**

4.1 In the Technical Proposal, the Bidder should demonstrate its understanding of the requirements of the **Statement of Work, Appendix B**, as well as demonstrate how the Bidder will meet the requirements of the **Evaluation Procedures and Criteria, Appendix D.**

#### 4.2 **Security Requirements**

##### 4.2.1 **Security Profile Verification**

The issuance of a contract is subject to a successful security screening by the Government of Canada security services.

Because of legal and ethics issues, the Bidder is not obligated to complete the "Personnel Screening Consent and Authorization Form" (tbs/sct 330-23e), available at <http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/tbsf-fsct/330-23-eng.asp> for each proposed employee at this point in time of the RFP process.

However, once the technical evaluation team will have evaluated the received proposals and will have identified the acceptable proposal, this requirement will become a mandatory requirement. Successful clearance by AAFC's Security Services is a mandatory condition before AAFC can award the contract.

Beyond the above mentioned issues, The Bidder have however the option to complete the form at their sole discretion at this point and provide the forms with their proposal.

Should a Bidder decide to complete the required information, *the initiative will only accelerate the transmission of the required documents by 2 or 3 weeks*. Whichever option the Bidder chooses, the decision has no bearing or influence on the technical team evaluation.



## 5.0 PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL PROPOSAL (Section 2)

Offerors must submit their financial offer by completing and signing Parts “A” and “B” of Appendix C – Financial Proposal.

Goods and Services Tax or Harmonized Sales Tax must not be included in the rates submitted.

Offerors must submit rates for the services identified in Part A of Appendix C for each time period and use the same rates to complete the calculations in Part B of Appendix C. Only greyed out boxes should be left blank.

**Prices shall not appear in any area of the proposal except in the Financial Proposal.**

- 5.1 The Bidder may revise his/her tender by email provided it is received before the RFSO Closing Time.

However, any indication of price modification shall not reveal the amount of the original or the revised total price. Any indication of the old or the new total price will get the RFP discarded automatically.

## 6.0 CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (Section 3)

In order to be awarded a Standing Offer, the certifications attached in **Appendix E** will be required. The certifications should be submitted with the proposal. Canada may declare a bid non-responsive if the certifications are not submitted or completed as required. Where Canada intends to reject a proposal pursuant to this paragraph, the Contracting Authority will so inform the Bidder and provide the Bidder with a time frame within which to meet the requirement. Failure to comply with the request of the Contracting Authority and meet the requirement within that time frame period will render the proposal non-responsive.

Compliance with the certifications the Bidder provides to Canada is subject to verification by Canada. The Contracting Authority shall have the right to ask for additional information to verify that the Bidder is compliant with the applicable certifications before and after award of a Standing Offer. Any certification made by the Bidder that is determined to be untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, or any failure to comply with the certifications or comply with the request of the Contracting Authority for additional information, will render the bid non-responsive.

## 7.0 EVALUATION PROCEDURES

- 7.1 Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the Evaluation Procedures and Criteria specified in **Appendix D**. Proposals received will be compared separately against the evaluation criteria identified therein for the total requirement described in this RFSO and in conjunction with the accompanying Statement of Work (**Appendix B**).



- 7.2 An evaluation team composed of representatives of the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will evaluate the Proposals on behalf of Canada.
- 7.3 The evaluation team reserves the right, but is not obligated, to perform any of the following tasks:
- a) seek clarification or verification from bidders regarding any or all information provided by them with respect to the bid solicitation;
  - b) contact any or all references supplied by bidders to verify and validate any information submitted by them;
  - c) request, before award of any Standing Offer, specific information with respect to bidders' legal status;
  - d) verify any information provided by bidders through independent research, use of any government resources or by contacting third parties;
  - e) interview, at the sole costs of bidders, any bidder and/or any or all of the resources proposed by bidders to fulfill the requirement of the bid solicitation.

### **PART 3: STANDING OFFER AND CALL-UPS TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **A. STANDING OFFER**

##### **1.0 OFFER**

The contractor will provide the services identified in Appendix B (SoW).

##### **2.0 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

There is a security requirement associated with the work.

1. The Contractor/Offeror must, at all times during the performance of the Standing Offer, hold a valid Designated Organization Screening (DOS), issued by the Canadian Industrial Security Directorate (CISD), Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC).
2. The Contractor/Offeror personnel requiring access to **PROTECTED** information, assets or sensitive work site(s) must EACH hold a valid **RELIABILITY STATUS**, granted or approved by AAFC.
3. The Contractor/Offeror **MUST NOT** remove any **PROTECTED** information or assets from the identified work site(s), and the Contractor/Offeror must ensure that its personnel are made aware of and comply with this restriction.
4. Subcontracts which contain security requirements are NOT to be awarded without the prior written permission of AAFC.



### **3.0 STANDING OFFER'S GENERAL CONDITIONS**

#### **3.1 General**

The Offeror acknowledges that a standing offer is not a contract and that the issuance of a Standing Offer and Call-up Authority does not oblige or commit Canada to procure or contract for any goods, services or both listed in the Standing Offer. The Offeror understands and agrees that Canada has the right to procure the goods, services or both specified in the Standing Offer by means of any other contract, standing offer or contracting method.

#### **3.2 Offer**

1. The Offeror offers to provide and deliver to Canada the goods, services or both described in the Standing Offer, in accordance with the pricing set out in the Standing Offer if and when the Identified User may request such goods, services or both, in accordance with the conditions listed at subsection 2 below.
2. The Offeror understands and agrees that:
  - a. a call-up against the Standing Offer will form a contract only for those goods, services, or both, which have been called-up, provided that such Call-up is made in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Offer;
  - b. Canada's liability is limited to that which arises from call-ups against the Standing Offer made within the period specified in the Standing Offer;
  - c. Canada may require that the purchase of goods, services or both listed in the Standing Offer be made using an electronic purchasing tool. Canada will provide the Offeror at least three (3) months' notice before imposing such a requirement;
  - d. the Standing Offer cannot be assigned or transferred in whole or in part;
  - e. the Standing Offer may be set aside by Canada at any time.

#### **3.3 Call-ups**

If applicable, Identified Users will use the form specified in the Standing Offer to order goods, services or both. Goods, services or both may also be ordered by other methods such as telephone, facsimile or electronic means. With the exception of call-ups paid for with a Government of Canada acquisition card (credit card), call-ups made by telephone must be confirmed in writing on the document specified in the Standing Offer.

Call-ups against the Standing Offer paid for with the Government of Canada acquisition card (credit card) at point of sale must be accorded the same prices and conditions as any other Call-up.



### 3.4 Withdrawal

In the event that the Offeror wishes to withdraw the Standing Offer after authority to call-up against the Standing Offer has been given, the Offeror must provide no less than thirty (30) days' written notice to the Standing Offer Authority, unless specified otherwise in the Standing Offer. The thirty (30) days' period will start upon receipt of the notification by the Standing Offer Authority and the withdrawal will be effective at the expiry of that period. The Offeror must fulfill any and all call-ups which are made before the expiry of that period.

### 3.5 Revision

The period of the Standing Offer may only be extended, or its usage increased, by the Standing Offer Authority issuing a revision to the Standing Offer in writing.

### 3.6 Disclosure of Information

The Offeror agrees to the disclosure of its standing offer unit prices or rates by Canada, and further agrees that it will have no right to claim against Canada, the Identified User, their employees, agents or servants, or any of them, in relation to such disclosure.

## 4.0 TERM OF STANDING OFFER

### 4.1 Period of the Standing Offer

The period for making call-ups against the Standing Offer is *(will be inserted at Standing Offer award)*.

### 4.2 Extension of Standing Offer

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to extend the duration of the Standing Offer by **up to 2 additional 2 year periods** under the same terms and conditions.

4.2.1 Canada may exercise this option at any time by sending a notice to the Contractor prior to the Standing Offer expiry date.

4.2.2 The Contractor agrees that, during the extended period of the Standing Offer resulting from Canada's exercise of its option, the cost will be in accordance with the provisions in Appendix C of the Standing Offer.

4.2.3 The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority and will be evidenced for administration purposes only, through a written Standing Offer amendment.



## 5.0 STANDING OFFER AUTHORITY

5.1 The Standing Offer Authority is:

**Claudia Lauzier**

Contracting officer

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

2001 Robert-Bourassa, Room 671-TEN,

Montréal, Qc. H3A 3N2

Tel.: 514-438-455-2392

E-mail: [claudia.lauzier@agr.gc.ca](mailto:claudia.lauzier@agr.gc.ca)

5.2 The Contracting Authority (or authorized representative) is responsible for the management of the Standing Offer. Any changes to the Standing Offer and the Call-ups must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor is not to perform Work in excess of or outside the scope of the Call-up based on verbal or written requests or instructions from any government personnel other than the aforementioned officer.

## 6.0 PROJECT AUTHORITY

6.1 The Project Authority for the Standing Offer is:

*(will be provided at Standing Offer award).*

6.2 The Project Authority, or authorized representative, is responsible for:

1. All matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Standing Offer;
2. Defining any proposed changes to the scope of the Work, but any resulting change can only be confirmed by a Standing Offer amendment issued by the Contracting Authority;
3. Inspection and acceptance of all Work performed as detailed in the Statement of Work and;
4. Review and approve all invoices submitted.

## 7.0 CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE

7.1 The Contractor Representative for the Standing Offer is:

*(will be provided at Standing Offer award).*

7.2 The duties and responsibilities of the Contractor Representative shall include the following:

1. Responsible for the overall management of the Standing Offer and Call-ups;
2. Ensure that the Call-ups is administered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Standing Offer;
3. Act as a single point of contact to resolve any contractual disputes that may arise. The Contract Representative must have direct access to the level of management



within the Contractor's organization vested with the decision-making authority for contractual matters;

4. Shall be established as the only recognized individual from the Contractor's organization to speak on behalf of the Contractor for purposes of Contract management;
5. Monitor all resources that are providing services/deliverables in accordance with the Standing Offer;
6. Liaise with the Project Authority on all matters concerning technical aspects of the Work and performance of its resources; and
7. Manage the transition of any potential resource(s) turnover during the period of the Work.

## **8.0 CALL-UP INSTRUMENT**

The Work will be authorized or confirmed by an AAFC Contracting Officer using a Call-up Against a Standing Offer.

## **9.0 LIMITATION OF CALL-UPS**

Individual call-ups against the Standing Offer must not exceed **\$60,000.00** (Applicable Taxes included).

## **10.0 FINANCIAL LIMITATION**

The total cost to Canada resulting from call ups against the Standing Offer must not exceed the annual sum of **\$ 250,000.00** (Applicable Taxes excluded) unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Standing Offer Authority. The Offeror must not perform any work or services or supply any articles in response to call ups which would cause the total cost to Canada to exceed the said sum, unless an increase is so authorized.

The Offeror must notify the Standing Offer Authority as to the adequacy of this sum when 75 percent of this amount has been committed, or 3 months before the expiry date of the Standing Offer, whichever comes first. However, if at any time, the Offeror considers that the said sum may be exceeded, the Offeror must promptly notify the Standing Offer Authority.

## **11.0 PRIORITY OF DOCUMENTS**

- 11.1 If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

1. the call up against the Standing Offer, including any annexes;
2. the articles of the Standing Offer;
3. The Statement of Work, Appendix B hereof;
4. The General Conditions, Appendix A hereof;



5. Financial proposal, Appendix C hereof;
6. Certification Requirements, Appendix E
7. Request for Standing Offer number 01B46-21-154;
8. Contractor's Proposal dated *(will be inserted at Standing Offer award)*.

