



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DEMANDE DE PROPOSITIONS**

**RETURN BIDS TO :
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SOUMISSIONS A:**

National Research Council Canada (NRC)
Finance and Procurement Services
1200 Montreal Road, Building M-58
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0R6

Title/Sujet Ground keeping and Snow Removal NRC Royalmount Building	
Solicitation No./N. de l'invitation 22-58066	Date October 17, 2022
Solicitation Closes/L'invitation prend fin at/à 14 :00 on/le November 11, 2022	Time Zone/Fuseau Horaire EDT
Address Enquiries To/Adresser demandes de renseignements à : Stéphane Lajoie stephane.lajoie@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Proposal To:

We hereby offer to sell to His Majesty the King in Right of Canada, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein, referred to herein or attached hereto, the goods, services, and construction listed herein and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefor.

Proposition aux:

Nous offrons par la présente de vendre à Sa Majesté le Roi du chef du Canada, aux conditions énoncées ou incluses par référence dans la présente et aux annexes ci-jointes, les biens, services et construction énumérés ici sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).



Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No./N. de telephone 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 autorisé à signer au nom du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

Ground keeping and Snow Removal at NRC Royalmount Building

1.0 PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 You are hereby invited to submit a separate electronic technical and financial offer in an email, in two (2) attachments, to satisfy the requirement identified in this Request for Proposal (RFP). One attachment must be legibly marked "Technical Offer" and the other "Financial Offer". Costs must not be included anywhere other than in the financial offer. Providing financial information in the technical offer will result in disqualification of the offeror. **All proposals should include the front page of this RFP duly completed.**

2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

- 2.1 To provide Professional Services for **ground keeping and snow removal at NRC building** in accordance with the detailed Statement of Work attached as Appendix "A".

3.0 PERIOD OF CONTRACT

- 3.1 NRC anticipates that the work will begin on **November 15, 2022** and be completed by **March 31st, 2024**. **There is an option to renew at NRC's discretion for up to four (4) subsequent one-year (1) periods, subject to satisfactory performance and agreement upon a satisfactory fee structure for the period(s).**

4.0 ENQUIRIES

- 4.1 If you require clarification regarding any aspect of this RFP, address all queries to the Contracting Authority, identified below, less than 5 working days before the closing date. All queries must be in writing and queries received less than 5 working days prior to the closing date cannot be guaranteed a response. Information received verbally will not be binding upon the NRC.

Stéphane Lajoie

Contracting Authority, Procurement Services
stephane.lajoie@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca

- 4.2 To ensure the equality of information among Bidders, responses to general enquiries will be made available to all bidders unless such publications would reveal proprietary information. The bidder who initiates the question will not be identified. Technical questions that are considered proprietary by the bidder must be clearly identified. NRC will respond individually to the bidder if it considers the questions proprietary. If NRC does not consider the question proprietary, the bidder submitting it will be allowed to withdraw the question, or have the question and answer made available through the Open Bidding System (OBS) to all bidders.
- 4.3 Vendors who attempt to obtain information regarding any aspect of this RFP during the solicitation period through any NRC contacts other than the Contracting Authority identified herein, may be disqualified (for that reason alone).
- 4.4 It is the responsibility of the Bidder to obtain clarification of the requirement contained herein, if necessary, prior to submitting its proposal. The Bidder must have written confirmation from the Contracting Authority for any changes, alterations, etc., concerning this RFP.

5.0 **MANDATORY BIDDERS' ON SITE VISIT**

- 5.1 NRC is planning a mandatory Bidders' On Site Visit on **October 25, 2022**
At NRC : **6100 Royalmount Avenue, Shipping/Receiving, Montreal, Quebec, H4P 2R2**
Time: **10:00 a.m.**
Contact: **Youssef Achchab**
- 5.2 Potential Bidders are asked to communicate their interest in attending by contacting Stéphane Lajoie by e-mail (stephane.lajoie@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca). Alternatively, potential Bidders may submit questions in writing to Stéphane Lajoie at stephane.lajoie@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca) as per the instructions in RFP Article 4.0 Enquiries.
- 5.3 All vendors must attend a compulsory Bidders' On Site Visit at the designated time and place detailed below. Failure to do so will render a bid invalid. Bidders who cannot attend, for any reason, on the specified date and time will not be given an alternative appointment and their proposals will be considered non-responsive. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE**
- 5.4 As proof of attendance, the Contracting Authority will have an Attendance Form that Bidders **MUST** sign. It is the responsibility of all Bidders to ensure they have signed the Mandatory Bidders Conference Attendance form prior to leaving the Bidders' Conference. Proposals submitted by Bidders who have not attended the Bidders Conference and failed to sign the Attendance Form will be deemed non-responsive.

