



Advance Procurement Notice for UPS Replacement Batteries for Rack Mounted and Stand Alone UPSs

For Shared Services Canada (SSC)

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PURPOSE

The aim of this advance notice is to **inform** interested **original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) of UPS batteries and OEM's approved resellers** that Shared Services Canada (SSC) will be publishing a solicitation in **December 2022 or January 2023** for **replacement batteries for UPSs meeting one or more of the following characteristics:**

- **rack mounted single phase, 5kVA capacity or greater**
- **rack mounted three phase 5kVA capacity or greater**
- **stand alone single phase 5kVA capacity or greater**
- **stand alone three phase 5kVA capacity or greater.**

The replacement batteries will be delivered to sites **across Canada**.

BACKGROUND

Shared Services Canada (SSC) provides consolidated information technology, network, and telecommunication services to the Government of Canada. SSC supports UPS facilities across Canada, including through the provision of replacement UPS batteries.

SSC will soon be soliciting OEMs and OEM authorized resellers in order to provide the federal government with replacement batteries for UPSs meeting one or more of the following characteristics:

- rack mounted single phase, 5kVA capacity or greater
- rack mounted three phase 5kVA capacity or greater
- stand alone single phase 5kVA capacity or greater
- stand alone three phase 5kVA capacity or greater

(all together referred to here forth as "**UPS Replacement Batteries**").

Together with the delivery of UPS Replacement Batteries, OEMs and OEM authorized resellers may be require to provide: (1) installation services; and/or (2) recycling of used UPS batteries.

The procurement process is intended to be **inclusive** and provide the federal government with access to a broad range of suppliers across Canada.


NOTABLE

Some aspects of the upcoming solicitation that may be of interest to OEMs and OEM authorized resellers of UPS batteries are as follows:

1 – SSC intends to use the resulting supply vehicle from the upcoming solicitation to **compete** for **UPS Replacement Batteries** for SSC, its partner departments, and mandatory clients, at various Canadian locations.

A list of SSC' partner departments can be found in Annex A at the bottom of this document.

2 – Procure to Pay (P2P) is an integral part of SSC's contracting processes where all SSC requirements and solicitations are posted and managed. Registering for an account will allow vendors to **view, bid, invoice, and manage** opportunities with SSC. Resources are available to assist your business with account setup and support.

Visit <https://sscp2pspc.ssc-spc.gc.ca> and click  "New Supplier? / Register Now" to get started on creating your account.

3 – As **UPS Replacement Batteries** will be installed as part of a system, prequalified vendors will be required to provide information about the conformity of the new UPS battery(ies) within the affected UPS, including but not limited to original OEM documentation confirming that the installation of the new UPS battery is compatible with the targeted UPS.

4 – The resulting supply vehicle will be used to either 1. to **deliver** the **UPS Replacement Batteries** to a specific cross-Canada location; or 2. to **deliver and install** the **UPS Replacement Batteries** at a specific cross-Canada location. The vendor could be required to **recycle** the used UPS battery(ies), which could involve the vendor arranging and paying for their delivery to the recycling facility approved or selected by Canada. Prequalified vendors intending to offer for the delivery and installation/removal services **may** be required to hold a valid Government of Canada Facility Security Clearance at the level of **Enhanced or Secret** and provide a completed and executed **Covid-19 Vaccination Requirement Certification** prior to submitting their offer for a specific UPS battery.

An example of the current Covid-19 Vaccination Requirement Certification can be found in Annex B at the end of this document.

5 – The solicitation will include a **refresh provision** whereby new OEMs and OEM authorized resellers of UPS batteries may seek prequalification at any time.

QUERRIES

If you have any **questions** or **concerns** please contact SSC's Procurement Group for the upcoming solicitation at agnes.kowalska2@ssc-spc.gc.ca.

DISCLAIMER

This Advanced Procurement Notice (APN) is not a bid solicitation. This advanced notice will not result in the award of a contract. As a result, potential suppliers of the services described in this document should not reserve stock or facilities, nor allocate resources, as a result of any information contained in this advanced notice. Nor will this advanced notice result in the creation of a source list. Therefore, whether or not any potential supplier responds to this advanced notice will not preclude that supplier from participating in any future procurement. Also, the procurement of any of the services described in this advanced

notice will not necessarily follow this advanced notice. This advanced notice is simply intended to solicit feedback from industry with respect to the matters described above.

