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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

Comments - Commentaires

**Vendor/Firm Name and Address
Raison sociale et adresse du
fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur**

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Title - Sujet PAEPSS-SPSNSTP PAEPSS-SPSNSTP	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8485-205765/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 005
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 6000488014	Date 2022-02-16
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$ZH-108-40420	
File No. - N° de dossier 112zh.W8485-205765	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM Eastern Standard Time EST on - le 2022-02-22 Heure Normale de l'Est HNE	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Kaine, Joshua	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 112zh
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (343) 552-5132 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX () -
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

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Solicitation Amendment 005 is raised to address the following:

1. To answer questions from potential bidders;

1. Questions and Answers.

Question 1: For transparency purposes, will Canada, either as an email or published on the URL for this solicitation, provide a list of all of all bidders that have already submitted bids for this tender?

Answer 1: Canada does not know who has submitted a bid until the solicitation period closes. At that point Canada will act according to section 1.70(f) of the Supply Manual, quoted in full below.

(f) PWGSC must ensure safeguards are put in place to protect individual and company private information by ensuring information is stored securely and that information is handled through limited distribution and provided only as necessary. Under no circumstances should a company's private information or an individual's personal information be shared with competitors or placed in the public domain without the written authorization of the originator of the information.

Question 2: The following sentence may be found within the *Bidder's Proposed Site or Premises Requiring Safeguard Measures* section of the *Section III – Certifications and Additional Information* form:

Bidder's Proposed Site or Premises Requiring Safeguard Measures

As indicated in Part 6 under Security Requirement, the bidder must provide the required information below, on the Bidder's proposed site or premises for which safeguard measures are required for Work Performance.

The above sentence within this form itself is asking what the bidder's proposed site or premises is and that the premises at this site has the safeguard measures required for work performance. It is currently worded to allow the opportunity for an applicant to propose their own site of business as where it would like to conduct work. Whether or not this is actually what is meant to be entered in for this is my concern. If entry of an address within this section is not meant to coincide with the location of where work will be done for this solicitation, then this appears to be a very poorly worded section of this form. Can you please confirm if my interpretation of the subject form is incorrect, and if so, clarify why?

Answer 2: In this case, Section 10 of Annex A – Statement of Work is clear as to the location for provision of required services.

The certification being referenced is part of a standard form and is usually used when Part C of the Security Requirements Check List (SRCL) indicates the category(ies) and level(s) of safeguarding required at the Bidder's and proposed individuals' sites or premises. Please see Annex C - Security Requirements Check List for more information, and please also refer to section 6.1.3 of the solicitation document, quoted in full below.

6.1.3 For additional information on security requirements, Bidders should refer to the Contract Security Program of Public Works and Government Services Canada (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/escsrc/introduction-eng.html>) website.

Question 3: The nature of this competition places significant risk on the Crown. The resources to be provided to support the conduct of work will not be identified by the successful bidder until after Contract Award. The resources grids are quite stringent and are not considered in the evaluation process and it is our belief that various organizations may have difficulty meeting these requirements.

The simplified process for a task-based program typically includes:

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1. Crown: The release of the Tasking Order. These Orders will identify the Personnel Resources to be included in the delivery of the Task. The first time these Resources are called up, they will have to be presented to the Crown for approval;
2. Delivery Org: Development/submission of the Proposed Response to the Tasking Order, including along with the traditional proposal material will be the personnel grids for those Resources that have yet to be approved by the Crown; and
3. Crown: release of the DND 626 accepting the Proposal and allowing the work to proceed.
4. Delivery Org: initiation of the work in accordance with the DND 626.

What are the performance issues that would put the successful bidder into Contract default?

Considerations include:

- Allowable period to respond to the Tasking Order (delta between list items 1 & 2);
- Presentation of personnel resources to the Crown via personnel grids (list item 2);
- Suitability of personnel resources (list items 2 and 3); and
- Suitability of delivery

Answer 3: The successful Bidder(s) must comply with the terms and conditions of the contract in order to avoid being in default. In particular, the successful Contractor(s) must follow the task authorization process.

The task authorization process is described in section 7.1.2 of the solicitation. Specific timelines must be followed, including the requirement that the Contractor(s) respond to the DND626 Task Authorization form within ten (10) calendar days of the issuance of that form to the Contractor(s). If the Contractor(s) do not provide a valid response, as detailed in section 7.1.2 of the solicitation, the Crown could place them in default. Canada may choose to terminate the contract and the award the contract to the next responsive bidder.

Contractor(s) that are found to be in default of a contract will be subject to the Vendor Performance Corrective Measure Policy (VPCMP).

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAINS THE SAME.