6.0 **PROPOSAL CLOSING DATE AND BID SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1 Technical and Financial Proposals must be **received electronically** no later than 2:00 p.m. EDT (according to NRC's Server Time), November 11, 2022, to the following **Contracting Authority**:

Stéphane Lajoie
Contracting Authority, Procurement Services
stephane.lajoie@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca

****The maximum file size that NRC can receive in a single email is 10MB****

****Bidders are urged to send their proposals well before the bid closing time****

Proposals <u>must not</u> be sent directly to the Project Authority
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- 6.2 All risks and consequences of incorrect delivery of electronic bids are the responsibility of the Bidder. **The National Research Council Canada will not be responsible for late bids received at destination after the closing date and time, even if it was submitted before. Electronic bids received after the indicated closing time based on NRC servers' received time will be irrevocably rejected. Bidders are urged to send their proposal in sufficient time, in advance of the closing time to reduce any technical issues. The National Research Council Canada will not be held responsible for bids sent before closing time but received by the NRC servers after the closing time.**
- 6.3 The sender has the sole responsibility for the timely dispatch and delivery of a proposal and cannot transfer such responsibility to the NRC. No supplementary information will be accepted after the closing deadline unless NRC requests a clarification.
- 6.4 All submitted proposals become the property NRC.

7.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 7.1 Proposals will be evaluated against the Mandatory Evaluation Criteria Appendix "C" as a first step. If the proposal meets all mandatory criteria, the evaluation process may continue with the evaluation of the financial proposal. The evaluation of the financial proposal will be based on the lowest seasonal totals + optional seasons aggregated + snow removal in excess of 250 cm, in accordance with the Estimated Proposal Amount in Financial Proposal and Basis of Payment Appendix "B", in Section 3, 1.6 (note: actual usage quantities will vary depending on seasonal conditions).

Bidders must provide a detailed response to each criterion while demonstrating the ability to meet the Statement of Work in Appendix "A". The evaluation methodology will calculate the best value proposal for a period of five and a half (5.5) years. NRC reserves the right to verify all information provided by the Bidder in its proposal).

A proposal will be considered non-responsive if it is not supported by proper and adequate detail, particularly where supporting evidence is required. Bidders must meet all RFP mandatory requirements indicated by imperative words such as, but not limited to, "must", "shall", "will" and "essential" including compliance with the mandatory terms and conditions of the RFP. Furthermore, it is essential that the elements contained in proposals be stated in a clear, concise manner. Proposals should be in the same order and formatted using the same section and sub-section numbers as the RFP. Proposals will be evaluated solely on their content.

8.0 COST PROPOSAL

- 8.1 Proposals will be assessed in accordance with the Financial Proposal and Basis of Payment attached as Appendix "B". The successful bidder will be determined by using the data submitted in Schedules 1 and 2 and carried to Schedule 3 to calculate the "Total Estimated Proposal Amount" in the Financial Proposal and Basis of Payment – Appendix "B" (note: actual usage quantities will deviate subject to seasonal conditions). (Bidders shall provide a detailed response to each criterion. NRC reserves the right to verify any and all information provided by the bidder in his/her proposal.)
- 8.2 The cost proposal must have sufficient structure to show how the total proposed cost was calculated. It should contain the following elements:
- a) The number, classification and per diem and/or hourly rate for all assigned personnel. For each classification, the number of workdays should be defined.
 - b) The amount and explanation for other miscellaneous expenses that could be incurred.
 - c) The Contractor will be reimbursed its authorized travel and living expenses reasonably and properly incurred in the performance of the Work, at cost, without any allowance for profit and/or administrative overhead, in accordance with the meal, private vehicle and incidental expenses provided in Appendices B, C and D of the Treasury Board Travel Directive, and with the other provisions of the directive referring to "travelers", rather than those referring to "employees".
- 8.3 GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST) and QUEBEC SALES TAX (QST): The GST and QST, shall be considered an applicable tax for the purposes of this RFP and extra to the price herein. The amount of GST and QST shall be disclosed and shown as a separate item.