## 12.0 BASIS FOR CANADA'S OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

In this section of the RFSO,

- 12.1 "Material" means anything that is created or developed by the Contractor as part of the Work under Call-ups, and in which copyright subsists, but does not include computer programs and related software documentation.
- 12.2 Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada has determined that any intellectual property arising from the performance of the Work under call-ups will vest in Canada, on the following grounds:

**Pursuant to 6.5 of the Treasury Board Policy on Title to Intellectual Property Arising under Crown Procurement Contracts**, Canada has opted to own the intellectual property rights in any Material subject to copyright that is created or developed as part of the Work, with the exception of computer software or any documentation pertaining to such software.

## 13.0 REPLACEMENT OF PERSONNEL

- 13.1. The Contractor will provide the services of the personnel named in the Contractor's Proposal to perform the Work, unless the Contractor is unable to do so for reasons which are beyond its control.
- 13.2 Should the Contractor at any time be unable to provide their services, the Contractor will contact the Project Authority immediately. In such case, the Contractor is responsible to provide replacement Contractor or personnel who shall be of similar skills and experience as stated in **the Evaluation Procedures and Criteria, Appendix D**.
- 13.3 The Contractor shall propose replacement personnel for the Project Authority's review within 5 working days (resume and references). The Contractor shall submit, in writing, to the Project Authority the reasons for the removal of personnel from the Work; the name of the proposed replacement person(s); and the qualifications and experience of the proposed replacement person(s). The Project Authority reserves the right to interview any personnel proposed to be assigned to the Work.
- 13.4 Personnel assigned pursuant to the requirements will be capable of performing the Work at a reasonable level of competence. Should any assigned personnel be deemed unsuitable by the Project Authority the Contractor shall provide an immediate replacement of suitable ability that is acceptable to the Project Authority.



- 13.5 The Contractor shall supply competent back-up personnel so that in the event of unforeseen sickness, accident, or any cause which renders a specific individual unavailable, such individuals can be replaced within five (5) working days by a person of like abilities and qualifications.
- 13.6 The resources assigned for the Standing Offer will be measured regularly for quality of services rendered. The measurement will be based on the quality and timeliness of the deliverables specified in the Statement of Work. In the event that quality and deliverables are not produced as and when requested, in any given month, the Crown has the right to request that the Contractor replace the assigned resources immediately, in accordance with Standing Offer clauses included in or referenced in the RFSO.
- 13.7 In no event shall the Contractor allow performance of the Work by unauthorized and/or unqualified personnel, whether initially named resources or replacement personnel. In addition, acceptance of any replacements by the Project Authority shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for failure to meet the requirements of the Standing Offer.

#### **14.0 DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF CROWN PROPERTY**

- 14.1 The Contractor shall reimburse Canada any cost or expenses due to the damage to or loss of Crown-owned property resulting from the Call-up or the carrying out thereof, or shall, upon reasonable notice, promptly repair such damage or substitute such loss to Canada's satisfaction.

#### **15.0 MANDATORY CERTIFICATIONS**

- 15.1 Compliance with the certifications the Contractor has provided Canada is a condition of the Standing Offer and Call-ups and subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the Standing Offer. In the event that the Contractor does not comply with any certification or that it is determined that any certification made by the Contractor is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, the Minister shall have the right, pursuant to the default provisions of the Call-ups, to terminate the Standing Offer and Call-ups for default.

#### **16.0 NON-PERMANENT RESIDENT**

*(the non-applicable clause will be deleted at Standing Offer award)*

##### **16.1 (CANADIAN CONTRACTOR)**

The Contractor must comply with Canadian immigration requirements applicable to foreign nationals entering Canada to work temporarily in fulfillment of the Contract. If the Contractor wishes to hire a foreign national to work in Canada to fulfill the Standing Offer, the Contractor should immediately contact the nearest Service Canada regional office to enquire about Citizenship and Immigration Canada's requirements to issue a temporary work permit to a foreign national. The Contractor is responsible for all costs incurred as a result of non-compliance with immigration requirements.



## 16.2 (FOREIGN CONTRACTOR)

The Contractor must comply with Canadian immigration legislation applicable to foreign nationals entering Canada to work temporarily in fulfillment of the Standing Offer. If the Contractor wishes to hire a foreign national to work in Canada to fulfill the Standing Offer, the Contractor should immediately contact the nearest Canadian Embassy, Consulate or High Commission in the Contractor's country to obtain instructions, information on Citizenship and Immigration Canada's requirements and any required documents. The Contractor is responsible to ensure that foreign nationals have the required information, documents and authorizations before performing any work under any Call-ups in Canada. The Contractor is responsible for all costs incurred as a result of non-compliance with immigration requirements.

## 17.0 FEDERAL CONTRACTORS PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY - DEFAULT BY THE CONTRACTOR

17.1 The Contractor understands and agrees that, when an Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (AIEE) exists between the Contractor and HRSDC-Labour, the AIEE must remain valid during the entire period of the Standing Offer. If the AIEE becomes invalid, the name of the Contractor will be added to the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list. The imposition of such a sanction by HRSDC will constitute the Contractor in default as per the terms of the Standing Offer.

## B. RESULTING CALL-UPS CLAUSES

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from a call-up against the Standing Offer.

### 1.0 STATEMENT OF WORK

The Contractor must perform the Work described in the call-up against the Standing Offer.

### 2.0 CALL-UPS GENERAL CONDITIONS

2.1 The General Conditions attached in **Appendix A** shall form part of any Resulting Contract.

### 3.0 TERM OF CALL-UP

#### 3.1 Period of the Call-up

The Work must be completed in accordance with the call-up against the Standing Offer.



#### **4.0 BASIS & METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- 4.1 For the services provided, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will pay the Contractor in one installment upon completion of the work and in accordance with the call-up against the Standing Offer.

#### **5.0 DIRECT DEPOSIT**

The Contractor agrees to receive payment through direct deposit to a financial institution.

Government of Canada considers privacy and security of utmost importance in the issuance of payments. Any information you provide to the Government of Canada in support of Direct Deposit is protected under the Government of Canada *Privacy Act and Access to Information Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. A-1)*.

Additional information is available at:

[www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/recgen/txt/depot-deposit-eng.html](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/recgen/txt/depot-deposit-eng.html)

#### **6.0 INVOICING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1 Payment will only be made pursuant to the general conditions specified in the Appendix A and upon submission of a satisfactory invoice duly supported by specified release documents and other documents called for under the Call-up.
- 5.2 One (1) original of the invoice together with attachments, shall be forwarded BY EMAIL to the Project Authority at the address noted in Part 3A, Article 6.0.

#### **6.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- 6.1 The Contractor is responsible for deciding if insurance coverage is necessary to fulfill its obligation under the Call-up and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any insurance acquired or maintained by the Contractor is at its own expense and for its own benefit and protection. It does not release the Contractor from or reduce its liability under the Call-up.



## APPENDIX A

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### GC1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 In the contract,

1.1 "Applicable Taxes" means the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), and any provincial tax, by law, payable by Canada such as, the Quebec Sales Tax (QST) as of April 1, 2013;

1.2 "Canada", "Crown", "Her Majesty" or "the Government" means Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada; "Contractor" means the person, entity or entities named in the Contract to supply goods, services or both to Canada;

1.3 "Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada or anyone authorized;

1.4 "Party" means Canada, the Contractor, or any other signatory to the contract and "Parties" means all of them;

1.5 "Work" unless otherwise expressed in the Contract, means everything that is necessary to be done, furnished or delivered by the Contractor to perform the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

#### GC2. Powers of Canada

All rights, remedies and discretions granted or acquired by Canada under the Contract or by law are cumulative, not exclusive.

#### GC3. General Conditions

The Contractor is an independent contractor engaged by Canada to perform the Work. Nothing in the Contract is intended to create a partnership, a joint venture or an agency between Canada and the other Party or Parties. The Contractor must not represent itself as an agent or representative of Canada to anyone. Neither the Contractor nor any of its personnel is engaged as an employee or agent of Canada. The Contractor is responsible for all deductions and remittances required by law in relation to its employees.

#### GC4. Conduct of the Work

4.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that:

- (a) It is competent to perform the Work;
- (b) It has the necessary qualifications, including knowledge, skill and experience, to perform the Work, together with the ability to use those qualifications effectively for that purpose; and
- (c) It has the necessary personnel and resources to perform the Work.

- 4.2 Except for government property specifically provided for in the Contract, the Contractor shall supply everything necessary for the performance of the Work, including all the resources, facilities, labor and supervision, management, services, equipment, materials, drawings, technical data, technical assistance, engineering services, inspection and quality assurance procedures, and planning necessary to perform the Work.
- 4.3 The Contractor shall:
- (a) Carry out the Work in a diligent and efficient manner;
  - (b) Apply as a minimum, such quality assurance tests, inspections and controls consistent with those in general usage in the trade and that are reasonably calculated to ensure the degree of quality required by the Contract; and
  - (c) Ensure that the Work:
    - (1) is of proper quality, material and workmanship;
    - (2) Is in full conformity with the Statement of Work; and
    - (3) Meets all other requirements of the Contract.
- 4.4 Notwithstanding acceptance of the Work or any part thereof, the Contractor warrants that the Work shall be of such quality as to clearly demonstrate that the Contractor has performed the Work in accordance with the undertaking in subsection 4.3.

**GC5. Inspection and Acceptance**

- 5.1 The Work will be subject to inspection by Canada. Should any part of the Work whether it be a report, document, good or service not be in accordance with the Contract or not be done to the satisfaction of the Canada, as submitted, Canada will have the right to reject it or require its correction at the sole expense of the Contractor before making payment.
- 5.2 The Contractor will be in default of the Contract if the Work is rejected by Canada or if he fails to correct the Work within a reasonable delay.

**GC6. Amendments and Waivers**

- 6.1 No design change, modification to the Work, or amendment to the Contract shall be binding unless it is incorporated into the Contract by written amendment or design change memorandum executed by the authorized representatives of Canada and of the Contractor.
- 6.2 While the Contractor may discuss any proposed changes or modifications to the scope of the Work with the representatives of Canada, Canada shall not be liable for the cost of any such change or modification until it has been incorporated into the Contract in accordance with subsection 6.1.
- 6.3 No waiver shall be valid, binding or affect the rights of the Parties unless it is made in writing by, in the case of a waiver by Canada, the Contracting Authority and, in the case of a waiver by the Contractor, the authorized representative of the Contractor.
- 6.4 The waiver by a Party of a breach of any term or condition of the Contract shall not prevent the enforcement of that term or condition by that Party in the case of a subsequent breach, and shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach.

**GC7. Time of the Essence**

It is essential that the Work be performed within or at the time stated in the Contract.

