



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
Draft Request for Proposal Process
**The Laser Range Finder – Hand Held Thermal Imager – Long
Range (LRF HHTI-LR)**



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1. Purpose and Nature of this Request for Information (RFI) Process

- 1.1 The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to inform and obtain feedback from industry on the procurement process for the Department of National Defence's requirement to procure, integrate and support a Laser Range Finder – Hand Held Thermal Imager – Long Range (LRF HHTI-LR) System. Canada last engaged industry in the winter of 2021 under Tender Notice W8476-226536 where industry was notified of the intent to release a future draft Request for Proposal (RFP).
- 1.2 Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), on behalf of the Department of National Defence (DND) and Innovation Science and Economic Development of Canada (ISED), will use this Request for Information (RFI) to:
 - a) request industry to review and submit feedback on the HHTI LR draft RFP;
 - b) conduct various engagement activities with industry to support the draft RFP process

2. Requirement Overview

- 2.1 The Laser Range Finder – Hand Held Thermal Imager – Long Range (LRF HHTI-LR) is a handheld binocular device with a laser range finder, cooled thermal channel and secondary channel for day and low light conditions. The main component of the LRF HHTI-LR System is the Laser Range Finder Handheld Thermal Imager- Long Range (LRF HHTI-LR). The LRF HHTI-LR is a hand-held binocular device with a Laser Range Finder, cooled Thermal Channel and Secondary Channel for day and low light conditions. It is used by soldiers and sailors to enable the timely detection, recognition and identification of objects of interest under varying conditions of light and visibility. The LRF HHTI-LR System provides a capability for the accurate geolocation of targets, and the onwards transmission of target data to other systems. Imagery produced by the LRF HHTI-LR System can be saved and transferred for analysis. The LRF HHTI-LR System will be used by the Canadian Army in the combat arms leader, sniper, reconnaissance and other similar roles. It will be used by the Royal Canadian Navy to enhance general situational awareness, by boarding parties, and for security surveillance when in port.
- 2.2 The LRF HHTI-LR is supported by a number of other components that are required to provide the full functionality of the system. Other components include batteries, a tripod, various accessories to interface the LRF HHTI-LR to other systems and external power sources, pouches for carriage in the field, and containers for storage and logistic transport. Collectively, the LRF HHTI-LR and associated components are referred to as the LRF HHTI-LR System.
- 2.3 The LRF HHTI-LR System includes bespoke ATAK plug-ins that provide the functionality that supports the interface between the LRF HHTI-LR and the Integrated Soldier System (ISS).



3. HHTI LR Draft RFP Process

3.1 Expectations

The release of a draft RFP is an opportunity for industry to inform Canada where documents are unclear or how improvements can be made before Canada releases a formal RFP solicitation process.

3.1.1 Canada will review and consider all feedback received through the draft RFP process. It is important for industry to understand that draft RFP documents are subject to change at any time and Canada's confirmed requirement will be published under a future formal RFP solicitation process.

3.2 Phased Release of Draft RFP Documents

3.2.1 The full draft RFP will be released in 2 phases.

3.2.2 Phase 1 Draft RFP Documents:

This initial RFI published the first set of draft RFP documents. These documents can be downloaded from the Canada Buys website under Tender Notice W8476-226536/A in the "Attachments" Section as downloadable file "Phase 1 Documents." The contents of this file folder are as follows:

Draft RFP Phase 1

- a. Volume 2 2 Acquisition Contract
 - 1. Appendix 1 (Contract Deliverables)
 - 2. Appendix 2 (Data Item Descriptions)
 - 3. Appendix 3 (System Requirements Specification)
 - 4. Appendix 4 (Mission Profile - Battery Life)
 - 5. Appendix 5 (Requirements Verification Matrix)
 - 6. Appendix 6 (Support and Maintenance Concept)
 - 7. Appendix 7 (References, Acronyms, Glossary and Lexicon)



c. Volume 3 Service Support contract

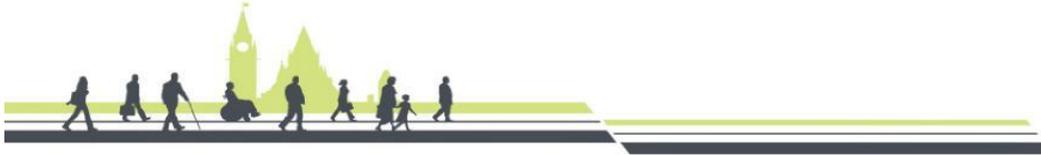
Service Support contract Statement of Work

