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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

REGULATORY SUPPORT SERVICES

Faro Mine Remediation Project (FMRP)
Faro Mine Complex, Yukon Territory

Amendment No. 002 is raised to:

- A. Provide answers to questions received (Q3 – Q20); and
 - B. Incorporate Addendum 001 to the solicitation document.
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A. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RECEIVED (Q3 – Q20)

Question 3: We ask that you reconsider the necessity for a Graduate or post graduate degree for Essential Qualifications for Key Team Members. We feel that a relevant undergraduate degree should suffice.

Answer 3: Please refer to addendum 001 below. PSPC has amended the essential qualifications; an undergraduate degree with fifteen (15) years experience would be an acceptable alternative to a graduate or post-graduate degree with ten (10) years experience for the Team Lead, Principal Consultant and Senior Consultant.

Question 4: Please confirm that we are to demonstrate expertise in all 5 disciplines (a-e) with four (4) separate qualified individuals and that one (1) individual will demonstrate 2 specializations.

Answer 4: Please refer to the amendment to Annex G – Technical Evaluation provided in RFP amendment 001. PSPC has amended the number of disciplines to four (4) disciplines (a-d). Four (4) separate qualified individuals are required. One (1) individual may demonstrate two (2) specializations; i.e. two individuals may have the same discipline, as long as one of the four covers two of the disciplines.

Question 5: To allow a greater number of groups to respond to this RFP given the scope and value, would PSPC consider a two-week extension to the submission date?

Answer 5: Yes, the solicitation closing date was extended to April 11, 2022 on previous RFP amendment 001.

Question 6: The positions for Team Lead, Principal Consultant and Senior consultant require Graduate or Post-Degrees as a mandatory requirement. Given the other northern-specific requirements, this educational requirement could exclude highly qualified northern residing professionals. Would PSPC consider limiting this requirement to an undergraduate degree?

Answer 6: Please refer to addendum 001 below. PSPC has amended the essential qualifications; an undergraduate degree with fifteen (15) years experience would be an acceptable alternative to a graduate or post-graduate degree with ten (10) years experience for the Team Lead, Principal Consultant and Senior Consultant.



Question 7: Can PSPC advise if this scope of work has any potential conflict of interests related to the other scopes for the Faro mine Remediation, such as the recent Remediation Plan Design & Support RFP (Solicitation No. EZ897-212881/B)? i.e. would the successful proponent of the Remediation Design be precluded from being awarded this contract?

Answer 7: No, the successful proponent of solicitation no. EZ897-212881/B for the Remediation Plan Design and Support Services contract or the successful proponent of solicitation no. EZ897-220593/A for Environmental Monitoring Services for the Faro Mine Remediation Project would not be precluded from bidding on or being awarded this contract for Regulatory Support Services.

Question 8: Part 3 - 3.1.4 Bid Preparation Instructions – The page limit for this submission is stated to be 50 pages, which does not include CVs. Annexes J and K appear to be the only response formats that bidders are provided to use in detailing the experience of their proposed resources, and no other reference to CVs is included in the RFP. Does this reference to CVs refer to Annexes J and K or are CV's required to be provided in addition to Annexes J and K? If the former, do bidder's responses for Annexes J and K count towards the 50 page limit? What are the page limits for Annexes J and K? Also, given the volume and detail of the required information, we request that the page length for Annex J be four pages.

Answer 8: The forms provided at Annex J and K are mandatory forms and are required to facilitate review and evaluation. These mandatory forms are included in the 50 page limit. PSPC does not specify the length of these individual forms provided at Annex J and K, and the amount of detail is at the bidder's discretion. CVs may be submitted if the bidder chooses, but they are not required, and are not included in the 50 page limit.

Question 9: Part 3 - 3.1.4 Bid Preparation Instructions – The minimum font point of 11 has been specified. Could you confirm the font type which is to be used?

Answer 9: Bidders may select their preferred font.

Question 10: Annex G - 1.3.1 R1 - Achievement on Projects – The RFP requires that the bidder demonstrate a minimum of 10 years corporate experience in providing regulatory services as defined in the RFP, however only those components worked on in the last five years will be considered for evaluation purposes. Can PSPC please clarify what the requirements are?