- 8.4 Bids will be evaluated in Canadian currency, therefore, for evaluation purposes, the exchange rate quoted by the Bank of Canada as being in effect on date of bid closing, shall be applied as the conversion factor for foreign currency. Prices quoted shall not be subject to, or conditional upon, fluctuations in commercial or other interest rates during either the evaluation or contract period.

9.0 **CONDITIONS OF SUBMISSION**

- 9.1 There shall be no payment by the National Research Council for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in response to this request. No payment shall be made for costs incurred for clarification(s) and/or demonstration(s) that may be required by NRC. The National Research Council reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted, or to accept any proposal in whole or in part without negotiation. A contract will not necessarily be issued as a result of this competition. NRC reserves the right to amend, cancel or reissue this requirement at any time.
- 9.2 The basis of selection will be the lowest financial proposal. The proposal meeting the mandatory evaluation criteria combined with the lowest financial proposal will be recommended for contract award.. NRC reserves the right to enter into negotiations with the successful bidder prior to contract award.
- 9.3 Proposals submitted must be valid for not less than sixty (60) calendar days from the closing date of the RFP.
- 9.4 Your proposal should contain the following statement:
"We hereby certify that the price quote is not in excess of the lowest price charged anyone else, including our most favoured customer, for like services".
- 9.5 Any contract resulting from this invitation will be subject to the General Conditions - Services 2035 attached as Appendix "F" and any other special conditions that may apply.

10.0 **CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 10.0 This document is UNCLASSIFIED, however; the contractor shall treat as confidential, during as well as after the services contracted for, any information of the affairs of NRC of a confidential nature to which its servants or agents become privy.

11.0 **CRIMINAL CODE OF CANADA**

- 11.1 Canada may reject an offer where the Bidder, or any employee or subcontractor included as part of the offer, has been convicted under section 121 ("Frauds on the government" & Contractor subscribing to election fund"), 124 ("Selling or purchasing office"), or 418 ("Selling defective stores to His Majesty") of the Criminal Code.

12.0 **DEBRIEFINGS**

- 12.1 After contract award, bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the bid solicitation. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority within 15 working days of receipt of notification that their bid was unsuccessful. The debriefing may be provided in writing, by telephone or in person.

ADDITIONAL RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

Bidder compliance with all of the following clauses, terms and conditions of the resulting contract is mandatory.

13.0 T4-A SUPPLEMENTARY SLIPS

13.1 Pursuant to paragraph 221(1)(d) of the Income Tax Act, payments made by departments and agencies to contractors under applicable services contracts (including contracts involving a mix of goods and services) must be reported on a T4A Supplementary slip. To enable client departments and agencies to comply with this requirement, contractors are required to provide information as to their legal name and status, business number, and/or Social Insurance Number or other identifying supplier information as applicable, along with a certification as to the completeness and accuracy of the information.

14.0 GOVERNMENT SMOKING POLICY

14.1 Where the performance of the work requires the presence of the Contractor's personnel on government premises, the Contractor shall ensure that its personnel shall comply with the policy of the Government of Canada, which prohibits smoking on any government premises.

15.0 ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT FACILITIES / EQUIPMENT

15.1 Access to the facilities and equipment necessary to the performance of the work shall be provided through arrangements to be made by the Project Authority named herein. There will be however; no day-to-day supervision of the Contractor's activities nor control of the Contractor's hours of work by the Project Authority.

15.2 The Contractor undertakes and agrees to comply with all Standing Orders and Regulations in force on the site where the work is to be performed, relating to the safety of persons on the site or the protection of property against loss or damage from any and all causes including fires.

16.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

16.1 The General Conditions 2035 entitled General Conditions Services and attached as Appendix "F" form part of this Contract.

