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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

DEMANDE DE PROPOSITION

Proposal to: Royal Canadian Mounted Police

We hereby offer to sell to Her Majesty the Queen 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 : Gendarmerie royale du Canada

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

Comments: - Commentaires :

THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT CONTAIN A SECURITY REQUIREMENT

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Title – Sujet Custom Steel Skids for Fencing			Date 2023-02-01		
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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Security Requirements

There is no security requirement associated with the requirement.

1.2 Statement of Requirement

The requirement is detailed under Article 6.2 of the resulting contract clauses.

1.3 Debriefings

Bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the bid solicitation process. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority within 15 working days from receipt of the results of the bid solicitation process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

1.4. Recourse Mechanisms

If you have any concerns relating to the procurement process, please refer to the <u>Recourse Mechanisms</u> page on the Buyandsell.gc.ca website. Please note that there are strict deadlines for filing complaints with the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) or the <u>Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO)</u>.

https://buyandsell.gc.ca/for-businesses/selling-to-the-government-of-canada/bid-follow-up/bid-challenge-and-recourse-mechanisms

http://opo-boa.gc.ca/plaintesurvol-complaintoverview-eng.html

PART 2 - BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the bid solicitation by number, date and title are set out in the <u>Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual</u> (https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Revision to Departmental Name: As this solicitation is issued by Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), any reference to Public Works and Government Services Canada or PWGSC or its Minister contained in any term, condition or clause of this solicitation, including any individual SACC clauses incorporated by reference, will be interpreted as reference to RCMP or its Minister.

Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract.

The <u>2003</u> (2022-03-29) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

Subsection 5.4 of <u>2003</u>, Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, is amended as follows:

Delete: 60 days Insert: 120 days

2.1.1 Improvement of Requirement During Solicitation Period

Should bidders consider that the specifications or Statement of Work contained in the bid solicitation could be improved technically or technologically, bidders are invited to make suggestions, in writing, to the Contracting Authority named in the bid solicitation. Bidders must clearly outline the suggested improvement as well as the reason for the suggestion. Suggestions that do not restrict the level of competition nor favour a particular bidder will be given consideration provided they are submitted to the Contracting Authority at least ten (10) days before the bid closing date. Canada will have the right to accept or reject any or all suggestions.

2.2 Submission of Bids

Bids must be submitted only to RCMP Bid Receiving Unit by the date, time and place indicated on page 1 of the bid solicitation.

NOTE: The RCMP has not been approved for bid submission by Canada Post Corporation (CPC) Connect service.

Bids transmitted by facsimile to RCMP will not be accepted.

2.3 Enquiries - Bid Solicitation

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than seven (7) calendar days before the bid closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Bidders should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the bid solicitation to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by Bidders to explain each question in sufficient detail in order to enable Canada to provide an accurate answer. Technical enquiries that are of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked "proprietary" at each relevant item. Items identified as "proprietary" will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Canada may edit the question(s) or may request that the Bidder do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question(s) is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered to all Bidders. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all Bidders may not be answered by Canada.

2.4 Applicable Laws

Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Ontario.

Bidders may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their bid, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the Bidders.

2.5 Promotion of Direct Deposit Initiative

The following information is not related to the solicitation process:

An initiative within the Government of Canada called the Cheque Standardization Project has been established whereby eventually for all payments, cheque stubs will no longer be printed and, with few exceptions, will be processed via direct deposit. This option is only available when payment is made in Canadian dollars for deposit into a Canadian bank account. In an attempt to be proactive, RCMP Corporate Accounting is promoting the registration of RCMP suppliers for the upcoming change in the payment process.

If you are the successful Bidder on this or any other RCMP requirement, you are encouraged to register with the RCMP for direct deposit. Please contact RCMP Corporate Accounting by email to receive a form entitled *Recipient Electronic Payment Registration Request* along with instructions for completion of the form.