**GC8. Excusable delay**

- 8.1 Any delay by the Contractor in performing the Contractor's obligations under the Contract which occurs without any fault or neglect on the part of the Contractor its subcontractors, agents or employees or is caused by an event beyond the control of the Contractor, and which could not have been avoided by the Contractor without incurring unreasonable cost through the use of work-around plans including alternative sources or other means, constitutes an excusable delay.
- 8.2 The Contractor shall give notice to the Minister immediately after the occurrence of the event that causes the excusable delay. The notice shall state the cause and circumstances of the delay and indicate the portion of the Work affected by the delay. When requested to do so by the Minister, the Contractor shall deliver a description, in a form satisfactory to the Minister, of work-around plans including alternative sources and any other means that the Contractor will utilize to overcome the delay and Endeavour to prevent any further delay. Upon approval in writing by the Minister of the work-around plans, the Contractor shall implement the work around plans and use all reasonable means to recover any time lost as a result of the excusable delay.
- 8.3 Unless the Contractor complies with the notice requirements set forth in the Contract, any delay that might have constituted an excusable delay shall be deemed not to be an excusable delay.
- 8.4 If an excusable delay has continued for thirty (30) days or more, Canada may, by giving notice in writing to the Contractor, terminate the Contract. In such a case, the Parties agree that neither will make any claim against the other for damages, costs, expected profits or any other loss arising out of the termination or the event that contributed to the excusable delay. The Contractor agrees to repay immediately to Canada the portion of any advance payment that is unliquidated at the date of the termination.
- 8.5 Unless Canada has caused the delay by failing to meet an obligation under the Contract, Canada will not be responsible for any cost incurred by the contractor or any subcontractors or agents as a result of an excusable delay.
- 8.6 If the Contract is terminated under this section, Canada may require the Contractor to deliver to Canada, in the manner and to the extent directed by Canada, any completed parts of the Work not delivered and accepted before the termination and anything that the Contractor has acquired or produced specifically to perform the Contract. Canada will pay the Contractor:
- (a) The value, of all completed parts of the Work delivered to and accepted by Canada, based on the Contract price, including the proportionate part of the Contractor's profit or fee included in the Contract price; and
  - (b) The cost to the Contractor that Canada considers reasonable in respect of anything else delivered to and accepted by Canada.
- 8.7 The total amount paid by Canada under the Contract to the date of termination and any amounts payable under this subsection must not exceed the Contract price.

**GC9. Termination of Convenience**

- 9.1 Notwithstanding anything in the Contract, the Minister may, by giving notice to the Contractor, terminate or suspend the Contract immediately with respect to all or any part or parts of the Work not completed.
- 9.2 All Work completed by the Contractor to the satisfaction of Canada before the giving of such notice shall be paid for by Canada in accordance with the provisions of the Contract and, for all Work not completed before the giving of such notice, Canada shall pay the Contractor's costs as determined under the provisions of the Contract in an amount representing a fair and reasonable fee in respect of such Work.
- 9.3 In addition to the amount which the Contractor shall be paid under section GC9.2, the Contractor shall be reimbursed for the Contractor's cost of and incidental to the cancellation of obligations incurred by the Contractor pursuant to such notice and obligations incurred by or to which the Contractor is subject with respect to the Work.
- 9.4 The Contractor shall have no claim for damages, compensation, loss of profit, allowance or otherwise by reason of or directly or indirectly arising out of any action taken or notice given by Canada under the provisions of section GC9 except as expressly provided therein.
- 9.5 Upon termination of the Contract under section GC9.1, Canada may require the Contractor to deliver and transfer title to Canada, in the manner and to the extent directed by Canada, any finished Work which has not been delivered prior to such termination and any material, goods or Work-in-progress which the Contractor specifically acquired or produced for the fulfillment of the Contract.

**GC10. Termination due to Default of Contractor**

- 10.1 Canada may by notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of the Contract:
- a) If the Contractor fails to perform any of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract or in Canada's view, so fails to make progress so as to endanger performance of the Contract in accordance with its terms;
  - b) To the extent permitted under law, if the Contractor becomes bankrupt or insolvent, or a receiving order is made against the Contractor, or an assignment is made for the benefit of creditors, or if an order is made or resolution passed for the winding up of the Contractor, or if the Contractor takes the benefit of a statute relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors.; or
  - c) If the Contractor makes a false declaration under GC 37 or GC 38 or fails to comply with the terms set out in GC 16.3 or GC 39.
- 10.2 Upon termination of the Contract under section GC10, the Contractor shall deliver to Canada any finished Work which has not been delivered and accepted prior to such termination, together with materials and Work-in-progress relating specifically to the Contract and all materials, texts and other documents supplied to the Contractor in relation to the Contract.
- 10.3 Subject to the deduction of any claim which Canada may have against the Contractor arising under the Contract or out of termination, payment will be made by Canada to the Contractor for the value of all finished Work delivered and accepted by Canada, such value to be determined in accordance with the rate(s) specified in the Contract, or, where no rate is specified, on a proportional basis.

- 10.4 If the contract is terminated pursuant to GC 10.1(c), in addition to any other remedies that may be available against the Contractor, the Contractor will immediately return any advance payments.

#### **GC11. Suspension of Work**

- 11.1 The Contracting Authority may at any time, by written notice, order the Contractor to suspend or stop the Work or part of the Work under the Contract for a period of up to 180 days. The Contractor must immediately comply with any such order in a way that minimizes the cost of doing so. While such an order is in effect, the Contractor must not remove any part of the Work from any premises without first obtaining the written consent of the Contracting Authority. Within these 180 days, the Contracting Authority must either cancel the order or terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, under sections GC10 Termination due to Default of Contractor or GC9 Termination of Convenience.
- 11.2 When an order is made under subsection 1, unless the Contracting Authority terminates the Contract by reason of default by the Contractor or the Contractor abandons the Contract, the Contractor will be entitled to be paid its additional costs incurred as a result of the suspension plus a fair and reasonable profit.
- 11.3 When an order made under subsection 1 is cancelled, the Contractor must resume work in accordance with the Contract as soon as practicable. If the suspension has affected the Contractor's ability to meet any delivery date under the Contract, the date for performing the part of the Work affected by the suspension will be extended for a period equal to the period of suspension plus a period, if any, that in the opinion of the Contracting Authority, following consultation with the Contractor, is necessary for the Contractor to resume the Work. Any equitable adjustments will be made as necessary to any affected conditions of the Contract.

#### **GC12. Extension of Contract**

- 12.1 Where the Minister determines that additional work of the same nature as the Work described in this Contract is required, the Contractor shall do such work and where required the term of the Contract shall be extended accordingly and confirmed in writing between the parties.
- 12.2 Payment for the work described in subsection 1 shall be calculated and paid on the same basis as in section GC12 and where required prorated.
- 12.3 Where the Minister has determined that the Contractor shall be paid expenses related to the Work described in section GC12.1, the type of expenses and amounts shall be confirmed in writing between the parties.

### **TERMS OF PAYMENT**

#### **GC13. Method of Payment**

- 13.1 Payment in the case of progress payments:
- a) Payment by Canada to the Contractor for the Work shall be made within thirty (30) days following the date on which a claim for progress payment is received according to the terms of the Contract; and

- b) If the Minister has any objection to the form of the claim for payment or the substantiating documentation, shall, within fifteen (15) days of its receipt, notify the Contractor in writing of the nature of the objection.

13.2 Payment in the case of payment on completion:

- a) Payment by Canada to the Contractor for the Work shall be made within thirty (30) days following the date on which the Work is completed or on which a claim for payment and substantiating documentation are received according to the terms of the Contract, whichever date is the later;
- b) If the Minister has any objection to the form of the claim for payment or the substantiating documentation, shall, within fifteen (15) days of its receipt, notify the Contractor in writing of the nature of the objection.

**GC14. Basis of Payment**

- 14.1 A claim in the form of an itemized account certified by the Contractor with respect to the accuracy of its contents shall be submitted to the Minister.
- 14.2 Travel and other expenses, where allowed by the Contract, shall be paid in accordance with Treasury Board Guidelines and Directives, certified by the Contractor as to the accuracy of such claim.

**GC15. Interest on Overdue Accounts**

- 15.1 For the purposes of this clause:
  - (a) "Average Rate" means the simple arithmetic mean of the bank rates in effect at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time each day during the calendar month which immediately precedes the calendar month in which payment is made;
  - (b) "Bank rate" means the rate of interest established from time to time by the Bank of Canada as the minimum rate at which the Bank of Canada makes short term advances to members of the Canadian Payments Association;
  - (c) "Date of payment" means the date of the negotiable instrument drawn by the Receiver General for Canada and given for payment of an amount due and payable;
  - (d) an amount is "due and payable" when it is due and payable by Canada to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Contract; and
  - (e) An amount becomes "overdue" when it is unpaid on the first day following the day upon which it is due and payable.
- 15.2 Canada shall be liable to pay to the Contractor simple interest at the Average Bank of Canada discount rate from the previous month plus 3 percent per annum on any amount that is overdue from the date such amount becomes overdue until the day prior to the date of payment, inclusive. The Contractor is not required to provide notice to Canada for interest to be payable.
- 15.3 Canada shall not be liable to pay interest in accordance with this clause if Canada is not responsible for the delay in paying the Contractor.
- 15.4 Canada shall not be liable to pay interest on overdue advance payments.

## **GC16. Records to be kept by Contractor**

- 16.1 The Contractor must keep proper accounts and records of the cost of performing the Work and of all expenditures or commitments made by the Contractor in connection with the Work, including all invoices, receipts and vouchers. The Contractor must retain records, including bills of lading and other evidence of transportation or delivery, for all deliveries made under the Contract.
- 16.2 If the Contract includes payment for time spent by the Contractor, its employees, representatives, agents or subcontractors performing the Work, the Contractor must keep a record of the actual time spent each day by each individual performing any part of the Work.
- 16.3 Unless Canada has consented in writing to its disposal, the Contractor must retain all the information described in this section for six (6) years after it receives the final payment under the Contract, or until the settlement of all outstanding claims and disputes, whichever is later. During this time, the Contractor must make this information available for audit, inspection and examination by the representatives of Canada, who may make copies and take extracts. The Contractor must provide all reasonably required facilities for any audit and inspection and must furnish all the information as the representatives of Canada may from time to time require to perform a complete audit of the Contract.
- 16.4 The amount claimed under the Contract, calculated in accordance with the Basis of Payment provision in the Articles of Agreement, is subject to government audit both before and after payment is made. If an audit is performed after payment, the Contractor agrees to repay any overpayment immediately on demand by Canada. Canada may hold back, deduct and set off any credits owing and unpaid under this section from any money that Canada owes to the Contractor at any time (including under other Contracts). If Canada does not choose to exercise this right at any given time, Canada does not lose this right.

## **GC17. Invoice Submission**

- 17.1 Invoices must be submitted in the Contractor's name. The Contractor must submit invoices for each delivery or shipment; invoices must only apply to the Contract. Each invoice must indicate whether it covers partial or final delivery.
- 17.2 Invoices must show:
- (a) the date, the name and address of the client department, item or reference numbers, deliverable and/or description of the Work, contract number, Client Reference Number (CRN), Procurement Business Number (PBN), and financial code(s);
  - (b) details of expenditures (such as item, quantity, unit of issue, unit price, fixed time labour rates and level of effort, subcontracts, as applicable) in accordance with the Basis of Payment, exclusive of Applicable Taxes;
  - (c) deduction for holdback, if applicable;
  - (d) the extension of the totals, if applicable; and
  - (e) if applicable, the method of shipment together with date, case numbers and part or reference numbers, shipment charges and any other additional charges.
- 17.3 Applicable Taxes must be specified on all invoices as a separate item along with corresponding registration numbers from the tax authorities. All items that are zero-

rated, exempt or to which Applicable Taxes do not apply, must be identified as such on all invoices.

- 17.4 By submitting an invoice, the Contractor certifies that the invoice is consistent with the Work delivered and is in accordance with the Contract.

**GC18. Right of Set off**

Without restricting any right of set off given by law, the Minister may set off against any amount payable to the Contractor under the Contract, any amount payable to Canada by the Contractor under the Contract or under any other current contract. Canada may, when making a payment pursuant to the Contract, deduct from the amount payable to the Contractor any such amount payable to Canada by the Contractor which, by virtue of the right of set off, may be retained by Canada.

**GC19. Assignment**

- 19.1 The Contract shall not be assigned in whole or in part by the Contractor without the prior written consent of Canada and an assignment made without that consent is void and of no effect.
- 19.2 An assignment of the Contract does not relieve the Contractor from any obligation under the Contract or impose any liability upon Canada.