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- 2. Appendix 2 (Data Item Descriptions)
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- 4. Appendix 4 (Logistics Statement of Work)
- 5. Appendix 5 (System Requirements Specification)
- 6. Appendix 6 (References, Acronyms, Glossary and Lexicon)

3.2.3 Remaining Phases of Draft RFP Documents:

The remaining draft RFP documents are estimated to be released as follows:

Phase	Remaining Draft RFP Documents	Estimated Release
2	All remaining documents to be released in Phase 2	June 2023



3.3 Nature and Format of Responses Requested

- 3.3.1 This is neither a call for tender nor a Request for Proposal (RFP), and no agreement or contract for the procurement of the equipment and / or services stated herein will be entered into solely as a result of this RFI draft RFP process.
- 3.3.2 Respondents should explain any assumptions they make in their interpretation of the requirements.
- 3.3.3 Respondents are requested to provide their responses via email and only to the Contracting Authority identified below. Submission using CD ROMs or DVDs or thumb drives cannot be accepted.
- 3.3.4 Respondents may provide documents, information, or data as “commercial-in-confidence” and, if identified as such, will be treated accordingly by Canada. Assessment of all information provided by suppliers will be reviewed by Canada’s representatives, including contracted resources under non-disclosure agreements. Canada reserves the right to re-use any information to assist in obtaining project approvals and in consultation with both national and international stakeholders. Project requirements are subject to change, which may be as a result of information provided in response to this RFI. Participants are advised that any information submitted to Canada in response to this RFI may or may not be used by Canada in the development of the potential subsequent RFP. The issuance of this RFI does not create an obligation for Canada to issue a subsequent RFP and does not bind Canada legally or otherwise, to enter into any agreement or to accept or reject any suggestions.
- 3.3.5 Respondents are encouraged to clearly identify in writing if they feel any information shared with Canada is commercial-in-confidence, proprietary, third party, or personal. Please note that Canada may be obligated by law (e.g. in response to a request under the Access to Information and Privacy Act) to disclose proprietary or commercially-sensitive information concerning a Respondent. For more information:
<http://lawslois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/a-1/>.
- 3.3.6 Respondents are asked to identify in writing if their response, or any part of their response, is subject to the Controlled Goods Regulations.
- 3.3.7 Participation in this RFI is encouraged but is not mandatory. There will be no shortlisting of potential suppliers for the purposes of undertaking any future work as a result of this RFI. Similarly, participation in this RFI is not a condition or prerequisite for the participation in any potential subsequent solicitation.



3.4 Response Costs

This announcement does not constitute a commitment by Canada. Canada does not intend to award a contract on the basis of the notice or otherwise pay for the information solicited. Any and all expenses incurred by industry in pursuing this opportunity, including the provision of information and industry engagement, are at industry's sole risk and expense.

3.5 Confidentiality

- 3.5.1 Respondents should indicate and mark any portions of their response that they consider proprietary or confidential. PSPC will handle these portions in a confidential manner in accordance with the Access to Information Act of Canada.
- 3.5.2 Although the documents / information / data collected may be provided as commercial-in-confidence and will not be provided to a third party outside of Canada, Canada reserves the right to use the information to assist them in drafting performance specifications and for budgetary purposes.



4. Industry Engagement

Canada intends to seek engagement opportunities with industry to support this draft RFP process.

Attending any engagement opportunity under this draft RFP process will not be mandatory and will not prevent any interested suppliers from bidding on the future formal RFP solicitation. Canada will not be responsible for any costs associated with any engagement activities under this RFI process.

Industry will be notified of engagement opportunities through future amendments to this draft RFP process.



