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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**

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<b>Title - Sujet</b> Nanaimo Military Camp Bunker Remedi Programme d'assainissement de l'abri fortifié du camp militaire de Nanaimo	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> EZ897-220811/A	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 004
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b>	<b>Date</b> 2022-03-21
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<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> PWY-1-44169 (031)	<b>CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME</b>
<b>Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin</b> <b>at - à 02:00 PM</b> Pacific Daylight Saving Time PDT <b>on - le 2022-03-28</b> Heure Avancée du Pacifique HAP	
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<b>Telephone No. - N° de téléphone</b> (778) 919-3273 ( )	<b>FAX No. - N° de FAX</b> ( ) -
<b>Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction:</b> <b>Destination - des biens, services et construction:</b> DND – Nanaimo Military Camp Bunker – Nanaimo, BC	

**Instructions: See Herein**

**Instructions: Voir aux présentes**

<b>Delivery Required - Livraison exigée</b>	<b>Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée</b>
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<b>Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm</b> <b>(type or print)</b> <b>Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/</b> <b>de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**Les documents français seront disponibles sur demande**

This Amendment 004 is raised to:

- Post the list of attendees at the mandatory bidder's meeting
- Address questions
- Revise Special Instructions SI06 Bid Security Requirements, SI07 Submission of Bid and SI09 Revision of Bid
- Revise 'Important Notice to Bidders' on page 2 of the original solicitation

**Mandatory Bidder's Meeting Attendees**

Luxton Construction  
Sanexen Environmental Services  
QM Environmental  
Secure Energy  
Milestone Environmental  
Copcan Civil LP  
SUBLATUS Environmental  
Matcon Environmetal  
Morgan Construction and Environmental Ltd.  
Sedna's Lair GAF  
GPEC International  
Iron Creek Group

**Questions and Answers**

**Q1.** Section 01 35 13.43 – Is a drum staging pad required? What is it for?

**A1.** The drum staging pad is if its required. (Item 1.5.1) It is likely not required for this project unless considered necessary by the contractor.

**Q2.** Are there pre-existing stockpile locations on site?

**A2.** No material has been stockpiled to date.

**Q3.** Does all excavated material need to be stockpiled on liners for further classification?

**A3.** All excavated material to be stockpiled is to be placed on a liner (Section 01 35 13.43 – 1.12.5).

- Further classification is only considered necessary for the Overburden present at Excavation 1A.
- All other excavated material is considered suitable for hot loading or it can be stockpiled pending off-site disposal based on Contractor requirements.
- Location and depths of the classes of soil to be excavated are detailed in Table C of the RAP (Annex A of Specifications).

**Q4.** What kind of liner is required for stockpile locations?

**A4.** See Section 01 35 13.43 – 1.12.5 and 1.12.6

**Q5.** Is it possible to work seven days a week?

**A5.** Yes, this is acceptable

**Q6.** What is the depth of the bunker structure? Does Excavation 1A extend below the base of the bunker?

**A6.** The depth of the bunker, based on not to scale drawings and general site knowledge, is estimated to be equivalent to +/- 1 m of the base of the excavation.

**Q7.** Is the perimeter drainage infrastructure around the bunker?

**A7.** Unknown. It is understood that all utilities to the former bunker have been cut/capped.

**Q8.** Are private washrooms with flushing toilets required for the owners rep?

**A8.** Portable toilets are suitable. A male and a female toilet is preferred.

**Q9.** We missed the announcement of this tender and didn't notice it until yesterday afternoon. I see there was a requirement for a Mandatory meeting that we missed. We would really like to bid this project as we own a nearby quarry next to a facility that accepts the contaminated materials. Was there much attendance at the original meeting and would you consider having another one? If not, would you be able to publish the list of parties that were at the original meeting  
**A9.** Attendance of the March 14<sup>th</sup> mandatory bidder's meeting was mandatory. Bids received from companies that did not attend the bidder's meeting will not be accepted. A second bidder's meeting will not be scheduled. See above for the list of the attendees.

**Q10.** I have gone through the bid documents for the Nanaimo Military Camp Bunker Remediation Excavation Program and see several instances of hydrovacs required for utility confirmation. I have also submitted the documents to our Conflict Solutions team, which specializes in planning for utility rerouting, for review. Would a bid submission strictly for any portion of the project requiring non-destructive hydrovac work be accepted?

**A10.** The bid submission would be for the entirety of the work outlined in the specs, drawings, and appendices. I would suggest you get in touch with in touch with the Contractors that attended the Mandatory Bidder's meeting and see if they would be interested in sub-contracting this portion of the work to your company.