17.0 PROGRESS REPORT

17.1 As part of and together with each progress claim, the Contractor must submit a progress report consisting of a narrative of approximately one (1) page describing the technical progress achieved in terms of the "Statement of Work", explaining any variations in the work or expenditure plan, specifying any problems encountered or foreseen (relating to time, cost or technical matters) and any other matter considered reportable by the Contractor.

18.0 ADDITIONAL WORK

18.1 The successful bidder can at NRC's option, be asked to provide additional work related to this requirement. Payment will be limited to the firm per diems quoted in the Contractor's proposal.

19.0 NON-PERMANENT RESIDENT (CANADIAN COMPANY)

19.1 The Contractor is responsible for compliance with the immigration requirements applicable to non-permanent residents entering Canada to work on a temporary basis in fulfilment of

the Contract. In some instances, the employment authorization necessary to enter Canada cannot be issued without prior approval of Human Resources Centre Canada (HRCC). HRCC should always be contacted as soon as the decision to bring in a non-permanent resident is made. The Contractor will be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of non-compliance with immigration requirements.

20.0 LUMP SUM PAYMENT - WORK FORCE REDUCTION PROGRAMS

20.1 It is a term of the contract that:

- a. the Contractor has declared to the Departmental Representative whether the Contractor has received a lump sum payment made pursuant to any work force reduction program, including but not limited to the Work Force Adjustment Directive, the Early Departure Incentive Program, the Early Retirement Incentive Program or the Executive Employment Transition Program, which has been implemented to reduce the public service;
- b. the Contractor has informed the Departmental Representative of the terms and conditions of that work force reduction program, pursuant to which the Contractor was made a lump sum payment, including the termination date, the amount of the lump sum payment and the rate of pay on which the lump sum payment was based; and
- c. the Contractor had informed the Departmental Representative of any exemption in respect of the abatement of a contract fee received by the Contractor under the Early Departure Incentive Program Order or paragraph 4 of Policy Notice 1995-8, of July 28, 1995.

21.0 FORMER PUBLIC SERVANT

21.1 Contracts with former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension or of a lump sum payment must bear the closest public scrutiny and reflect fairness in the spending of public funds. In order to comply with Treasury Board policies and directives on contracts with FPS, bidders must provide the information required below.

21.2 Definitions

For the purposes of this clause,

"former public servant" is any former member of a department as defined in the Financial Administration Act, R.S., 1985, c.. F-11, a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces or a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A former public servant may be:

- a) an individual;
- b) an individual who has incorporated;
- c) a partnership made of former public servants; or
- d) a sole proprietorship or entity where the affected individual has a controlling or major interest in the entity.

"lump sum payment period" means the period measured in weeks of salary, for which payment has been made to facilitate the transition to retirement or to other employment as a result of the implementation of various programs to reduce the size of the Public Service. The lump sum payment period does not include the period of severance pay, which is measured in a like manner.

"pension" means, in the context of the fee abatement formula, a pension or annual allowance paid under the Public Service Superannuation Act (PSSA), R.S., 1985, c. P-36,

and any increases paid pursuant to the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act, R.S., 1985, c. S-24 as it affects the PSSA. It does not include pensions payable pursuant to the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act, R.S., 1985, c. C-17, the Defence Services Pension Continuation Act, 1970, c. D-3, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act, 1970, c. R-10, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act, R.S., 1985, c. R-11, the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act, R.S., 1985, c. M-5, and that portion of pension to the Canada Pension Plan Act, R.S., 1985, c. C-8.

21.3 Former Public Servant in Receipt of a Pension

As per the above definitions, is the Bidder a FPS in receipt of a pension? **Yes () No ()**

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information, for all FPS in receipt of a pension, as applicable:

- a) name of former public servant;
- b) date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service.

21.4 By providing this information, Bidders agree that the successful Bidder's status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports in accordance with Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2 and the Guidelines on the Proactive Disclosure of Contracts.

21.5 A contract for the services of a FPS who has been retired for less than one year and who is in receipt of a pension as defined above is subject to a fee reduction (abatement formula) as required by Treasury Board Policy.

21.6 Work Force Reduction Program

Is the Bidder a FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of a work force reduction program? **Yes () No ()**

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information:

- a) name of former public servant;
- b) conditions of the lump sum payment incentive;
- c) date of termination of employment;
- d) amount of lump sum payment;
- e) rate of pay on which lump sum payment is based;
- f) period of lump sum payment including start date, end date and number of weeks;
- g) number and amount (professional fees) of other contracts subject to the restrictions of a work force reduction program.