**GC20. Subcontracting**

- 20.1 The Contractor must obtain the consent in writing of the Minister before subcontracting.
- 20.2 Subcontracting does not relieve the Contractor from any of its obligations under the Contract or impose any liability upon Canada to a subcontractor.
- 20.3 In any subcontract, the Contractor will bind the subcontractor by the same conditions by which the contractor is bound under the Contract.

**GC21. Indemnification**

- 21.1 The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless Canada from and against all claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses, actions and other proceedings, made, sustained, brought, prosecuted, threatened to be brought or prosecuted, in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributable to any injury to or death of a person or damage to or loss of property arising from any willful or negligent act, omission or delay on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor's servants, subcontractors or agents in performing the Work or as a result of the Work.
- 21.2 The Contractor's liability to indemnify or reimburse Canada under the Contract shall not affect or prejudice Canada from exercising any other rights under law.

**GC22. Confidentiality**

The Contractor shall treat as confidential, during as well as after performance of the Work, any information to which the Contractor becomes privy as a result of acting under the Contract. The Contractor shall use its best efforts to ensure that its servants, employees, agents, subcontractors or assigned observe the same standards of confidentiality.

**GC23. Indemnification - Copyright**

The Contractor shall indemnify Canada from and against all costs, charges, expenses, claims, actions, suits and proceedings for the infringement or alleged infringement of any copyright resulting from the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, and in respect of the use of or disposal by Canada of anything furnished pursuant to the Contract.

**GC24. Indemnification - Inventions, etc.**

The Contractor shall indemnify Canada from and against all costs, charges, expenses, claims, actions, suits and proceedings for the use of the invention claimed in a patent, or infringement or alleged infringement of any patent or any registered industrial design resulting from the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, and in respect of the use of or disposal by Canada of anything furnished pursuant to the Contract.

**GC25. Ownership of Copyright**

25.1 Anything that is created or developed by the Contractor as part of the Work under the Contract in which copyright subsists belongs to Canada. The Contractor must incorporate the copyright symbol and either of the following notices, as appropriate:

© HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA (year)

or

© SA MAJESTÉ LA REINE DU CHEF DU CANADA (année).

25.2 At the request of the Minister, the Contractor must provide to Canada, at the completion of the Work or at such other time as the Minister may require a written permanent waiver of Moral Rights, in a form acceptable to the Minister, from every author that contributed to the Work. If the Contractor is an author, the Contractor permanently waives the Contractor's Moral Rights.

**GC26. Taxes**

26.1 Municipal Taxes

Municipal Taxes do not apply.

26.2 Federal government departments and agencies are required to pay Applicable Taxes.

26.3 Applicable Taxes will be paid by Canada as provided in the Invoice Submission section. It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to charge Applicable Taxes at the correct rate in accordance with applicable legislation. The Contractor agrees to remit to appropriate tax authorities any amounts of Applicable Taxes paid or due.

26.4 The Contractor is not entitled to use Canada's exemptions from any tax, such as provincial sales taxes, unless otherwise specified by law. The Contractor must pay applicable provincial sales tax, ancillary taxes, and any commodity tax, on taxable goods or services used or consumed in the performance of the Contract (in accordance with applicable legislation), including for material incorporated into real property.

26.5 In those cases where Applicable Taxes, customs duties, and excise taxes are included in the Contract Price, the Contract Price will be adjusted to reflect any increase, or decrease, of Applicable Taxes, customs duties, and excise taxes that will have occurred between bid

submission and contract award. However, there will be no adjustment for any change to increase the Contract Price if public notice of the change was given before bid submission date in sufficient detail to have permitted the Contractor to calculate the effect of the change.

#### 26.6 Tax Withholding of 15 Percent

Pursuant to the *Income Tax Act*, 1985, c. 1 (5th Supp.) and the Income Tax Regulations, Canada must withhold 15 percent of the amount to be paid to the Contractor in respect of services provided in Canada if the Contractor is a non-resident, unless the Contractor obtains a valid waiver. The amount withheld will be held on account for the Contractor in respect to any tax liability which may be owed to Canada.

#### **GC27. International Sanctions**

27.1 Persons in Canada, and Canadians outside of Canada, are bound by economic sanctions imposed by Canada. As a result, the Government of Canada cannot accept delivery of goods or services that originate, either directly or indirectly, from the countries or persons subject to economic sanctions.

Details on existing sanctions can be found at:

<http://www.international.gc.ca/sanctions/index.aspx?lang=eng>

27.2 The Contractor must not supply to the Government of Canada any goods or services which are subject to economic sanctions.

27.3 The Contractor must comply with changes to the regulations imposed during the period of the Contract. The Contractor must immediately advise Canada if it is unable to perform the Work as a result of the imposition of economic sanctions against a country or person or the addition of a good or service to the list of sanctioned goods or services. If the Parties cannot agree on a work around plan, the Contract will be terminated for convenience in accordance with section GC9.

#### **GC28. T1204 Government Service Contract Payment**

28.1 Pursuant to regulations made pursuant to paragraph 221 (1)(d) of the *Income Tax Act*, payments made by departments and agencies to Contractors under applicable services Contracts (including Contracts involving a mix of goods and services) must be reported on a T1204 Government Service Contract Payment. To enable client departments and agencies to comply with this requirement, Contractors are required to provide information as to their legal name and status, business number, and/or Social Insurance Number or other supplier information as applicable, along with a certification as to the completeness and accuracy of the information.

#### **GC29. Successors and Assigns**

The Contract shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their lawful heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns as the case may be.

#### **GC30. Conflict of Interest and Values and Ethics Codes for the Public Service**

The Contractor acknowledges that individuals who are subject to the provisions of the *Conflict of Interest Act*, 2006, c. 9, s. 2, the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons, any applicable federal values and ethics code or any applicable federal policy on conflict of interest and post-employment shall not derive any direct

benefit resulting from the Contract unless the provision or receipt of such benefit is in compliance with such legislation and codes.

**GC31. No Bribe**

The Contractor declares that no bribe, gift, benefit, or other inducement has been or will be paid, given, promised or offered directly or indirectly to any official or employee of Canada or to a member of the family of such a person, with a view to influencing the entering into the Contract or the administration of the Contract.

**GC32. Errors**

Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this Contract, no amount shall be paid to the Contractor based on the cost of Work incurred to remedy errors or omissions for which the Contractor or his servants, agents or subcontractors are responsible, and such errors or omissions shall be remedied at the Contractor's cost, or, at the option of Canada, the Contract may be terminated and in that event the Contractor shall receive payment only as determined under section GC10.

**GC33. Performance**

The failure of Canada to require performance by the Contractor of any provision of this Contract shall not affect the right of Canada thereafter to enforce such provision, nor shall the waiver by Canada of any breach of any term of the Contract be taken or held to be a waiver of any further breach of the same or any other term or condition.

**GC34. Gender**

Whenever the singular or masculine is used throughout this Contract, it shall be construed as including the plural, feminine, or both whenever the context and/or the parties hereto so require.

**GC35. Survival**

All the Parties' obligations of confidentiality, representations and warranties set out in the Contract as well as any other the provisions, which by the nature of the rights or obligations might reasonably be expected to survive, will survive the expiry or termination of the Contract.

**GC36. Severability**

If any provision of the Contract is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that provision will be removed from the Contract without affecting any other provision of the Contract.

**GC37. Contingency Fees**

The Contractor certifies that it has not, directly or indirectly, paid or agreed to pay and agrees that it will not, directly or indirectly, pay a contingency fee for the solicitation, negotiation or obtaining of the Contract to any person, other than an employee of the Contractor acting in the normal course of the employee's duties. In this section, "contingency fee" means any payment or other compensation that depends or is calculated based on a degree of success in soliciting, negotiating or obtaining the Contract and "person" includes any individual who is required to file a return with the registrar pursuant to section 5 of the *Lobbying Act*, 1985, c. 44 (4th Supplement).

### **GC38. Integrity Provisions**

The Ineligibility and Suspension Policy (the "Policy") and all related Directives (2016-04-04) are incorporated into, and form a binding part of the Contract. The Contractor must comply with the provisions of the Policy and Directives, which can be found on Public Works and Government Services Canada's website at [Ineligibility and Suspension Policy](#).

### **GC39. Public Disclosure**

39.1 The Contractor consents, in the case of a contract that has a value in excess of \$10,000, to the public disclosure of basic information - other than information described in any of paragraphs 20 (1)(a) to (d) of the *Access to Information Act* - relating to the contract.

39.2 The contractor consents, in the case of a contract with a former public servant in receipt of a Public Servant Superannuation (PSSA) pension, that the contractor's status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports described in 39.1.

### **GC40. Notice**

Any notice under the Contract must be in writing and may be delivered by hand, courier, mail, facsimile or other electronic method that provides a paper record of the text of the notice. It must be sent to the Party for whom it is intended at the address stated in the Contract. Any notice will be effective on the day it is received at that address. Any notice to Canada must be delivered to the Minister.

### **GC41. Accuracy**

The Contractor represents and warrants that the information submitted with its bid is accurate and complete. The Contractor acknowledges that the Minister has relied upon such information in entering into this Contract. This information may be verified in such manner as the Minister may reasonably require.

### **GC42. Dispute Resolution Services**

The Parties agree to make every reasonable effort, in good faith, to settle amicably all disputes or claims relating to the Contract, through negotiations between the Parties' representatives authorized to settle. If the Parties do not reach a settlement within 25 working days after the dispute was initially raised to the other party in writing, either Party may contact the Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO) to request dispute resolution/mediation services. OPO may be contacted by e-mail at [boa.opo@boa-opo.gc.ca](mailto:boa.opo@boa-opo.gc.ca), by telephone at 1-866-734-5169, or by web at [www.opo-boa.gc.ca](http://www.opo-boa.gc.ca). For more information on OPO's services, please see the [Procurement Ombudsman Regulations](#) or visit the [OPO website](#).

### **GC43. Contract Administration**

The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO) was established by the Government of Canada to provide an impartial, independent venue for Canadian bidders to raise complaints regarding the administration of certain federal contracts, regardless of dollar value. If you have concerns regarding the administration of a federal contract, you may contact OPO by e-mail at [boa.opo@boa-opo.gc.ca](mailto:boa.opo@boa-opo.gc.ca), by telephone at 1-866-734-5169, or

by web at [www.opo-boa.gc.ca](http://www.opo-boa.gc.ca). For more information on OPO's services, please see the [Procurement Ombudsman Regulations](#) or visit the [OPO website](#).

#### **GC44. Entire Agreement**

The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relative to the subject procurement and supersedes all previous negotiations, communications and other agreements, whether written or oral, unless they are incorporated by reference in the Contract. There are no terms, covenants, representations, statements or conditions relative to the subject procurement binding on the Parties other than those contained in the Contract.

#### **GC45. Compliance With On-Site Measures, Standing Orders, Policies, And Rules**

- 45.1 The Contractor must comply and ensure that its employees and subcontractors comply with all security measures, standing orders, policies or other rules in force at the site where the Work is performed.

#### **GC45. Certifications**

Compliance with the certifications provided by the Contractor in its bid is a condition of the Contract and subject to verification by Canada during the term of the Contract. If the Contractor does not comply with any certification or it is determined that any certification made by the Contractor in its bid is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, Canada has the right, pursuant to the default provision of the Contract, to terminate the Contract for default



## APPENDIX B - STATEMENT OF WORK

### 1.0 General Information for Bidders

#### 1.1 Organization of Specification

1.1.1 Section 1 provides general information for interested bidders.

1.1.2 Section 2 provides information on typical mechanical work found at the Harrow and Woodslee Facilities.

1.1.3 Section 3 outlines Mandatory Site requirements for equipment and materials supplied and installed under the Mechanical Standing Offer at the Harrow and Woodslee Facilities.