5. Procurement Schedule:

Step	Planned Date
Draft RFP Process Release:	Spring 2023
Full Draft RFP Published:	Summer 2023
Delivery Date for all Written Draft RFP Feedback:	RFI closing date
Formal RFP process:	Fall 2023
Contract Award:	Winter 2024

6. Contracting Authority

All enquiries, submission of feedback and other communications related to this RFI process must be directed exclusively to the PSPC Contracting Authority:

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 Public Works and Government Services Canada
 Defense and Marine Procurement Branch
 Address: Place du Portage, Phase III 8C2, 11 Laurier Street
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7. Questions Submitted by Industry

While Canada intends to respond to Industry questions by releasing answers periodically through subsequent RFI amendments, responding to questions will be handled on a best effort basis.

Often Canada may not be in a position to answer certain questions because requirements may not yet be finalized on various aspects of the requirement. Unanswered questions are still very valuable feedback as it allows Canada to see where Industry may have concerns, or where a different approach to a requirement may be possible.

8. Additional Information Requests

Throughout the RFI process, PSPC may request additional information, clarifications or site visits from Respondents.

9. Fairness Monitor

Canada has engaged the services of an organization to act as an independent, third-party Fairness Monitor (FM). The Fairness Monitoring Program provides client departments, government suppliers, Parliament and Canadians with independent assurance that PSPC conducts its activities in a fair, open and transparent way.



10. Official Languages

Official Languages Responses to this RFI are requested to be presented in either of the Official Languages of Canada.

11 Closing Date

For the RFI Responses to this RFI are to be submitted to the PSPC Contracting Authority identified above, on or before the RFI requested closing date.

Attachment 1 –HHTI LR Draft RFP Structure

Attachment 1 to this RFI document represents the entire draft RFP structure and the documents intended to be released to Industry.

Draft RFP Volume 1	Phase 1 release	Phase 2 release
Bidder’s instructions		X
Annex A - Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection – Summary		X
Annex B – Technical Evaluation		X
Annex C - ITB/VP Evaluation		X
Annex D - Financial Evaluation		X
Annex E - PWGSC-TPSGC 450 Claim for Exchange Rate Adjustments		X
Annex F - Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification		X

Draft RFP Volume 2	Phase 1 release	Phase 2 release
Acquisition Contract Resulting terms and conditions		X
Annex A - Security Requirements Checklist		X
Annex B - Statement of Work for Acquisition	X	
Appendix 1 (Contract Deliverables)	X	
Appendix 2 (Data Item Descriptions)	X	
Appendix 3 (System Requirements Specification)	X	
Appendix 4 (Mission Profile - Battery Life)	X	
Appendix 5 (Requirements Verification Matrix)	X	
Appendix 6 (Support and Maintenance Concept)	X	
Appendix 7 (References, Acronyms, Glossary and Lexicon)	X	
Annex C - Industrial and Technological Benefits (ITB) Terms and Conditions		X
Annex D - PWGSC-TPSGC 1111 Claim for Progress Payment		X
Annex E - Insurance Requirements		X
Annex F - DND 626 Task Authorization Form		X
Schedule A - Basis of Payment		X
Schedule B - Milestone Payments		X



Draft RFP Volume 3	Phase 1 release	Phase 2 release
In Service Support Contract terms and conditions		X
Annex A - Security Requirements Checklist		X
Annex B - Performance Work Statement (In-service Support)	X	
Appendix 1 (Contract Deliverables)	X	
Appendix 2 (Data Item Descriptions)	X	
Appendix 3 (Support and Maintenance Concept)	X	
Appendix 4 (Logistics Statement of Work)	X	
Appendix 5 (System Requirements Specification)	X	
Appendix 6 (References, Acronyms, Glossary and Lexicon)	X	
Annex C- Industrial and Technological Benefits (ITB) Terms and Conditions	X	
Annex D - DND 626 Task Authorization Form		X
Annex E - PWGSC-TPSGC 1111 Claim for Progress Payment		X
Schedule A - Basis of Payment		X
Schedule B - Milestone Payments		X