Should you have any questions regarding the Cheque Standardization Project or if you want to register, please contact the following email: corporate accounting@rcmp-grc.gc.ca



PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Bid Preparation Instructions

Canada requests that the Bidder submit its complete **email** bid in separately saved and attached sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Bid (one soft copy in PDF format)

Section II: Financial Bid (one soft copy in PDF format)

Section III: Certifications (one soft copy in PDF format)

Important Note:

For bids transmitted by email, Canada will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the bid including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. receipt of garbled or incomplete bid;
- delay in transmission or receipt of the bid to the Contracting Authority's email inbox (the date & time on the email received by the Contracting Authority is considered the date & time of receipt of the bid submission);
- c. availability or condition of the receiving equipment;
- d. incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment;
- e. failure of the Bidder to properly identify the bid;
- f. illegibility of the bid; or
- g. security of bid data.

A bid transmitted electronically constitutes the formal bid of the Bidder and must be submitted in accordance with Section 05 of <u>2003</u> (2022-03-29) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements.

The RCMP has restrictions on incoming e-mail messages. The maximum e-mail message size including all file attachments must not exceed 5MB. Zip files or links to bid documents will not be accepted. Incoming e-mail messages exceeding the maximum file size and/or containing zip file attachments will be blocked from entering the RCMP e-mail system. A bid transmitted by e-mail that gets blocked by the RCMP e-mail system will be considered not received. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure receipt.

Prices must appear in the financial bid only. No prices must be indicated in any other section of the bid.

Canada requests that Bidders follow the format instructions described below in the preparation of their bid:

a) use a numbering system that corresponds to the bid solicitation.

In April 2006, Canada issued a policy directing federal departments and agencies to take the necessary steps to incorporate environmental considerations into the procurement process <u>Policy on Green Procurement</u> (https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32573). To assist Canada in reaching its objectives, Bidders should:

- 1. Include all environmental certification(s) relevant to your organization (e.g. ISO 14001, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), Carbon Disclosure Project, etc.)
- Include all environmental certification(s) or Environmental Product Declaration(s) (EPD)specific to your product/service (e.g. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), ENERGYSTAR, etc.)
- 3. Unless otherwise noted, Bidders are encouraged to submit bids electronically. If hard copies are required, Bidders should:
 - a. use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper containing fibre certified as originating from a sustainably-managed forest and containing minimum 30% recycled content; and
 - use an environmentally-preferable format including black and white printing instead of colour printing, printing double sided/duplex, using staples or clips instead of cerlox, duotangs or binders.

Section I: Technical Bid

In their technical bid, Bidders should explain and demonstrate how they propose to meet the requirements and how they will carry out the Work

Section II: Financial Bid

Bidders must submit their financial bid in accordance with the Basis of Payment.

Section III: Certifications

Bidders must submit the certifications and additional information required under Part 5.

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

4.1 Evaluation Procedures

- (a) Bids will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the bid solicitation including the technical and financial evaluation criteria.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the bids.

4.1.1. Technical Evaluation - Mandatory Technical Criteria

See Annex "D" for mandatory requirements. Bidders must demonstrate that they meet the technical criteria listed in Annex "D".

4.1.2 Financial Evaluation

SACC Manual Clause A0220T (2014-06-26), Evaluation of Price-Bid

4.2 Basis of Selection

4.2.1 Mandatory Technical Criteria

A bid must comply with the requirements of the bid solicitation and meet all mandatory technical evaluation criteria to be declared responsive. The responsive bid with the lowest evaluated price will be recommended for award of a contract.

PART 5 - CERTIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bidders must provide the required certifications and additional information to be awarded a contract.

The certifications provided by Bidders to Canada are subject to verification by Canada at all times. Unless specified otherwise, Canada will declare a bid non-responsive, or will declare a contractor in default if any certification made by the Bidder is found to be untrue whether made knowingly or unknowingly, during the bid evaluation period or during the contract period.

The Contracting Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Bidder's certifications. Failure to comply and to cooperate with any request or requirement imposed by the Contracting Authority will render the bid non-responsive or constitute a default under the Contract.

5.1 Certifications Precedent to Contract Award and Additional Information

The certifications and additional information listed below should be submitted with the bid but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications or additional information is not completed and submitted as requested, the Contracting Authority will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to provide the certifications or the additional information listed below within the time frame specified will render the bid non-responsive.