#### 1.2 Background

Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), Research Branch operates The Harrow Research and Development Centre (HRDC) an agricultural research laboratory with attached greenhouses, central heating plant and outbuildings at Harrow, Ontario. The main laboratory complex and heating plant were built in 1969, after near 47 years of service, many mechanical components in the laboratory building and heating plant require overhaul, replacement and maintenance to ensure reliable efficient operation. The extent of the work required to test, maintain and replace existing systems and system components requires various licenced skilled trades personnel to meet current acts, codes and regulations and that is the justification for this "Standing Offer Request".

Harrow also operates and maintains land and buildings at a second site located in Lakeshore Township. The Hon. Eugene F. Whelan Experimental Farm is located at 1367 County Road 46 in Lakeshore Township. The buildings and services at this site form part of this requirement.

#### 1.3 General Requirement

One Mechanical Contracting Firm that employs on a full time basis and is capable of supplying all skilled labour, trades and services as per Appendix B. The Mechanical Contractor will also supply as needed, consumable materials such as, pipe, pipe fittings, steam and hot water systems replacement parts, refrigeration system parts, pumps, sheet metal fabrication, stainless steel fabrication, air handling system replacement parts as authorized by the Facility Manager (FM), required to overhaul mechanical equipment in the laboratory building, central powerplant or outbuildings at the Harrow Research and Development Centre (HRDC) and the Hon. Eugene F. Whelan Experimental Farm on a time and materials (standing offer) basis.

The Mechanical Contractor shall supply all tools, specialized equipment such as pipe cutting and threading equipment, welding equipment and shop fabrication equipment, travel, safety equipment and permits if applicable to complete the work as outlined herein. Inspections by Technical Authorities will be the responsibility of the Mechanical Contractor where required by law.

#### 1.4 Coordination of Work

Work will only be coordinated through the Facility Manager and Site Authority for Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada. The Contractor or their employees will take no direction from any other staff members at the Research Centre.



### 1.5 Procedures for Call Up Against Standing Offer

When mechanical work is required, the Mechanical Contractor shall meet with the Facility Manager at his request to discuss and define the scope of work within one week of a telephone request. The Mechanical Contractor shall provide an estimate to complete the work. Based on the estimate provided, a call up against standing offer will be completed on a standard departmental call-up sheet and issued to the Mechanical Contractor. The Mechanical Contractor shall not proceed or incur expenses on a job until a written call-up is received for the work authorized by the Facility Manager. Emergency service or repair work will be acted on by the Mechanical Contractor immediately after being contacted by the Facility Manager this type of request will be issued by telephone.

### 1.6 Procedures on Site

The Mechanical Contractor must be prepared to start work within one (1) day from receipt of a call up against a Standing Offer. Each day the Mechanical Contractors employees working on site must report to the Facility Manager to discuss the work plan for that day and any systems or equipment that will require a shutdown, the Facility Manager will notify staff when systems or equipment must be taken out of service.

Any shut down of services required for overhaul work must be planned with the Facility Manager well in advance to allow adequate time to advise research staff and to minimize disruptions to research activities.

### 1.7 Time and Materials Records and Invoicing

The Mechanical Contractor must keep accurate records of hours worked and materials used for billing purposes. Invoices must provide a detailed breakdown of hours worked by each class of worker, the materials used on each job and applicable travel time. The Facility Manager will authorize daily time sheets by signature only at the close of each day. The Facility Manager may request at any time, a copy of the Mechanical Contractors invoice from a supplier showing prices charged to the Mechanical Contractor for materials and supplies being marked-up and charged to Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada as a result of this Standing Offer Agreement.

1.7.1 All submitted invoices for each individual call-up will be checked and approved by the Facility Manager before processing. All invoices received relating to a call-up identification number will be final, no additional charges against that call-up number will be accepted by Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada. All skilled trades will complete daily time, material and travel sheets, one (1), copy will remain with the Facility Manager, job numbers will be assigned to all jobs and remain in force until the job has been completed.

### 1.8 Site Authority Quotation Requests

Due to funding restrictions for some individual projects the Mechanical Contractor will supply to the Facility Manager, upon request, a firm quotation to perform a specific project or scope of work. This will enable the Facility Manager to stay within budget and plan for other projects throughout the fiscal year. All quotations will be supplied at no charge to Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada.

All daily work associated with this Mechanical Standing Offer will be recorded on a time and material sheet supplied by the Mechanical Contractor. All time and material sheets will be signed by the Facility Manager and one (1), copy will be retained by the Facility Manager. Each new job will be assigned a new job number and invoicing will take place at the completion of the work. A copy of the time and material sheets will accompany the Mechanical Contractors invoice, pricing as per the Rate Schedule Sheets.



Mechanical Contractors are to indicate their price for all labour, materials, equipment, travel, commissioning services, testing and disposal of used materials, plus HST when quoting a job for the Facility Manager.

1.09 On Site Security and Identification

1.09.1 The Mechanical Contractors employees, which includes any sub-contractors will report to the Facility Manager each day before starting work. Employees are to follow site specific security rules and regulations which includes signing in and out of the building.

1.09.2 Photo identification is required for all AAFC Staff as well as all Contractors Employees sent to work at the site by the Mechanical Contractor, photo identification cards will be worn at all times by the Mechanical Contractors employees.

1.09.3 If any portion of the work is to be sub-contracted indicate the scope of work and the sub-contractors name, address, contact person and telephone number. The Mechanical Contractor will be fully responsible for the sub-contractors employees and workmanship while on site. As an example, the Mechanical Contractor may require a factory certified technician to perform a start-up or calibrations on new equipment as part of a commissioning process. The Mechanical Contractor will be responsible for the supervision of all sub-trades and site coordination with AAFC staff or activities.

1.10 Site Health and Safety

1.10.1 The Federal Government takes Health and Safety for all persons granted access to the workplace very seriously. In accordance with the Canada Labour Code part 2 all reasonable care to ensure that all persons granted access to the workplace, other than the employer's employees, are informed of every known or foreseeable health and safety hazard to which they are likely to be exposed to in the workplace. The Contractor's staff will be briefed by the Facility Manager outlining known risks prior to commencing work in specific areas of the Facility.

1.10.2 Observe Federal/Provincial and Local Health and Safety Rules and Regulations.

1.10.3 Mechanical Contractors employees are to be supplied with appropriate safety gear and devices while working on site, this safety gear must be used at all times. Examples of such equipment are safety goggles, breathing apparatus, gloves, safety shoes, hard hats, fall arrest harnesses, coveralls, welding shields, welding screens, well-built approved ladders and scaffold equipment. This is only a partial list, in any case follow applicable safety rules and regulations while on the site.

1.10.4 Mechanical Contractors employees must be provided with safety signs, barriers, tapes and screens so they can barrier off dangerous areas while work is being performed.

1.10.5 File a fire safety plan with the Facility Manager for large repairs.

1.10.6 File a health and safety plan with the Facility Manager for large repairs.

1.10.7 The Mechanical Contractor's employees are not allowed to stop or start any equipment associated with the operation of the Research Centre, contact the Facility Manager.

1.10.8 The Mechanical Contractor's employees will report any damage or dangerous conditions that exist within the work area, report this information to the Facility Manager and stop all work until the situation is rectified.



- 1.10.9 The Mechanical Contractor's employees are to maintain a clean work site. Always clean up the site before leaving, do not leave fluids and standing water on floors as this may cause a slip and fall incident.
- 1.10.10 The Mechanical Contractor's employees upon leaving the site at the end of a day, will never leave doors in an open or unlocked position. Ensure that fire exits are not blocked or egress doors are chained closed.
- 1.10.11 The Mechanical Contractor and their employees will under no circumstances adjust, disconnect or alter in any way a Fire Safety System or Life Safety System in operation at the Research Centre. Any person working on such systems will hold a current licence in the Province of Ontario to work on Fire Safety Systems or Backup Power Generation systems.  
This work is scheduled with and performed by a Certified Contractors only.
- 1.10.12 Regarding personnel safety, A Designated Substances Report is available on site, this list is available to the Mechanical Contractor at all times.
- 1.10.13 Regarding Asbestos Pipe/Duct Insulation, removal is not part of this Standing Offer Requirement. All employees of the employees are not to disturb asbestos insulation, they will stop work immediately and notify the AAFC Site Authority.

#### 1.11 Hours of Work

In general, all work shall be carried out between 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. However, in circumstances where it is deemed necessary by the Facility Manager to work on equipment during off hours, work during off hours will be authorized on a case by case basis.

#### 1.12 Hand Tools and Small Equipment

The Mechanical Contractor must supply all tools and consumable supplies required to carry out the work. Use of Government tools and supplies will not be permitted. The Standing Offer Agreement will not cover tool rental or replacement costs for broken tools. The Mechanical Contractor's skilled trades hourly rate will include the supply of all tools and equipment required by the individual tradesmen and/or helper to perform the work. Delivery and pick-up of tools and job/tool boxes to the site will be included in the travel costs for the individual skilled trades extra charges will not be paid by the Research Centre.

Large equipment, as listed in Appendix B: Pitman, Boom Truck, Backhoe Tractor and trencher complete with operator.

#### 1.13 Electric Power

Electric power required for operation of hand tools will be supplied by the Research Centre at no cost to the Contractor. The Mechanical Contractor will not make electrical connections for power tools directly to the Facility electrical grid, when special electrical outlets are required contact the Facility Manager for advice. At this Facility all electrical wiring will be in accordance with the requirements of the Canadian Electrical and Safety Code.

#### 1.14 Mandatory Qualifications and Program Compliance – Refrigeration Systems

All work on refrigeration equipment must be performed by currently licensed journeymen refrigeration mechanics. When performing work on refrigeration systems, all refrigerants will be handled according to Environment Canada Guidelines for ozone depleting substances. All refrigeration mechanics will follow Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's program for handling,



storing and recovering refrigerants and tagging decommissioned equipment. The Mechanical Contractor will supply all replacement refrigerants, no refrigerant will be stored on the site.

All refrigeration mechanics will be required to hold in addition to a valid Ontario or Interprovincial Refrigeration license and a current Ozone Depleting Substances Card. Numbers will be kept on file at all times, employees must provide current licence numbers to the Facility Manager before working on any refrigeration systems.

#### 1.15 Permits, Fees and Codes Where Applicable

It is the responsibility of the Mechanical Contractor to obtain all required permits, pay all fees and adhere to all applicable codes, acts and regulations affecting the work to be performed.

#### 1.16 Removal of Surplus Materials from Site

Surplus materials are to be removed from the site without prior approval of the Facility Manager. Large metal recycle bins are available for use on the site, these bins are to be used by the Mechanical Contractor's staff.

### **2.0 Overview of Mechanical Work**

This Section outlines the type of Mechanical Work found at Harrow and Woodslee sites

#### 2.1

The extent of work to be performed during the course of the standing offer will be determined by the availability of funds, research requirements, maintenance requirements and unforeseen breakdowns. The scope of work will be defined at the time of each call up against the standing offer. Notwithstanding the above, the following is a general list of the type of work that would normally be encountered at the Harrow Facility.

#### 2.2 Greenhouse Areas General

Make general repairs to research greenhouse piping systems including steam, condensate return lines, steam traps, control valves, condensate pumps, hot water heating systems, high pressure fogging systems, compressed air, fertilizer and potable water delivery systems.

#### 2.3 Controlled Environment Storage Rooms

Design and install complete refrigeration systems to control temperature and humidity as required for the storage of various materials associated with research programs. This would include new insulated cooler and freezer rooms. Repair refrigeration equipment associated with freezer and cold storage rooms.