**Q11.** Our firm is interested to bid on the solicitation involving the Nanaimo Military Camp Bunker Remediation Excavation Program (EZ897-220811/A). We ask that some form of cash be allowed to be used for bid security for this solicitation, rather than just electronic bid bonds as noted in the Invitation to Tender document. We note the federal government accepts cash submitted by Electronic Funds Transfer as bid security in other solicitations. We suggest it is unfair to only accept bid bonds as it is contrary to typically used PSPC general conditions, and it limits competition to firms that want to or have access to bonding facilities. We ask PSPC provide a cash option for bid security for this solicitation. Thank you.

**A11.** We will not accept Electronic Funds Transfer as bid security. However, we will accept a bill of exchange, bank draft or money order made payable to the Receiver General for Canada and certified by an approved financial institution or drawn by an approved financial institution on itself. See revision to Special Instructions below.

### **Revision to Special Instructions**

Delete SI06 Bid Security Requirements, SI07 Submission of Bid, and SI09 Revision of Bid from the original solicitation and insert the following:

### **SI06 BID SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

R2710T - General Instructions - Construction Services - Bid Security Requirements is modified as follow:

1. The Bidder shall submit bid security with the bid in the form of a bid bond or a security deposit in an amount that is equal to not less than 10 percent of the bid amount. Applicable Taxes shall not be included when calculating the amount of any bid security that may be required. The maximum amount of bid security required with any bid is \$2,000,000.
2. A bid bond (form PWGSC-TPSGC 504) shall be in an approved form, properly completed, with valid and enforceable signatures and sealed by the approved bonding company whose bonds are acceptable to Canada either at the time of solicitation closing or as identified in Treasury Board Appendix L, Acceptable Bonding Companies.

2.1 A bid bond may be submitted in an electronic format (Electronic Bonding (E-Bond)) if it meets the following criteria:

- a. The version submitted by the Bidder must be an electronic encrypted file with embedded digital certificate verifiable by Canada with respect to the totality and wholeness of the bond form, including: the content; all digital signatures; all digital seals; with the Surety Company, or an approved verification service provider of the Surety Company.
- b. The version submitted must be viewable, printable and storable in standard electronic file formats compatible with Canada, and in a single file, allowable format pdf.
- c. The verification may be conducted by Canada immediately or at any time during the life of the Bond and at the discretion of Canada.
- d. The results of the verification must provide a clear, immediate and printable indication of pass or fail regarding Item 2.1.a.

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- e. Submitting copies (**non-original, non-verifiable or scanned**) of signed and sealed bid bond are not acceptable. Failure to submit an original or verifiable bond will render the bid non-compliant. Non-compliant bids will be given no further consideration. A scanned copy of a bond does not constitute a digital bond.
  - 2.2 Bonds failing the verification process will NOT be considered to be valid.
  - 2.3 Bonds passing the verification process will be treated as original and authentic.
  3. A security deposit shall be an original, properly completed, signed where required and be either
    - a. a bill of exchange, bank draft or money order made payable to the Receiver General for Canada and certified by an approved financial institution or drawn by an approved financial institution on itself; or
    - b. bonds of, or unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by, the Government of Canada.
  4. For the purposes of subparagraph 3. a. of GI08
    - a. a bill of exchange is an unconditional order in writing signed by the Bidder and addressed to an approved financial institution, requiring the said institution to pay, on demand, at a fixed or determinable future time a sum certain of money to, or to the order of, the Receiver General for Canada;
    - b. if a bill of exchange, bank draft or money order is certified by or drawn on an institution or corporation other than a chartered bank, it must be accompanied by proof that the said institution or corporation meets at least one of the criteria described in subparagraph 4.c. of GI08, either by letter or by a stamped certification on the bill of exchange, bank draft or money; and
    - c. An approved financial institution is
      - i. a corporation or institution that is a member of the Canadian Payments Association (Payments Canada) as defined in the [Canadian Payments Act](#);
      - ii. a corporation that accepts deposits that are insured, to the maximum permitted by law, by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or the "Autorité des marchés financiers";
      - iii. a corporation that accepts deposits from the public if repayment of the deposit is guaranteed by Her Majesty the Queen in right of a province;
      - iv. a corporation, association or federation incorporated or organized as a credit union or co-operative credit society that conforms to the requirements of a credit union which are more particularly described in paragraph 137(6) of the [Income Tax Act](#); or
      - v. Canada Post Corporation.
  5. Bonds referred to in subparagraph 3. b. of GI08 shall be provided on the basis of their market value current at the date of solicitation closing, and shall be
    - a. payable to bearer;
    - b. accompanied by a duly executed instrument of transfer of the bonds to the Receiver General for Canada in the form prescribed by the Domestic Bonds of Canada Regulations; or
    - c. registered as to principal or as to principal and interest in the name of the Receiver General for Canada pursuant to the Domestic Bonds of Canada Regulations.
  6. As an alternative to a security deposit an irrevocable standby letter of credit is acceptable to Canada and the amount shall be determined in the same manner as a security deposit referred to above.
  7. An irrevocable standby letter of credit referred to in paragraph 6) of GI08 shall
    - a. be an arrangement, however named or described, whereby a financial institution (the "Issuer") acting at the request and on the instructions of a customer (the "Applicant") or on its own behalf,