5.1.1 Integrity Provisions

In accordance with the section titled Information to be provided when bidding, contracting, or entering into a real property agreement subject to the <u>Ineligibility and Suspension Policy</u> (http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/politique-policy-eng.html), the Bidder must provide the required documentation, as applicable, to be given further consideration in the procurement process:

- Declaration of Convicted Offences Integrity Declaration Form (as applicable)
- Required Documentation (List of names for integrity verification form)

Please see the <u>Forms for the Integrity Regime</u> website for further details (http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/formulaires-forms-eng.html).

5.1.2 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Bid Certification

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder, and any of the Bidder's members if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, is not named on the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list available at the bottom of the page of the Employment Canada (ESDC) — Labour's website (https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-contractor-program.html#).

Canada will have the right to declare a bid non-responsive if the Bidder, or any member of the Bidder if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, appears on the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list at the time of contract award.

5.1.3 Additional Certifications Precedent to Contract Award

5.1.3.1 Independent Bid Determination

The attached Certificate of Independent Bid Determination (attached Annex E) has been developed by the federal Competition Bureau for use by the Contacting Authority when calling for bids, tenders or quotations. The intention of this documentation is to deter bidrigging by requiring Bidders to disclose, to the Contracting Authority, all material facts about any communications and arrangements which the Bidder has entered into with competitors regarding the call for tenders.

PART 6 - RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from the bid solicitation.

6.1 Security Requirements

6.1.1 There is no security requirement applicable to the Contract.

6.2 Statement of Requirement

The Contractor must provide the items detailed under the "Requirement" at Annex "A"

6.3 Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the Contract by number, date and title are set out in the <u>Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual</u> (https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

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6.3.1 General Conditions

<u>2010A</u> (2022-12-01), General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity), apply to and form part of the Contract.

6.4 Term of Contract

6.4.1 Period of the Contract

The period of the Contract is from date of Contract to June 30th, 2023 inclusive.

6.4.2 Delivery Date

All the deliverables must be received on or before May 1st 2023.

6.4.3 Delivery Points

Delivery of the requirement will be made to delivery point(s) specified at Annex a of the Contract.

6.4.4 Delivery and Unloading

D0018C (2007-11-30), Delivery and Unloading

6.4.5 Shipping Instructions

Goods must be consigned and delivered to the destination specified in the contract: Incoterms 2010 "DDP Delivered Duty Paid" Ottawa RCMP.

6.4.6 Inspection and Acceptance

The Project Authority is the Inspection Authority. All reports, deliverable items, documents, goods and all services rendered under the Contract are subject to inspection by the Inspection Authority or representative. Should any report, document, good or service not be in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Work and to the satisfaction of the Inspection Authority, as submitted, the Inspection Authority will have the right to reject it or require its correction at the sole expense of the Contractor before recommending payment.

6.5 Authorities

6.5.1 Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Name: Sébastien Latulippe

Title: Team Lead

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Directorate: NHQ Procurement

Address: 73 Leikin Dr, Ottawa, On, K1A 0R2

Telephone: 438-337-4604

E-mail address: sebastien.latulippe@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

The Contracting Authority is responsible for the management of the Contract and any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the Contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from anybody other than the Contracting Authority.

6.5.2 Project Authority (to be inserted at contract award)

The Draiget Authority for the Contract is:

The Project Au	monty for the Contract is.
Name: Title:	
	Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Directorate: Address:	

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Telephone:	
E-mail address:	

The Project Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the Project Authority, however the Project Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of the Work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

6.5.3 Contractor's Representative (to be inserted at contract award)

Name:	
Title:	
Organization:	 _
Address:	
Telephone:	
Facsimile:	
E-mail address:	

6.6 Payment

6.6.1 Basis of Payment - Firm Unit Price

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the contract, the Contractor will be paid firm unit prices, as specified in Annex "B" for a cost of \$ _____ (insert the amount at contract award). Customs duties are included and Applicable Taxes are extra.