#### 2.4 Cooling Water Piping for Growth Chamber Area

Re-pipe corroded cooling water lines in controlled environment areas along with valves, pumps, strainers, hangers and pipe insulation as required. Install or re-route cooling water lines to serve new growth equipment applications.

#### 2.5 Central Power Plant Equipment and Systems

Make repairs to piping systems, valves, pumps and other equipment associated with the operation of the central heating and cooling plant. Provide a certified high pressure welder to repair, alter or replace steam, condensate or natural gas lines as required in the central plant.



## 2.6 Air Handling Systems

Install new heating and cooling coils and steam control valves. Install new steam shut off and isolation valves. Replace steam traps and strainers. Install new chilled water control valves, chilled water shut off and isolation valves and install new chilled water line strainers. Replace piping as required related to steam, hot water and chilled water systems. Install and service steam humidification units associated with individual building air handling systems. Experience with Carrier, Lennox and Trane roof top air handlers is desirable.

## 2.7 Natural Gas Service Lines

Size and install new natural gas service lines, pressure regulators and valves associated with new equipment and relocated equipment in the main facility. All natural gas work to be completed according to applicable codes and regulations by licenced gas fitters.

## 2.8 Service Heating - Cooling Equipment and Controlled Environments

Provide the Research Centre with 24 hour, 7 day emergency service for repair of heating and cooling equipment, controlled environment systems and hot water heaters supporting Research Centre environments.

## 2.9 Pipe Insulation Work

Provide licenced insulation mechanics as required to repair or replace insulation on various piping systems and equipment, this is required for complete equipment installations. This type of service will only be required on a complete installation and will be quoted and accepted prior to initiating the work.

## 2.10 Provide Licenced Personnel to Perform Legislated Testing

Provide Licenced personnel to perform tests and inspections and provide hard copy reports as required by the Facility Management Officer. Examples of such work are, test and verify back flow prevention systems, halocarbon leak testing, fire hydrant and stand pipe testing.

## 2.11 Special Equipment and Shop Fabrications

To fabricate and install various pieces of equipment to be used for experimental purposes as requested by the Facility Manager. To provide shop fabrication for steel, sheet metal and stainless steel applications.

## 2.12 Perimeter Hydronic Heating Systems

Rebuild or replace strainers, control valves, shut off valves, isolation valves, vents, traps and pumps. Replace gaskets on heat exchangers, repair or replace hot water system piping and fittings as required.

## 2.13 Sheet Metal Fabrication

Design, fabricate and install sheet metal ductwork, flashings and experimental containers as requested by the Facility Manager. Supply and install roof curb systems and all weather flashing, co-ordinate installation with our roofing Contractor.



#### 2.14 Stainless Steel Fabrication

Design, fabricate and install stainless steel sinks, fume removal systems, stacking, plant growth chamber interiors as requested by the Facility Manager.

#### 2.15 Main Irrigation System

Re-pipe/repair and or alter irrigation systems, hydrants, pop-up valves, cushion tanks, control valves, pumps and safety valves as required, this includes excavation and back filling trenches.

#### 2.16 Refrigeration Systems

Replace cooler and freezer room evaporators, piping and valves on various systems. Convert air cooled systems to water cooled systems as required. Rebuild growth cabinets and incubators as directed to meet factory performance specifications. Convert existing systems to alternate refrigerants as directed. Troubleshoot, repair and replace control systems as required, leak check systems, repair leaks, re-charge systems and record all data to meet AAFC and Environment Canada Federal Halocarbon Regulations. Contractor will maintain accurate inventory all refrigerants used to re-charge systems and for all refrigerants re-claimed from AAFC Systems.

AAFC will not purchase or maintain any quantities of bulk refrigerant on Site for use by Contractors.

#### 2.17 Laboratory Services

Modify, replace or add service piping to lab areas as required for research studies. Services such as compressed air, vacuum, distilled water, natural gas, potable water and drains require periodic repair, rerouting or replacement. Install and service laboratory variable air volume fume hoods, fan systems, roof curbs, discharge stacks, support wires and pitch pockets.

#### 2.18 Fabricate and Install Duct Systems

Modify sheet metal ductwork as required to supply conditioned air to work spaces. Install new ductwork as required for supply and return air systems within the facility. Install ceiling diffusers, return air grilles and service mixing boxes as required.

#### 2.19 New Equipment Operation/Drawings and Maintenance Requirements

Supply engineering design criteria, plans, equipment specifications and cost estimates as required to replace or modify all major system components operating within the facility. Example, provide design criteria for replacement pumps, fans, roof top units, special valves and other components for review by Facility Manager.

Supply all engineering data, operating characteristics, drawings and maintenance instructions for all replacement equipment supplied and installed under this standing offer agreement.

#### 2.20 Laboratory and General Exhaust Fans

Service, replace or test the performance of existing exhaust systems operating within the facility. Test the performance of laboratory exhaust systems, general exhaust systems and air handling units and provide performance test reports to the Facility Manager.



## 2.21 Delta Building Management Control System

Note: The Delta Building Management Control System will not be part of the Mechanical Standing Offer Agreement, although there may be times when the Mechanical Contractor must coordinate with the Delta Controls Contractor.

If the Contractor is required to install a complete operating system and Delta Controls are required to be installed as part of the work Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will then obtain pricing from the local Delta Controls Company to perform the work.

## 2.22 Greenhouse Structures and Systems

Fabricate specialized equipment and systems as required to support greenhouse operations. Install service and repair high pressure fogging systems and pumps, high pressure carbon dioxide delivery systems and large multi zone hydronic heating systems including water treatment auxiliary equipment and reverse osmosis units.

## 2.23 Roof Top Air Handling Systems

Install, repair, trouble-shoot problems, calibrate sensors and maintain controls for existing Carrier, Lennox and Trane roof top units. Most of the roof top units have natural gas burners and two stage cooling systems. Supply and install roof curbs for fans and roof top units complete with weather proof flashings.

## 2.24 Storm Water Drains

Excavate and repair storm water drain pipes and catch basins normally found at the Harrow and Woodslee Sites.

## 2.25 Central Plant Cooling Towers

Make repairs to 3 Marley counter flow cooling towers located in building 84X.

# 3.0 Mandatory on Site Requirements

## 3.1 General

In general all work shall be performed and inspected in accordance with applicable codes, acts and regulations related to plumbing, gas fitting, steam fitting, refrigeration, ventilation, pressure vessels, laboratory safety, federal fire code, Canadian Electrical and Safety Code and CSA certifications for wiring and electrical equipment in Ontario.

Other acts, codes and regulations apply, Provincial, Federal and Municipal requirements exist and relate to the scope of work herein as follows:

- 3.1.1 Canadian Electrical Code (CEC)
- 3.1.2 National Building Code (NBC)
- 3.1.3 National Fire Code (NFC)
- 3.1.4 Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB)
- 3.1.5 Canadian Standards Association (CSA)
- 3.1.6 Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC)
- 3.1.7 Trade Qualification Apprenticeship Authority (TQAA)
- 3.1.8 Apprenticeship and Certification Act (ACA)



- 3.1.9 Ontario Regulation 570/05 licensing of Electrical Contractors and Master Electricians
- 3.1.10 Environment Canada and Agriculture Canada Halocarbon Regulations

### 3.2 Equipment Rebuilding

Unless otherwise noted by the Facility Manager, equipment shall be rebuilt to original mechanical specifications and according to manufacturer's rebuild instructions. Where available, copies of original mechanical drawings and specifications will be made available to the Contractor.

### 3.3 Pressure Vessel Inspection

In instances where work is performed on high pressure piping and pressure vessels, the piping or pressure vessels must be inspected by a Public Works and Government Services Canada Official (PWGSC) or Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) pressure vessel inspectors. Any problems encountered by an inspector are to be promptly rectified by the Mechanical Contractor.

Visits by inspectors are to be arranged by the Mechanical Contractor in collaboration with the Facility Manager.

### 3.4 Pipe, Pipe Supports and Valve Standards

Valves used on piping systems must meet or exceed the quality and service rating of the original equipment. Pipe and fittings must be of the proper type, wall thickness and rating for the type of service it provides. Neatly label all piping systems upon completion of the work, large legible colour coded labels with directional arrows are required.

Apply pipe insulation to meet application, ensure vapour barrier is installed on cold and chilled water piping, finish pipe insulation with various coverings such as canvas and or aluminum jackets as directed by the AAFC Site Authority. Ensure hot pipes and vessels are well insulated to prevent heat loss and burns to employees.

All piping shall be supported with uni-strut, pipe clamps and/or pipe hangers in accordance with good plumbing and pipe fitting practice.

### 3.5 Refrigerant Recovery

The Mechanical Contractor will supply and use a Refrigeration System recovery unit when evacuating any refrigeration system while on the site. The cost of supplying this unit will be included in the skilled trades rate as this offer does not recognize tool rental charges. Refrigerants used for recharging units at the Research Centre will be supplied by the Mechanical Contractor. The Mechanical Contractor will be responsible for maintaining an inventory record of all refrigerants used and recovered at the site. Regarding Refrigerant Management, follow guidelines set out by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Environment Canada.

### 3.6 Warranty and Technical Literature Support Documents

The Mechanical Contractor will furnish to AAFC all warranty documents concerning warranty guarantee's for workmanship, parts and labour. Documents will specify period and type of guarantee. Supply to the Facility Manager all technical literature and maintenance instructions supplied by the factory for new equipment for filing and future reference. The Mechanical Contractor shall be capable of providing warranty support and replacement parts for all systems installed as part of this Mechanical Standing Offer Agreement.



### 3.7 Equipment, Components and Supplies

All equipment and components supplied and installed as part of this project will be compatible with existing systems operating at the Research Centre and approved for use in Canada. All equipment, components and supplies installed at this facility will be new, used parts are not acceptable. The Mechanical Contractor will ensure that all systems and system components are tested and that each system is fully commissioned. Commissioning will be supervised by the Facility Manager.

### 3.8 Disposal of Waste Materials

The Mechanical Contractor will dispose of all debris in an environmentally acceptable manner, burning or burial of materials on the site is not acceptable. Separate and dispose of used materials into recycle waste streams where applicable.

### 3.9 Equipment and Structural Measurements

All site, equipment and structural measurements are the responsibility of the Mechanical Contractor.

### 3.10 Damage to Federal Property

Any damage to Federal property or equipment by the Mechanical Contractors employees or sub-contractors will be the responsibility of the Mechanical Contractor.

### 3.11 Material Deliveries, Off-Loading and Site Storage

The Mechanical Contractor will be responsible for off loading all materials associated with the work. AAFC equipment and personnel will not handle Mechanical Contractors material at any time. The Mechanical Contractor's employees will not use or move Federal Government motor vehicles or motorized equipment found on either site, when vehicles or other motorized equipment requires moving contact the Facility Manager. The Mechanical Contractor will sign for all materials that are delivered to the site and associated with this project, AAFC employees are not authorized to sign for materials delivered to Contractors.

The Mechanical Contractor will be allowed to store supplies and materials on the site, but must take responsibility for loss or damage.

### 3.12 Identification and Labelling

The Mechanical Contractor will ensure that all new control panels, pipe systems, electrical breakers/disconnects are neatly labelled for safety and operational purposes.



