

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

Request for Information (RFI) 24062-23-112

Questions and AnswersQuestion 1:

There are several federal departments who may be involved with any government procurement. These include Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), ISED, DND (for defense procurements) and others. How do responses to this RFI impact current Government of Canada RFPs and any RFPs planned for release in the short term ?

Answer 1:

The responses to the RFI will have no impact on current RFP's or any planned RFP in the short term. Any new requirements will only impact future RFPs and enough lead time will be provided to suppliers.

Question 2:

Does Treasury Board have a specialist team to review responses to the RFI ? If affirmative, how is the Treasury Board team interfacing with PSPC on this matter ?

Answer 2:

A team at Treasury Board Secretariat will review the submissions. The team will work with PSPC and other federal stakeholders to review the information as part of the development of potential policies.

Question 3:

Will Treasury Board conduct additional public consultations regarding greenhouse gases and government procurement requirements ?

Answer 3:

Treasury Board is considering the possibility of conducting an information session in September. If the session is to take place, more information will be provided at a later date.

Question 4:

Does Treasury Board intend to publish a directive or policy statement regarding greenhouse gas metrics and government procurements ? If affirmative, what is the timeframe for publication ?

Answer 4:

Treasury Board is looking at how to best implement the commitment of the Greening Government Strategy of *"incentivizing major suppliers to adopt a science-based target in line with the Paris Agreement, and to disclose their GHG emissions and environmental performance information"*. No official timeline has been determined for the publishing a directive or policy statement.

Question 5:

Many public corporations publish “sustainability” reports. Can these be added to the RFI response ?

Answer 5:

Respondents can provide any information that will support their submission.

Question 6:

Will individual RFI responses be available to the public and/or available via Access-to-Information requests?

Answer 6:

As per section 2.3.2 of the RFI. Individual responses will be handled in accordance with the *Access to Information Act*. Respondents are requested to indicate and mark any portions of their response that they consider proprietary or confidential.

Question 7:

Has the deadline been extended beyond Sept. 9 ?

Answer 7:

Yes, the RFI was extended to September 29th, see Amendment 01 posted August 25th on BuyandSell.gc.ca