Canada will not pay the Contractor for any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work, unless they have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work.

6.6.2 Method of Payment - Single Payment

Canada will pay the Contractor upon completion and delivery of the Work in accordance with the payment provisions of the Contract if:

- a. An accurate and complete invoice and any other documents required by the Contract have been submitted in accordance with the invoicing instructions provided in the Contract;
- b. All such documents have been verified by Canada;
- c. The Work delivered has been accepted by Canada.

6.7 Invoicing Instructions

- The Contractor must submit invoices in accordance with the section entitled "Invoice Submission" of the general conditions. Invoices cannot be submitted until all work identified in the invoice is completed.
- 2. Invoices must be distributed as follows:
 - a. One (1) copy must be forwarded by email to the Project Authority and the Contracting Authority for certification and payment.

6.8 Certifications and Additional Information

6.8.1 Compliance

Unless specified otherwise, the continuous compliance with the certifications provided by the Contractor in its bid or precedent to contract award, and the ongoing cooperation in providing additional information are conditions of the Contract and failure to comply will constitute the Contractor in default. Certifications are subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the Contract.

6.9 Applicable Laws

The Contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in _____ (insert the name of the province or territory as specified by the Bidder in its bid, if applicable).

6.10 Priority of Documents

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- a. the Articles of Agreement;
- b. the general conditions <u>2010A</u> (2022-12-01), General Conditions Goods (Medium Complexity)
- c. Annex A, Statement of Requirement;
- d. Annex B, Basis of Payment;
- e. the Contractor's bid dated _____

6.11. Procurement Ombudsman

6.11.1 Dispute Resolution

The Parties agree to make every reasonable effort, in good faith, to settle amicably all disputes or claims relating to the Contract, through negotiations between the Parties' representatives authorized to settle. If the Parties do not reach a settlement within 25 working days after the dispute was initially raised to the other party in writing, either Party may contact the Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO) to request dispute resolution/mediation services. OPO may be contacted 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, please see the Procurement Ombudsman Regulations or visit the OPO website.

6.11.2 Contract Administration

The parties understand that the Procurement Ombudsman appointed pursuant to Subsection 22.1(1) of the *Department of Public Works and Government Services Act* will review a complaint filed by the complainant respecting administration of this contract if the requirements of Subsection 22.2(1) of the *Department of Public Works and Government Services Act* and Sections 15 and 16 of the *Procurement Ombudsman Regulations* have been met.

To file a complaint, the Office of the Procurement Ombudsman may be contacted 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.

6.12 Insurance

SACC Manual clause G1005C (2016-01-28) Insurance - No Specific Requirements

ANNEX A

STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENT

1. TITLE

Custom steel skids for fencing.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCES

AD1: Steel Skid - Drawing #: WO28068782

3. REQUIREMENTS / SPECIFICATIONS:

3.1 STEEL SKIDS

REQUIRED QUANTITY: 45

The Contractor must provide the requirement with the following specifications:

- 3.1.1 All skids must be made from industrial grade steel;
- 3.1.2 All tubing must be 3x2 inches rectangular tubes;
- 3.1.3 All tubing must have a 3/16 inch wall thickness;
- 3.1.4 All parts must be joined by welds;
- 3.1.5 All tubes must be centered on flat faces;
- 3.1.6 Brace tubing for vertical legs must be at 45 degrees;
- 3.1.7 All tubes must be painted black;
- 3.1.8 Finished steel skid must be 61 inches wide by 145 inches long; and
- 3.1.9 Steel skids must be stackable as specified in drawing WO28068782

4. CONSTRUCTION / WORKMANSHIP

The Contractor must ensure the following in the manufacture of the steel skids:

- 4.1 Skids must be made of industrial quality materials (steel, paint, etc.);
- 4.2 Skids must have no foreign matter embedded in finish;
- 4.3 Skids must be free from corrosion;
- 4.4 Skids must have a smooth, continuous finish, no pitted or discolored areas;
- 4.5 Skids must be properly aligned with no broken, split, cracked, malformed or loose parts;
- 4.6 Skids must have rivets or pins that are solid and secure
- 4.7 Skids must have rounded edges; and
- 4.8 Skids must have all burrs and slivers removed.

