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## Request for Proposal (RFP) AMENDMENT

## Demande de proposition (DDP) MODIFICATION

*Proposal To: Natural Resources Canada*

*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 à: Ressources Naturelles Canada*

*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).*

Comments – Commentaires

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Natural Resources Canada

Title – Sujet Environmental Services Standing Offer	
Solicitation No. – No de l’invitation <b>NRCan-5000072135</b>	Date February 7, 2023
Requisition Reference No. - N° de la demande	Amendment No. – Modification No. <b>004</b>
Solicitation Closes – L’invitation prend fin <b>at – à 02:00 PM (EDT)</b> <b>on – le February 21, 2023</b>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresse toutes questions à: <a href="mailto:Ian.Taylor@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca">Ian.Taylor@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca</a>	
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Security – Sécurité There are security requirements associated with this requirement.	
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l’entrepreneur	
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Name and Title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/de l’entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d’imprimerie)	
Signature	Date



This Amendment **004** is issued to provide responses to questions received. All previous questions and responses are included below.

**Questions – Responses**

	Question	Response
<b>1</b>	<p>On page 27 of 61, in COMPONENT 8: Management of asbestos in buildings, what are the qualifications required for the project manager and technicians?</p> <p>a. Is specific academic training and years of experience required?</p>	<p>At the time of call-up, the Project Manager is to have a minimum of five (5) years experience in the field of Asbestos Management, in Canada, within the last seven (7) years.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>We also note that specific experience is required for the project manager for components 1 to 6 in the following form:</p> <p><i>" The Project Manager MUST have at least five (5) years of experience in field xxxx, in Canada, within the last seven (7) years "</i> but that there is no specific experience required for streams 7,8 and 9</p>	<p>Relevant experience per stream is required. At the time of call-up for Streams 7, 8, and 9, the Project Manager is to have a minimum of five (5) years experience in the field of each stream, in Canada, within the last seven (7) years.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>Does the absence of specific requirements for components 7, 8 and 9 imply that anyone with sufficient experience qualifies?</p>	<p>At the time of call-up for each stream, the Project Manager is to have a minimum of five (5) years experience in the field of each of the streams 7, 8, and 9, in Canada, within the last seven (7) years.</p>



<p><b>4</b></p>	<p>The way that the RFP is currently presented does not provide a reasonable representation of the personnel required to complete the technical work requested. "Field/reporting staff" are considered (represented by the project personnel and technical support personnel) as project managers, but there is no category for the "senior technical expert" personnel that develop, guide and review the technical aspects of the work under the various streams.</p> <p>Can NRCan consider adding a rate category for "senior technical expert" to all streams?</p>	<p>Categories are based on function rather than a job title used in a particular firm. The rate categories are to be used as presented in the RFP.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p>Can NRCan confirm that Crown Corporations would be accepted and defined as federal organizations, for the purposes of project examples?</p>	<p>Yes, Crown Corporations would be accepted and defined as federal organizations for the purposes of project examples.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p>Can NRCan provide the previous value of this RFSO for each Stream and its corresponding region?</p>	<p>Stream names and numbers are different in the previous SOA and do not directly correspond to the current RFSO.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p>Can NRCan provide the list of incumbents for each Stream and its corresponding region?</p>	<p>Attached is an overview of the past Standing Offer Agreements (SOA). Stream names and numbers are different in the previous SOA and do not directly correspond to the current RFSO.</p>



<p>8</p>	<p>Throughout the RFSO in the Rated Technical Criteria, maximum points for project examples are awarded based on the following: “The project was conducted in a science/technology-based federal organization” – many federal government organizations across Canada operate in buildings that are managed/owned by 3<sup>rd</sup> parties that are not Government affiliated; in these instances, an Environmental services organization would perform the work in and with the Federal Organization, but the client contract and client reference contact would be with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party organization; in this scenario, would NRCan consider the work to be conducted in a federal organization or in a non-government organization?</p>	<p>A project is considered to be carried out in a federal organization if the work was done for that organization in relation to its operations, regardless of the building/property ownership or property management status.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>A) "Section 4.1.1.2 Rated Technical Criteria (Page 31 of the RFSO document) - RC2.1.1 Notes: ""Significant"" means that the level of effort was ten (10) working days or more and completed within the last five (5) years. With respect to above statement, could NRCan please confirm if the Offerors can provide project examples that are ongoing (i.e., have active work currently being conducted on them)?</p> <p>B) Or would NRCan prefer that Offerors only present projects with relevant components of the work completed (i.e., present only phases of a project completed before the bid closing date)?</p> <p>C) Could NRCan please confirm if this applies to all streams?</p>	<p>Certain elements of work under Stream 2 will require personnel with professional accreditation or certification, to be determined and validated at the time of a call-up. For work where professional accreditation or certification are required, a combination of experience and qualifications will NOT be an acceptable substitute.</p>



<b>10</b>	For Stream 2, can the Professional Accreditations or Certifications be considered as personnel who have the relevant experience to complete the work tasks identified in the RFSO? For example, for tasks relating to design (e.g., drafting), construction supervision (e.g., site inspections), the personnel qualifications may vary and may not have professional accreditations. Could a combination of experience and qualifications be considered acceptable by NRCan? Resumes can be provided on an individual call-up basis for approval by NRCan."	Certain elements of work under Stream 2 will require personnel with professional accreditation or certification, to be determined and validated at the time of a call-up. For work where professional accreditation or certification are required, a combination of experience and qualifications will NOT be an acceptable substitute.
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**ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.**