Nothing in this advanced notice shall be construed as a commitment from Canada to issue a solicitation. Canada may use non-proprietary information provided in its review and/or in the preparation of any formal solicitation.

Canada shall not be bound by anything stated herein. Canada reserves the right to change at any time, any or all parts of the requirement, as it deems necessary. Canada also reserves the right to revise its procurement approach, as it considers appropriate, either based upon information submitted in response to this advanced notice or for any other reason it deems appropriate.

Annex A

SSC Partner Organizations

No.	SSC Partner Name
1	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)
2	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)
3	Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)
4	Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions (CEDQ)
5	Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
6	Canada School of Public Service (CSPS)
7	Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
8	Canadian Heritage (PCH)
9	Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CNEDA)
10	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)
11	Canadian Space Agency (CSA)
12	Correctional Service Canada (CSC)
13	Department of Finance (Canada)
14	Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canada) (DFO)
15	Department of Justice (Canada)
16	Department of National Defence (DND) and Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)
17	Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)
18	Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
19	Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario)
20	Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre (of Canada) (FTRAC)
21	Global Affairs Canada (GAC)
22	Health Canada (HC)
23	Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRBC)
24	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
25	Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)
26	Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC; formerly: INAC)
27	Innovation, Science and Economic Development (Canada) (ISED; formerly: INAC)
28	Infrastructure Canada (IC)
29	Library and Archives Canada (LAC)
30	National Research Council Canada (NRCC)
31	Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
32	Parks Canada (PC)
33	Privy Council Office (PCO)
34	Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)
35	Public Safety Canada (PSC)
36	Public Service Commission of Canada (PSCC)
37	Public Service and Procurement Canada (PSPC; formerly: PWGSC)
38	Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
39	Statistics Canada (StatsCan)
40	Transport Canada (TC)
41	Treasury Board Secretariat (of Canada) (TBS)
42	Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC)
43	Western Economic Diversification Canada (WEDC)

Annex B

Example of COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement Certification

I, _____ (*first and last name*), as the representative of
 _____ (*name of business*) pursuant to
 _____ (*insert solicitation number*), warrant and certify that
 all personnel that _____ (*name of business*) will provide on
 the resulting Contract who access federal government workplaces where they may come into
 contact with public servants will be:

- (a) fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with Health Canada-approved COVID-19 vaccine(s); or
- (b) for personnel that are unable to be vaccinated due to a certified medical contraindication, religion or other prohibited grounds of discrimination under the *Canadian Human Rights Act*, subject to accommodation and mitigation measures that have been presented to and approved by Canada;

until such time that Canada indicates that the vaccination requirements of the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Supplier Personnel are no longer in effect.

I certify that all personnel provided by _____ (*name of business*) have been notified of the vaccination requirements of the Government of Canada's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Supplier Personnel, and that the _____ (*name of business*) has certified to their compliance with this requirement.

I certify that the information provided is true as of the date indicated below and will continue to be true for the duration of the Contract. I understand that the certifications provided to Canada are subject to verification at all times. I also understand that Canada will declare a contractor in default, if a certification is found to be untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, during the bid or contract period. Canada reserves the right to ask for additional information to verify
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the certifications. Failure to comply with any request or requirement imposed by Canada will constitute a default under the Contract.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Optional

For data purposes only, initial below if your business already has its own mandatory vaccination policy or requirements for employees in place. Initialing below **is not** a substitute for completing the mandatory certification above.

Initials: _____

Information you provide on this Certification Form and in accordance with the Government of Canada's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Supplier Personnel will be protected, used, stored and disclosed in accordance with the Privacy Act. Please note that you have a right to access and correct any information on your file, and you have a right to file a complaint with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner regarding the handling of your personal information. These rights also apply to all individuals who are deemed to be personnel for the purpose for the Contract and who require access to federal government workplaces where they may come into contact with public servants.