5. DATE OF DELIVERY

All goods must be delivered on or before May 1st, 2023.

6. LANGUAGE OF WORK

The language of work must be in English or French.

7. DELIVERY LOCATION

The goods must be delivered to:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police TPOF 1426 St-Joseph Blvd Ottawa, Ont K1A 0R2 Canada

8. TRAVEL

The Contractor is not required to travel under this contract.

9. MEETINGS

Meetings (virtual or by phone) may be required at the discretion of the Technical Authority to discuss final materials and design specifications prior to manufacture.

ANNEX B

BASIS OF PAYMENT

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid a firm unit price, as specified below for a cost of \$_____ (insert the amount at contract award). Customs duties are included and Applicable Taxes are extra.

Incoterms 2010 DDP Delivered Duty Paid (DDP) RCMP Ottawa.

FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Bidder must insert their firm unit price in Columns A and complete the extended price in Columns C for the steel skids. The Bidder must provide the applicable provincial tax rate. Failure to complete the table in full will result in the bid being deemed non-responsive and given no further consideration.

FINANCIAL EVALUATION CALCULATION = C (Taxes not included in evaluation)

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	Firm Price Unit (A)	Quantity (B)	Total Price (C=A*B)
Steel Skids	\$	x 45	\$(C)
Provincial tax (if applicable)% HST% GST% PST			\$

Total Estimated Cost: \$

ANNEX C

CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Bidder Information

Name:	
Position/title:	
Telephone number:	
Cellular number:	
E-mail address:	
Company legal name:	
Company operating name:	
Address:	
Procurement Business Number (PBN if	
any):	
This company is:	An Individual(); A Corporation(); A Joint Venture()

Note: Procurement Business Number (PBN) for Canadians Bidders only

Date:_____

Signature:

Title:

ANNEX D

MANDATORY TECHNICAL CRITERIA

In their proposals, bidders must demonstrate in writing they meet the following mandatory criteria. Failure to meet any of the mandatory criteria will render the bid non-compliant and it will be given no further consideration. Links to web pages are not accepted and will be assessed a "NOT MET" rating.

BIDDER			
NUM	Mandatory technical criteria		
MT1	By submitting a bid, the bidder certifies that he has the capacity to manufacture the custom skids as per the specifications in the statement of requirements under Annex A.		
Name:			

ANNEX E

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid or tender (hereinafter "bid") to:	
(Corporate Name of Recipient of this Submission)	
for:(Name and Number of Bid and Project)	
in response to the call or request (hereinafter "call") for bids made by:	
(Name of Tendering Authority)	
do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every	/ respect:
I certify, on behalf of: (Corporate Name of Bidder or Tenderer [hereinafter "Bidder"])	that:

- 1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
- 2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3. I am authorized by the Bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the Bidder;
- 4. each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the Bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the Bidder;
- 5. for the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the Bidder, whether or not affiliated with the Bidder, who:
 - a. has been requested to submit a bid in response to this call for bids;
 - b. could potentially submit a bid in response to this call for bids, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience;
- 6. the Bidder discloses that (check one of the following, as applicable):
 - a. the Bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with, any competitor;



b.	the Bidder has entered into consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with one or more competitors regarding this call for bids, and the Bidder discloses, in the attached document(s), complete details thereof, including the names of the competitors and the nature
	of, and reasons for, such consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements;

- 7. in particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs (6)(a) or (6)(b) above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - a. prices
 - b. methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - c. the intention or decision to submit, or not to submit, a bid; or
 - d. the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications of the call for bids;

except as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (6)(b) above;

- 8. in addition, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this call for bids relates, except as specifically authorized by the Tendering Authority or as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (6)(b) above;
- 9. the terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, knowingly disclosed by the Bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening, or of the awarding of the contract, whichever comes first, unless otherwise required by law or as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (6)(b) above.

(Printed Name and Signature of Authorized Agent of Bidder)	
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(Position Title)	(Date)