21.7 For all contracts awarded during the lump sum payment period, the total amount of fees that may be paid to a FPS who received a lump sum payment is \$5,000, including the Goods and Services Tax or Harmonized Sales Tax.

22.0 OFFICE OF THE PROCUREMENT OMBUDSMAN (OPO)

22.1 The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO) was established by the Government of Canada to provide an impartial, independent venue for Canadian bidders to raise complaints regarding the award of certain federal contracts under \$26,400 for goods and \$105,700 for services. If you have concerns regarding the award of a federal contract below these dollar amounts, you may contact OPO by e-mail at boa.opo@boa-opo.gc.ca,

by telephone at 1-866-734-5169, or by web at www.opo-boa.gc.ca. For more information on OPO's services or to determine if your concerns are within the Ombudsman's mandate, please see the [Procurement Ombudsman Regulations](#) or visit the [OPO website](#).

23.0 **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

23.1 Canada is committed to greening its supply chain. In April 2006, Canada issued a policy directing federal departments and agencies to take the necessary steps to acquire products and services that have a lower impact on the environment than those traditionally acquired. Environmentally preferable goods and services are those that have a lesser or reduced impact on the environment over the life cycle of the good or service, when compared with competing goods or services serving the same purpose. Environmental performance considerations include, among other things: the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and air contaminants; improved energy and water efficiency; reduced waste and support reuse and recycling; the use of renewable resources; reduced hazardous waste; and reduced toxic and hazardous substances. In accordance with the Policy on Green Procurement <https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32573> , for this solicitation:

- Offerors / suppliers are encouraged to offer or suggest green solutions whenever possible.
- Offerors / suppliers are requested to provide all correspondence including (but not limited to) documents, reports and invoices in electronic format unless otherwise specified by the Contracting Authority or Project Authority, thereby reducing printed material.
- The paper format of the offer / arrangement should be certified as originating from a sustainable managed forest and/or with a minimum of 30% recycled content.
- Offerors / suppliers should recycle (shred) unneeded copies of non-classified/secure documents (taking into consideration the Security Requirements).
- Product components used in performing the services should be recyclable and/or reusable, whenever possible.
- Offerors / suppliers are encouraged to offer goods and/or services certified to a reputable eco-label.
- Offerors / suppliers should use equipment that has high energy efficiency or produces low air emissions.
- Offerors / suppliers are encouraged to offer environmentally preferred products which supports a sustainable environment for nature and wildlife.
- Offerors / suppliers are encouraged to offer environmentally preferred products which ensure the comfort and air quality of building occupants.

Suppliers are encouraged to consult the following websites:
<https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/ae-gp/index-eng.html>
<https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/ae-gp/rle-glr-eng.html>

24.0 **INTEGRITY PROVISIONS**

24.1 By responding to this RFP, the Proponent is subject to the integrity provisions contained in the following documents:

- The Government of Canada's *Integrity Provision*
- *Ineligibility and Suspension Policy* (the "Policy") in effect on the date the bid solicitation is issued

- *all related Directives related to the above policy in effect on that date*

24.2 These documents are incorporated by reference and form a binding part of the bid solicitation. The Bidder must comply with the Policy and Directives at the following link:

<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/1/2003/21>

24.3 In addition to all other information required in the procurement process, the Supplier **must** provide the following:

- Bidders who are incorporated, including those bidding as a joint venture, must provide a complete list of names of all individuals who are currently directors of the Bidder or, in the case of a private company, the owners of the company.
- Bidders bidding as sole proprietorship, as well as those bidding as a joint venture, must provide the name of the owner(s).

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME(S)	TITLE

25.0 ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A – Statement of Work
- Appendix B – Financial Proposal and Basis of Payment
- Appendix C – Mandatory Evaluation Criteria
- Appendix D – Contractor Equipment Listing
- Appendix E – Contractor Designation
- Appendix F – 2035 Services Higher Complexity
- Appendix G – Integrity Declaration Form
- Appendix H – Security Requirements check list_SRCL