**APPENDIX C – FINANCIAL PROPOSAL PART A**  
 (The hourly rates in this section will be part of the Standing Offer)

**Rates offered for the duration of the Standing Offer – YEAR 1 (Firm Year)**

	Skilled Trades and Site Services	Unit	Year 1 (First year from Date of Award)		
			During Regular Working Hours \$	Outside Regular Working Hours \$	Saturday, Sunday & Holidays Hours \$
1	Journeyman Pipe Fitter	hr			
2	Journeyman Plumber	hr			
3	Journeyman Sheet Metal Mechanic	hr			
4	Journeyman Refrigeration mechanic	hr			
5	High Pressure Welder Certified	hr			
6	Journeyman Electrician	hr			
7	Journeyman Gas Fitter	hr			
8	Emergency Gas Appliance Service Calls	hr			
9	Material Deliveries Truck & Driver	trip			
10	Mark up % Rate on Materials	%			
11	Travel Charges Round Trip	trip			
12	Pitman/ Boom Truck/Backhoe Tractor with Operator	hr			



**Rates offered for the duration of the Standing Offer – Optional Years (2 additional 2 year periods)**

	Skilled Trades and Site Services	Unit	1 <sup>st</sup> 2-Year Option (Second and third year from date of award)			2 <sup>nd</sup> 2-Year Option (Fourth and Fifth year from date of award)		
			During Regular Working Hours \$	Outside Regular Working Hours \$	Saturday, Sunday & Holidays Hours \$	During Regular Working Hours \$	Outside Regular Working Hours \$	Saturday, Sunday & Holidays Hours \$
1	Journeyman Pipe Fitter	hr						
2	Journeyman Plumber	hr						
3	Journeyman Sheet Metal Mechanic	hr						
4	Journeyman Refrigeration mechanic	hr						
5	High Pressure Welder Certified	hr						
6	Journeyman Electrician	hr						
7	Journeyman Gas Fitter	hr						
8	Emergency Gas Appliance Service Calls	hr						
9	Material Deliveries Truck & Driver	trip						
10	Mark up % Rate on Materials	%						
11	Travel Charges Round Trip	trip						
12	Pitman/ Boom Truck/Backhoe Tractor with Operator	hr						

**\*Please consider that the rates for each additional period will be set for two years.**



**Rates Offered for the Duration of the Standing Offer**

Name of Offeror: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Offeror: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Position of Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**APPENDIX C – FINANCIAL EVALUATION PART B**

(This section will not be part of the Standing Offer; it is for evaluation purposes only).  
(Rates in this section must be identical to the rates submitted in Appendix C, Part A)

**Year 1 (First year from date of award)**

	Skilled Trades and Site Services		During Regular Working Hours \$	Estimated Quantity per year	Total A	Outside Regular Working Hours \$	Estimated Quantity per year	Total B	Saturday, Sunday & Holidays hrs \$	Estimated Quantity per year	Total C	Total per Trade / Service Total A + B + C
1	Journeyman Pipe Fitter	hr		300			10			10		
2	Journeyman Plumber	hr		200			10			10		
3	Journeyman Sheet Metal Mechanic	hr		200			10			10		
4	Journeyman Refrigeration mechanic	hr		450			10			10		
5	High Pressure Welder Certified	hr		40			10			10		
6	Journeyman Electrician	hr		25		N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	
7	Journeyman Gas Fitter	hr		50			10			10		
8	Emergency Gas Appliance Service Calls	hr		50			25			10		
9	Material Deliveries Truck & Driver	trip		25		N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	
10	Mark up % Rate on Materials	%		40000		N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	
11	Travel Charges Round Trip	trip		70			20			10		
12	Pitman/ Boom Truck/Backhoe Tractor with Operator	hr		15		N/A	0	N/A		8		
									<b>TOTAL FOR YEAR 1</b>			



**Year 2 and 3** (Optional : 1<sup>st</sup> additional period of 2 years)

	Skilled Trades and Site Services		During Regular Working Hours \$	Estimated Quantity <u>per year</u>	Total A	Outside Regular Working Hours \$	Estimated Quantity <u>per year</u>	Total B	Saturday, Sunday & Holidays hrs \$	Estimated Quantity <u>per year</u>	Total C	Total per Trade / Service Total A + B + C
1	Journeyman Pipe Fitter	hr		300			10			10		
2	Journeyman Plumber	hr		200			10			10		
3	Journeyman Sheet Metal Mechanic	hr		200			10			10		
4	Journeyman Refrigeration mechanic	hr		450			10			10		
5	High Pressure Welder Certified	hr		40			10			10		
6	Journeyman Electrician	hr		25		N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	
7	Journeyman Gas Fitter	hr		50			10			10		
8	Emergency Gas Appliance Service Calls	hr		50			25			10		
9	Material Deliveries Truck & Driver	trip		25		N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	
10	Mark up % Rate on Materials	%		40000		N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	
11	Travel Charges Round Trip	trip		70			20			10		
12	Pitman/ Boom Truck/Backhoe Tractor with Operator	hr		15		N/A	0	N/A		8		
<b>TOTAL PER YEAR FOR YEAR 2 AND 3</b>												

**\*Please consider that the annual rates will be set for the two-year period.**



**Year 4 and 5** (Optional : 2nd additional period of 2 years)

	Skilled Trades and Site Services		During Regular Working Hours \$	Estimated Quantity <u>per year</u>	Total A	Outside Regular Working Hours \$	Estimated Quantity per year	Total B	Saturday, Sunday & Holidays hrs \$	Estimated Quantity <u>per year</u>	Total C	Total per Trade / Service Total A + B + C
1	Journeyman Pipe Fitter	hr		300			10			10		
2	Journeyman Plumber	hr		200			10			10		
3	Journeyman Sheet Metal Mechanic	hr		200			10			10		
4	Journeyman Refrigeration mechanic	hr		450			10			10		
5	High Pressure Welder Certified	hr		40			10			10		
6	Journeyman Electrician	hr		25		N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	
7	Journeyman Gas Fitter	hr		50			10			10		
8	Emergency Gas Appliance Service Calls	hr		50			25			10		
9	Material Deliveries Truck & Driver	trip		25		N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	
10	Mark up % Rate on Materials	%		40000		N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	
11	Travel Charges Round Trip	trip		70			20			10		
12	Pitman/ Boom Truck/Backhoe Tractor with Operator	hr		15		N/A	0	N/A		8		
									<b>TOTAL PER YEAR FOR YEAR 4 AND 5</b>			

**\*Please consider that the annual rates will be set for the two-year period.**





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## APPENDIX D - EVALUATION PROCEDURES & CRITERIA

It is essential that the elements contained in the Proposal be stated in a clear manner and in sufficient depth to allow for evaluation by the evaluation team.

### 1.0 METHOD OF SELECTION – LOWEST COST (ONCE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET)

- 1.1 This section comprises the detailed Proposal requirements that will be used to evaluate Bidders' responses to the RFP.
- 1.2 The mandatory requirements under section 2.0 will be evaluated on a compliant/non-compliant basis.  
The Proposals must include the necessary documentation to demonstrate this compliance.
- 1.3 The price of the Proposal will be evaluated in CANADIAN DOLLARS, Applicable Taxes excluded, FOB destination for goods/services, Customs Duties and Excise Taxes included.
- 1.4 Failure of a Proposal to provide information in sufficient detail and depth to permit evaluation against the identified criteria may render a Proposal non-responsive. **All Bidders are advised that only listing experience without providing any supporting data to describe where and how such experience was obtained will not be considered to be “demonstrated” for the purpose of the evaluation. All professional experience must be fully demonstrated in the Proposal (i.e., dates, number of years and months of experience).**
- 1.5 The Bidders acknowledge and agree that Canada is not responsible to search for, and therefore evaluate, information that is not properly referenced or is not otherwise provided in accordance with the Proposal Preparation Instructions in Part 2, Article 3.0.
- 1.6 Bidders shall not place any conditions or make any assumptions that attempt to limit or otherwise modify the scope of Work pursuant to the Statement of Work (Appendix B).

### 2.0 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Failure to comply with any of the mandatory requirements will render the Proposal non-compliant and the Proposal will receive no further consideration.

- 2.1 Certificate of qualifications
  - a. Offerors must **provide a list** of licensed 309A construction/maintenance electricians, journeyman plumbers, steam fitters, licensed high pressure welders, journeyman refrigeration mechanics and licensed gas fitters in their present employ that would be sent to the site to perform any part of the general scope of work.



For each individual, offerors must **provide copies of valid certificate of qualification.**

- b. In addition, for all refrigeration mechanics, offerors must **provide copies of valid Ontario or Interprovincial Refrigeration license and current Ozone Depleting Substances Card.**

## 2.2 Offeror experience

The offeror must have experience in similar projects. To demonstrate this experience the offeror must provide details on three (3) similar projects managed by the firm:

- Name and location of organization for whom work was done;
- Type of operating environment, i.e. factory, care/medical facility etc.;
- Length time your firm has provided service for the named organization;
- Type(s) and extent of service provided

*'Similar projects'* means:

a) The service was provided in a commercial or institutional **environment**

b) **Type of service** provided includes all of the following:

- Plumbing and pipe fitting
- High pressure welding
- Duct work fabrication and installation
- Stainless steel fabrication

## 3. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The Bidder must complete all tables of Appendix C - Financial Proposal. The financial proposal must be signed.

## 4. DETERMINATION OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDER

The compliant bid with the lowest cost for the 5 years will be awarded the Standing Offer.



### APPENDIX E - CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following certification requirements apply to this Request for Standing Offer (RFSO) document. Bidders should include, with their proposal, a signed copy of this certification below.

#### A) LEGAL ENTITY AND CORPORATE NAME

Please certify that the Bidder is a legal entity that can be bound by the Standing Offer and sued in court and indicate **i)** whether the Bidder is a corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship, **ii)** the laws under which the Bidder was registered or formed, **iii)** together with the registered or corporate name. Also identify **iv)** the country where the controlling interest/ownership (name if applicable) of the Bidder is located.

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) \_\_\_\_\_
- iv) \_\_\_\_\_

Any resulting Contract may be executed under the following:

Corporate full legal name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of business (complete address): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GST number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

#### B) EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE CERTIFICATION

We certify that all statements made with regard to the education and the experience of individuals proposed for completing the subject Work are accurate and factual, and we are aware that the Minister reserves the right to verify any information provided in this regard and that untrue statements may result in the proposal being declared **non-responsive** or in other action which the Minister may consider appropriate.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**C) PRICE/RATE CERTIFICATION**

"We hereby certify that the price quoted have been computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to all like services rendered and sold by us, that such prices are not in excess of the lowest prices charged anyone else, including our most favoured customer for like quality and quantity so the services, does not include an element of profit on the sale in excess of that normally obtained by us on the sale of services of like quality and quantity, and does not include any provision for discounts or commissions to selling agents".

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**D) VALIDITY OF PROPOSAL**

It is requested that proposals submitted in response to this Request for Standing Offer be:

- valid in all aspects, including price, for not less than one hundred and twenty (120) days from the closing date of this RFSO; and,
- signed by an authorized representative of the Bidder in the space provided on the RFSO; and,
- provide the name and telephone number of a representative who may be contacted for clarification or other matters relating to the Bidder's proposal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**E) AVAILABILITY AND STATUS OF PERSONNEL**

The Bidder certifies that, should it be authorized to provide services under any Standing Offer resulting from this RFSO, the employees proposed in its proposal will be available to commence performance of the work within a reasonable time from Standing Offer award, or within the time specified herein.

If the Bidder has proposed any person in fulfilment of this requirement who is not an employee of the Bidder, the Bidder hereby certifies that it has written permission from such person to propose the services of such person in relation to the work to be performed in fulfilment of this requirement and to submit such person's résumé to the Contracting Authority.

During the proposal evaluation, the Bidder MUST upon the request of the Contracting Authority provide a copy of such written permission, in relation to any or all non-employees proposed. The Bidder agrees that failure to comply with such a request may lead to disqualification of the Bidder's proposal from further consideration.

