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ADDENDUM NO. 2

**Subject: Request for Proposal No. T8080-220013
Rail Line Wildfire Risk Identification**

Further to the above-mentioned Request for Proposal, this Addendum (#2) is to advise potential bidders of the question(s) received during this tender call to date. Both the question(s) and the response(s) are indicated in the attached Annex A.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Tenderers are to acknowledge this Addendum by signing in the space provided below and enclosing a copy of this document with their tender submission.

Yours truly,

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Name of Company _____

Signature _____

Annex A

Question 1 : Per section 5.1.2 Certification of COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement, all bidders must provide their bid, certification of COVID-19 vaccination requirement attached to this solicitation, to be considered in this procurement process. Is this certification still required given that: "On June 14, 2022, the Government of Canada announced the suspension of mandatory vaccination for federal employees effective June 20, 2022. Consistent with this action, the Government of Canada will also suspend the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Supplier Personnel (the Policy)"

Response 1: Administrative error. RFP will be amended to remove the Covid Vaccination Requirement Clause as it is no longer mandatory.

Question 2 : It is stated that the contractor will be responsible for coordinating activities between themselves and the participating agencies. Can TC provide a list of these agencies?

Response 2: Transport Canada will provide the names of all of organizations/contacts that could be beneficial for the project, but it is on the contractor to create facilitate the completion of the work.

Question 3 : It is mentioned that TC wishes to retain the specialized services of one or more firms that specialize in wildland fire risk assessment and management.

3.1 If multiple firms are selected, how will the work be distributed among the selected firms?

Response 3.1: The contract will be led by the contractor any extra teams necessary to complete the work will be managed and compensated by the contractor.

3.2 On what basis can we establish the lump sum if the volume of work is divided among several companies?

Response 3.2: The contract will be led by the contractor any extra teams necessary to complete the work will be managed and compensated by the contractor.

Question 4 : It is mentioned that Canada has one of the largest rail networks in the world with over 48,000 kilometers of track. Does the scope of the project cover all 48,000 kilometers? If not, can the portion under consideration be provided as a GIS layer to bidders?

Response 4: The project management committee will guide the wildfire analysis and select priority regions and sections of track based on internal priorities and analysis. The contractor is expected to have all the necessary tools and datasets to perform the modelling.

Question 5 : For wildfire modeling and impacts:

5.1 Does TC have a definition of a primary population center? What is the size of a major population center?

Response 5.1: The project management committee will guide the wildfire analysis for population centers utilizing the Statistics Canada definitions for major population centers. These major population centers will be identified using Statistics Canada data.

5.2: What do you mean by "assessing the value of critical infrastructure"?

Response 5.2: Wildfires may pose short or long term impacts on railway infrastructure such as bridges and tunnels. The contractor is expected to identify all major infrastructure that could potentially be damaged by wildfire to estimate the monetary level of damage or wildfires.

Question 6: It is mentioned that the Management Committee can add or remove deliverables. How will these modifications change payments?

Response 6: The work may have minor changes that can be adjusted based on the work requirements.

Question 7: What is the maximum estimated budget for this study?

Response 7: We rely on the contractor to provide a fair budget estimate given the statement of work and will use this information as part of the competitive process.

Question 8: The contract term is scheduled to run until March 31, 2023. Is it necessary to plan for work that will take 6 months or more?

Response 8: Based on the work the contract can be extended if necessary. However, the intention is to complete the wildfire modelling by March 31, 2023.

Question 9: In the TOR, there is no criterion on the C3 side, is this criterion missing?

Response 9: Administrative error. There is no C3 missing.

Question 10: Can Transport Canada specify which documents and information should be included in Section IV - Additional Information?

Response 10: Section IV is for any additional information that you feel would augment your bid.