Answer 10: PSPC will evaluate corporate experience providing regulatory services as defined in the SOW over a 10 year period.

Question 11: Annex G - 1.3.2 R2 - Qualifications and Experience of Key Team Members – The RFP requires that four key team members be named; comprised of one team member for each of the four key roles including: Team Lead, Principal Consultant, Senior Consultant and Consultant. The RFP requires that the four proposed key team members demonstrate specialization in five disciplines (water quality, water management and water treatment, fish and fish habitat, environmental management, monitoring and adaptive management, and ecological risk assessment). The RFP allows for one key team member to be named in more than one discipline. If none of the proposed key team members have specialization in two or more disciplines, can the proponent name two resources for one or more of the four key roles in order to demonstrate the fifth specialization?

Answer 11: Please refer to the amendment to Annex G – Technical Evaluation provided in RFP amendment 001. PSPC has amended the requirements by reducing the disciplines to four (4); the requirement for water management and water treatment has been removed. One team member may be



named in more than one discipline as long as specialization in all four (4) disciplines is demonstrated and four (4) key team members are proposed.

Question 12: Annex G - 1.3.2 R2 - Qualifications and Experience of Key Team Members – The RFP requires that the proposed key team members demonstrate specialization in five disciplines including water management and water treatment, and ecological risk assessment. The scopes of these disciplines and the experience of the people needed to fulfill them can vary on a project such as the FMRP. For example: water treatment engineering has already been contracted by PSPC and water collection engineering will be completed by the RPD/SS consultant. What is the scope of this role in the current regulatory context? Given the status of the FMRP, are there aspects of ecological risk assessment that are the focus of this role? Can PSPC please provide a description of the scope of these disciplines?

Answer 12: Please refer to the amendment to Annex G – Technical Evaluation provided in RFP amendment 001. PSPC has amended the requirements by reducing the disciplines to four (4); the requirement for water management and water treatment has been removed. PSPC cannot provide a detailed description of the scope of these disciplines, including ecological risk assessment, as they will be dependent upon regulatory board comments and questions on submissions. The purpose of having team members with the specified disciplines is to ensure the team has a comprehensive ability to prepare submissions and respond to information requests.

Question 13: Annex G - 1.3.3 R3 - Disciplines - Additional Resource Capacity – The RFP requires that the bidder indicate their approach to providing expertise at the Senior Consultant level under the disciplines listed in items 2. (a) to (k), including potentially naming in-house resources in these categories. Is the bidder able to include a resource listed in R2 (Key Team Member) as one of the named resources under R3? Is the bidder able to name the same resource in two or more of the additional capacity disciplines?

Answer 13: Yes, a resource identified as a Key Team Member in R2 can also be a specialist under R3. Yes, the bidder may name the same resource in two or more of the additional capacity disciplines.

Question 14: Annex G - 1.3.3 R3 - Disciplines - Additional Resource Capacity; Annex K – The RFP requires that the bidder indicate their approach to providing expertise under the disciplines listed in items 2. (a) to (k), including potentially describing their plan for supplying these resources in Annex K, if the bidder cannot supply them in-house. The format of Annex K appears intended to describe the qualifications of a named resource and does not include fields which allow for a resourcing plan to be provided. Can the bidders modify Annex K to include the requested resourcing plan?

Answer 14: The bidder may submit a resourcing plan in any format of their choosing including using headings identical to those in Annex K. Note if Annex K is modified to be used as a resourcing plan rather than for a named resource, the page limit of the resourcing plan is two (2) pages, which are included within the 50 page limit. Note that Annex K is required for named resources.

Question 15: Annex G - 1.3.3 R3 - Disciplines - Additional Resource Capacity; Annex K – The RFP requires that the bidder indicate their approach to providing expertise under the disciplines listed in items 2. (a) to (k), including potentially describing their plan for supplying these services in Annex K, if the bidder does not possess them in-house. The page limit for a potential resourcing plan is stated to be 2-pages. The format of Annex K appears intended to describe the qualifications of a named resource. Is there a page limit for Annex K if it is used to describe the qualifications of a named resource?