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

**F) FORMER PUBLIC SERVANT – STATUS AND DISLCOSURE**

Standing Offers with former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension or of a lump sum payment must bear the closest public scrutiny, and reflect fairness in the spending of public funds. In order to comply with Treasury Board policies and directives on contracts with FPS, bidders must provide the information required below.

**Definitions**

For the purposes of this clause, "former public servant" is any former member of a department as defined in the Financial Administration Act, R.S., 1985, c. F-11, a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces or a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A former public servant may be:

- a. an individual;
- b. an individual who has incorporated;
- c. a partnership made of former public servants; or
- d. a sole proprietorship or entity where the affected individual has a controlling or major interest in the entity.

"lump sum payment period" means the period measured in weeks of salary, for which payment has been made to facilitate the transition to retirement or to other employment as a result of the implementation of various programs to reduce the size of the Public Service. The lump sum payment period does not include the period of severance pay, which is measured in a like manner.



"pension" means, a pension or annual allowance paid under the Public Service Superannuation Act (PSSA), R.S., 1985, c.P-36, and any increases paid pursuant to the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act, R.S., 1985, c.S-24 as it affects the PSSA. It does not include pensions payable pursuant to the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act, R.S., 1985, c.C-17, the Defence Services Pension Continuation Act, 1970, c.D-3, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act, 1970, c.R-10, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act, R.S., 1985, c.R-11, the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act, R.S., 1985, c.M-5, and that portion of pension payable to the Canada Pension Plan Act, R.S., 1985, c.C-8.

**Former Public Servant in Receipt of a Pension**

As per the above definitions, is the Bidder a FPS in receipt of a pension? **Yes ( ) No ( )**

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information, for all FPS in receipt of a pension, as applicable:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service.

**By providing this information, Bidders agree that the successful Bidder's status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure report.**

**Work Force Reduction Program**

Is the Bidder a FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of a work force reduction program? **Yes ( ) No ( )**

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. conditions of the lump sum payment incentive;
- c. date of termination of employment;
- d. amount of lump sum payment;
- e. rate of pay on which lump sum payment is based;
- f. period of lump sum payment including start date, end date and number of weeks;
- g. number and amount (professional fees) of other contracts subject to the restrictions of a work force reduction program.

For all contracts awarded during the lump sum payment period, the total amount of fees that may be paid to a FPS who received a lump sum payment is \$5,000, including the Goods and Services Tax or Harmonized Sales Tax.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## G) JOINT VENTURES

1.0 In the event of a proposal submitted by a contractual joint venture, the proposal shall be signed by either all members of the joint venture or a statement shall be provided to the effect that the signatory represents all parties of the joint venture. The following will be completed if applicable:

1. The Bidder represents that the bidding entity is/is not (delete as applicable) a joint venture in accordance with the definition in paragraph 3.
2. A Bidder that is a joint venture represents the following additional information:
  - (a) Type of joint venture (mark applicable choice):
    - Incorporated joint venture
    - Limited partnership joint venture
    - Partnership joint venture
    - Contractual joint venture
    - Other
  - (b) Composition (names and addresses of all members of the joint venture)
3. Definition of joint venture

A joint venture is an association of two or more parties who combine their money, property, knowledge, skills, time or other resources in a joint business enterprise agreeing to share the profits and the losses and each having some degree of control over the enterprise. Joint ventures may be carried on in a variety of legal forms divided into three categories:

- (a) The incorporated joint venture;
  - (b) The partnership venture;
  - (c) The contractual joint venture where the parties combine their resources in the furtherance of a single business enterprise without actual partnership or corporate designation.
4. The joint venture team arrangement is to be distinguished from other types of Contractor arrangements, such as:
    - (a) Prime Contractor, in which, for example, the purchasing agency contracts directly with a Contractor (prime) who acts as the system assembler and integrator, with major components, assemblies and subsystems normally subcontracted;
    - (b) Associated Contractor, in which for example, the purchasing agency contracts directly with each of the major component suppliers and performs the integration tasks or awards a separate contract for this purpose.



- 5. If the Standing Offer is awarded to an unincorporated joint venture, all members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally responsible for the performance of the Call-ups against a Standing Offer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**H) FEDERAL CONTRACTORS PROGRAM**

**Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Bid Certification**

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder, and any of the Bidder's members if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, is not named on the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list ([http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards\\_equity/eq/emp/fcp/list/inelig.shtml](http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards_equity/eq/emp/fcp/list/inelig.shtml)) available from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada - Labour's website.

Canada will have the right to declare a bid non-responsive if the Bidder, or any member of the Bidder if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, appears on the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list at the time of contract award.

Canada will also have the right to terminate the Contract for default if a Contractor, or any member of the Contractor if the Contractor is a Joint Venture, appears on the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list during the period of the Contract.

The Bidder must provide the Contracting Authority with a completed Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity – Certification (below), before contract award. If the Bidder is a Joint Venture, the Bidder must provide the Contracting Authority with a completed annex Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity-Certification, for each member of the Joint Venture.

**PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY - CERTIFICATION**

I, the Bidder, by submitting the present information to the Contracting Authority, certify that the information provided is true as of the date indicated below. The certifications provided to Canada are subject to verification at all times. I understand that Canada will declare a bid non-responsive, or will declare a contractor in default, if a certification is found to be untrue, whether during the bid evaluation period or during the contract period. Canada will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Bidder's certifications. Failure to comply with such request by Canada will also render the bid non-responsive or will constitute a default under the Contract.

For further information on the Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity visit HRSDC-Labour's website.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_(YYYY/MM/DD) (If left blank, the date will be deemed to be the bid solicitation closing date.)

Complete both A and B.

A. Check only one of the following:

- A1. The Bidder certifies having no work force in Canada.
- A2. The Bidder certifies being a public sector employer.
- A3. The Bidder certifies being a federally regulated employer being subject to the Employment Equity Act.
- A4. The Bidder certifies having a combined work force in Canada of less than 100 employees (combined work force includes: permanent full-time, permanent part-time and temporary employees [temporary employees only includes those who have worked 12 weeks or more during a calendar year and who are not full-time students]).
- A5. The Bidder has a combined workforce in Canada of 100 or more employees; and
- A5.1. The Bidder certifies already having a valid and current Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (AIEE) in place with HRSDC-Labour.

OR

A5.2. The Bidder certifies having submitted the Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (LAB1168) to HRSDC-Labour. As this is a condition to contract award, proceed to completing the form Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (LAB1168), duly signing it, and transmit it to HRSDC-Labour.

B. Check only one of the following:

B1. The Bidder is not a Joint Venture.

OR

B2. The Bidder is a Joint Venture and each member of the Joint Venture must provide the Contracting Authority with a completed annex Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification. (Refer to the Joint Venture section of the Standard Instructions)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**I) INTEGRITY PROVISIONS**

1. Ineligibility and Suspension Policy (the "Policy"), and all related Directives (2016-04-04), are incorporated by reference into, and form a binding part of the procurement process. The Supplier must comply with the Policy and Directives, which can be found at [Ineligibility and Suspension Policy](#).
2. Under the Policy, charges and convictions of certain offences against a Supplier, its affiliates or first tier subcontractors, and other circumstances, will or may result in a determination by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) that the Supplier is ineligible to enter, or is suspended from entering into a contract with Canada. The list of ineligible and suspended Suppliers is contained



- in PWGSC's Integrity Database. The Policy describes how enquiries can be made regarding the ineligibility or suspension of Suppliers.
3. In addition to all other information required in the procurement process, the Supplier must provide the following:
    - a. by the time stated in the Policy, all information required by the Policy described under the heading "Information to be Provided when Bidding, Contracting or Entering into a Real Property Agreement"; and
    - b. with its bid / quote / proposal, a complete list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions pertaining to itself, its affiliates and its proposed first tier subcontractors that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the listed offences in the Policy. The list of foreign criminal charges and convictions must be submitted using an Integrity Declaration Form, which can be found at [Declaration form for procurement](#).
  4. Subject to subsection 5, by submitting a bid / quote / proposal in response a request by AAFC, the Supplier certifies that:
    - a. it has read and understands the [Ineligibility and Suspension Policy](#);
    - b. it understands that certain domestic and foreign criminal charges and convictions, and other circumstances, as described in the Policy, will or may result in a determination of ineligibility or suspension under the Policy;
    - c. it is aware that Canada may request additional information, certifications, and validations from the Supplier or a third party for purposes of making a determination of ineligibility or suspension;
    - d. it has provided with its bid / quote / proposal a complete list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions pertaining to itself, its affiliates and its proposed first tier subcontractors that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the listed offences in the Policy;
    - e. none of the domestic criminal offences, and other circumstances, described in the Policy that will or may result in a determination of ineligibility or suspension, apply to it, its affiliates and its proposed first tier subcontractors; and
    - f. it is not aware of a determination of ineligibility or suspension issued by PWGSC that applies to it.
  5. Where a Supplier is unable to provide any of the certifications required by subsection 4, it must submit with its bid/ quote / proposal a completed Integrity Declaration Form, which can be found at [Declaration form for procurement](#).
  6. Canada will declare non-responsive any bid / quote / proposal in respect of which the information requested is incomplete or inaccurate, or in respect of which the information contained in a certification or declaration is found by Canada to be false or misleading in any respect. If Canada establishes after award of the Contract that the Supplier provided a false or misleading certification or declaration, Canada may terminate the Contract for default. Pursuant to the Policy, Canada may also determine the Supplier to be ineligible for award of a contract for providing a false or misleading certification or declaration.

**Certification:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Suppliers name) understand that any information I submit in order for the department to confirm my eligibility to receive a contract may be shared and used



by AAFC and /or PSPC as part of the validation process, and the results of verification may be publicly disseminated. Moreover, I am aware that any erroneous or missing information could result in the cancellation of my bid as well as a determination of ineligibility/suspension.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**J) COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement Certification**

In accordance with the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Supplier Personnel, all offerors must provide with their offer, the COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement Certification attached to this RFSO, to be given further consideration in this procurement process. This Certification is incorporated into, and forms a binding part of any resulting Contract.

**COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement Certification**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*first and last name*), as the representative of \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of business*) pursuant to \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert solicitation number*), warrant and certify that all personnel that \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of business*) will provide on call-up(s) issued against the Standing Offer resulting from this Request for Standing Offers who access federal government workplaces where they may come into contact with public servants will be:

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with Health Canada-approved COVID-19 vaccine(s); or
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ for personnel that are unable to be vaccinated due to a certified medical contraindication, religion or other prohibited grounds of discrimination under the *Canadian Human Rights Act*, subject to



accommodation and mitigation measures that have been presented to and approved by Canada;

until such time that Canada indicates that the vaccination requirements of the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Supplier Personnel are no longer in effect.

I certify that all personnel provided by \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of business*) have been notified of the vaccination requirements of the Government of Canada's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Supplier Personnel, and that the \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of business*) has certified to their compliance with this requirement.

I certify that the information provided is true as of the date indicated below and will continue to be true for the duration of the Standing Offer and any resulting call-ups (contracts). I understand that the certifications provided to Canada are subject to verification at all times. I also understand that Canada will declare an Offeror or contractor in default, if a certification is found to be untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, during the period of the Standing Offer or call-up (contract). Canada reserves the right to ask for additional information to verify the certifications. Failure to comply with any request or requirement imposed by Canada will constitute a default under the Standing Offer and call-up (contract).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Optional*

For data purposes only, initial below if your business already has its own mandatory vaccination policy or requirements for employees in place. Initialing below **is not** a substitute for completing the mandatory certification above.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Information you provide on this Certification Form and in accordance with the Government of Canada's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Supplier Personnel will be



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