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- i. is to make a payment to, or to the order of, the Receiver General for Canada as the beneficiary;
    - ii. is to accept and pay bills of exchange drawn by the Receiver General for Canada;
    - iii. authorizes another financial institution to effect such payment or accept and pay such bills of exchange; or
    - iv. authorizes another financial institution to negotiate against written demand(s) for payment provided that the terms and conditions of the letter of credit are complied with;
  - b. state the face amount which may be drawn against it;
  - c. state its expiry date;
  - d. provide for sight payment to the Receiver General for Canada by way of the financial institution's draft against presentation of a written demand for payment signed by the Departmental Representative identified in the letter of credit by his/her office;
  - e. provide that more than one written demand for payment may be presented subject to the sum of those demands not exceeding the face value of the letter of credit;
  - f. provide that it is subject to the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) *Uniform Customs and Practice (UCP) for Documentary Credits, 2007 Revision*, ICC Publication No. 600, Pursuant to the ICCUCP, a credit is irrevocable even if there is no indication to that effect; and
  - g. be issued or confirmed, in either official language, by a financial institution which is a member of the Canadian Payments Association (Payments Canada) and is on the letterhead of the Issuer or Confirmer. The format is left to the discretion of the Issuer or Confirmer.
8. Bid security shall lapse or be returned as soon as practical following
- a. the solicitation closing date, for those Bidders submitting non-compliant bids; and
  - b. the administrative bid review, for those Bidders submitting compliant bids ranked fourth to last on the schedule of bids; and
  - c. the award of contract, for those Bidders submitting the second and third ranked bids; and
  - d. the receipt of contract security, for the successful Bidder; or
  - e. the cancellation of the solicitation, for all Bidders.
9. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 8 of GI08 and provided more than three compliant bids have been received, if one or more of the bids ranked third to first is withdrawn or rejected for whatever reason then Canada reserves the right to hold the security of the next highest ranked compliant bid in order to retain the bid security of at least three valid and compliant bids.

## **SI07 SUBMISSION OF BID**

Section GI09 of R2710T is replaced by the following:

1. Canada requires that each bid, at solicitation closing date and time or upon request from the Contracting Authority, be signed by the Bidder or by an authorized representative of the Bidder.
2. It is the Bidder's responsibility to:
  - a. submit a bid, duly completed, in the format requested, on or before the solicitation closing date and time set;
  - b. In the case of submission by epost Connect, see instructions in SI07.2.ii below.
  - c. obtain clarification of the requirements contained in the RFP, if necessary, before submitting a bid;
  - d. ensure that the Bidder's name, return address, the solicitation number and description, and solicitation closing date and time are clearly visible on the submission containing the Bid; and

- e. provide a comprehensive and sufficiently detailed bid that will permit a complete evaluation in accordance with the criteria set out in this RFP.
- f. send bid only to the Bid Receiving Unit of Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) specified below, by the date and time indicated on page 1 of the bid solicitation, either by delivering a hard copy or electronic ePost Connect submission as follows:

**HARD COPY Bid Submission**

In the case of submission of a hard copy proposal, send its proposal only to:

Bid Receiving Unit  
219-800 Burrard Street  
Vancouver, BC, V6Z 0B9

**i. ELECTRONIC Bid Submission by epost Connect service**

- a. Unless specified otherwise in the solicitation, bids may be submitted by using the epost Connect service provided by Canada Post Corporation.

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**Note:** Bids emailed directly to this email address will be rejected and deemed non-compliant. This email address is to be used to open an epost Connect conversation, as detailed in c., or to send proposals through an epost Connect message if the Bidder is using its own licensing agreement for epost Connect.