Answer 15: There is no specific page limit for the information submitted using Annex K to describe the qualifications of a named resource. If Annex K is modified to be used as a resourcing plan rather than for a named resource, the page limit of the resourcing plan is two (2) pages. The bidder is advised to prepare their submission such that it does not exceed 50 pages overall.

Question 16: Annex G – 1.3.3 R3 - Disciplines – Additional Resource Capacity; Annex K – The RFP implies that if the bidder cannot supply the requested disciplines at the Senior Consultant level in-house, that they must provide a resourcing plan for how they will furnish the expertise. If the bidder is including a named subcontractor in its team, is it permissible to include a named subcontracted resource as being "in-house"?

Answer 16: Yes.

Question 17: Annex K, Proposed Resource Form - Additional Capacity – Bidders are asked to complete one form per personnel and if the same individual is being proposed for two (2) part-time roles, bidders are required to complete one (1) form for the individual per role (2 forms total for the individual). Can we propose an individual for more than two (2) part-time roles? Please confirm?

Answer 17: Yes, however, bidders will be required to supply resources at the level of effort required to prepare timely submissions and be responsive to board information requests in a manner satisfactory to the DR.

Question 18: Does PWGSC define a graduate degree or post-graduate degree to mean a Masters level degree or higher (i.e. PhD)?

Answer 18:
Yes.

Question 19: Does all of the positions noted under Additional Resource Capacity need to have a Masters level degree for higher (i.e. PhD)?

Answer 19:
The positions noted under Additional Resource Capacity must meet the amended requirements for the Senior Consultant as indicated in Addendum 001.

Question 20: If a Masters degree or higher is the current requirement, is there any flexibility such as using a professional designation with a degree in place of the requirement for a graduate degree or higher?

Answer 20:
See answer to question 19.

B. INCORPORATE ADDENDUM 001 (see attachment)

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.



General

The following changes to Annex A – Statement of Work are effective immediately. This addendum will form part of the Contract.

1) Amend Appendix 1 – Essential Qualifications for Key Team Members

DELETE Appendix 1 in its entirety and INSERT the following:

Appendix 1. Essential Qualifications for Key Team Members

| Role | Essential Qualifications |
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| Team Lead | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Possesses senior management level authority within the Contractor's organization, being authorized to commit the taskings and work plans and any associated change(s); to assign, add, substitute or replace resources upon request by PSPC; and to resolve any issues associated with the contractor's service delivery. 2. Graduate or post graduate degree in engineering, or science-related field, from a recognized university with a minimum of ten (10) years professional work experience in coordinating and conducting environmental assessments for large projects OR an undergraduate degree in engineering, or science-related field, from a recognized university with a minimum of fifteen (15) years professional work experience in coordinating and conducting environmental assessments for large projects. |
| Principal Consultant | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Graduate or post graduate degree in engineering, or science-related field, from a recognized university with a minimum of ten (10) years professional work experience in coordinating and conducting environmental assessment for projects, including at least two (2) years in the role of Principal Consultant or equivalent (i.e. responsible and accountable for management and direction of programs and projects) OR an undergraduate degree in engineering, or science-related field, from a recognized university with a minimum of fifteen (15) years professional work experience in coordinating and conducting environmental assessments for large projects, including at least two (2) years in the role of Principal Consultant or equivalent (i.e. responsible and accountable for management and direction of programs and projects). 2. Experience in leading projects successfully through regulatory approval processes, including Water Licences or Fisheries Act Authorizations. |
| Senior Consultant | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Graduate or post graduate degree in engineering, or science-related field, from a recognized university with a minimum of ten (10) years professional work experience conducting environmental assessment of large projects OR an undergraduate degree in engineering, or science-related field, from a recognized university with a minimum of fifteen (15) years professional work experience in coordinating and conducting environmental assessments for large projects. |

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| | 2. Experience in successfully completing environmental assessment processes for projects. |
| Consultant | 1. Degree in engineering, or a related science field, from a recognized university. 2. A minimum of five (5) years professional work experience in this field. |

END OF ADDENDUM 001.