- b. To submit a bid using epost Connect service, the Bidder must either:
  - i. send directly its bid only to the specified PWGSC Bid Receiving Unit, using its own licensing agreement for epost Connect provided by Canada Post Corporation; or
  - ii. send as early as possible, and in any case, at least six business days prior to the solicitation closing date and time, (in order to ensure a response), an email that includes the bid solicitation number to the specified PWGSC Bid Receiving Unit requesting to open an epost Connect conversation. Requests to open an epost Connect conversation received after that time may not be answered.
- c. If the Bidder sends an email requesting epost Connect service to the specified Bid Receiving Unit in the solicitation, an officer of the Bid Receiving Unit will then initiate an epost Connect conversation. The epost Connect conversation will create an email notification from Canada Post Corporation prompting the Bidder to access and action the message within the conversation. The Bidder will then be able to transmit its bid afterward at any time prior to the solicitation closing date and time.
- d. If the Bidder is using its own licensing agreement to send its bid, the Bidder must keep the epost Connect conversation open until at least thirty (30) business days after the solicitation closing date and time.
- e. The bid solicitation number should be identified in the epost Connect message field of all electronic transfers.
- f. It should be noted that the use of epost Connect service requires a Canadian mailing address. Should a bidder not have a Canadian mailing address, they may use the Bid Receiving Unit address specified in the solicitation in order to register for the epost Connect service.
- g. For bids transmitted by epost Connect service, Canada will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the bid including, but not limited to, the following:
  - i. receipt of a garbled, corrupted or incomplete bid;
  - ii. availability or condition of the epost Connect service;
  - iii. incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment;
  - iv. delay in transmission or receipt of the bid;
  - v. failure of the Bidder to properly identify the bid;
  - vi. illegibility of the bid;

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- vii. security of bid data; or,
    - viii. inability to create an electronic conversation through the epost Connect service.
  - h. The Bid Receiving Unit will send an acknowledgement of the receipt of bid document(s) via the epost Connect conversation, regardless of whether the conversation was initiated by the Bidder using its own license or the Bid Receiving Unit. This acknowledgement will confirm only the receipt of bid document(s) and will not confirm if the attachments may be opened nor if the content is readable.
  - i. Bidders must ensure that they are using the correct email address for the Bid Receiving Unit when initiating a conversation in epost Connect or communicating with the Bid Receiving Unit and should not rely on the accuracy of copying and pasting the email address into the epost Connect system.
  - j. A bid transmitted by epost Connect service constitutes the formal bid of the Bidder.
3. The technical and price components of the bid must be submitted in separate sections as follows:
- a. The bid should be submitted following a "two-section" procedure of which is to include a technical and financial bid.
  - b. The Technical Bid, and any associated document(s), should be provided in a separate section with the following information clearly provided:
    - Section One - Technical Bid;
    - Solicitation Number; and
    - Name of Bidder.
  - c. The Bid and Acceptance Form (BA), Bid Security and associated document(s), the Financial Bid, should be provided in a separate section with the following information clearly provided:
    - Section Two - Financial Bid;
    - Solicitation Number; and
    - Name of Bidder.
4. Timely and correct delivery of bids to the office designated for receipt of bids is the sole responsibility of the Bidder. PWGSC will not assume or have transferred to it those responsibilities. All risks and consequences of incorrect delivery of bids are the responsibility of the Bidder.
5. Bids and supporting information may be submitted in either English or French.
6. Unless otherwise specified in the Special Instructions to Bidders:
- a. the bid shall be in Canadian currency; and
  - b. the requirement does not offer exchange rate fluctuation risk mitigation. Requests for exchange rate fluctuation risk mitigation will not be considered. All bids including such provision will render the bid non-responsive.

## **SI09 REVISION OF BID**

A bid may be revised by letter or epost Connect in accordance with GI10 of R2710T.

### **Revision to 'Important Notice to Bidders'**

**Delete:**

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Please refer to SI07 Submission of Bid for additional details. Bidders should also note the requirements set out in SI06 Bid Security Requirements and that only electronic bid bonds will be accepted as bid security. A scanned copy of a bond does not constitute an electronic bond. Certified cheques, bank drafts, standby Letters of Credit and hard copy bid bonds will not be acceptable.

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[TPSGC.RPReceptiondessoumissions-PRBidReceiving.PWGSC@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:TPSGC.RPReceptiondessoumissions-PRBidReceiving.PWGSC@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)

Faxed and hard copy (submitted in person or via mail/courier) bids will not be accepted for the subject bid solicitation.

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