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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT  
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

**Comments - Commentaires**

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<b>Title - Sujet</b> SBIPS (Solutions Based Informatics)	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> EN537-05IT01/M	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 007
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> EN537-05IT01	<b>Date</b> 2023-07-05
<b>GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG</b> PW-\$\$EI-002-34596	
<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> 002ei.EN537-05IT01	<b>CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME</b>
<b>Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin</b> <b>at - à 02:00 PM</b> Eastern Standard Time EST <b>on - le 2100-01-29</b> Heure Normale du l'Est HNE	
<b>F.O.B. - F.A.B.</b>	
<b>Plant-Usine:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Destination:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Other-Autre:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à:</b> IMOS Team - James Steedman	<b>Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur</b> 002ei
<b>Telephone No. - N° de téléphone</b> (819) 962-1052 ( )	<b>FAX No. - N° de FAX</b> ( ) -
<b>Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction:</b> <b>Destination - des biens, services et construction:</b> As defined in resulting contracts	

**Instructions: See Herein**

**Instructions: Voir aux présentes**

<b>Delivery Required - Livraison exigée</b>	<b>Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée</b>
<b>Vendor/Firm Name and Address</b> <b>Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur</b>	
<b>Telephone No. - N° de téléphone</b> <b>Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur</b>	
<b>Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm</b> <b>(type or print)</b> <b>Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

This amendment is raised to delete amendment 006 in it's entirety and replaced by the following to correct errors.

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This amendment is raised to add new policies for Gas House Emissions, the Use of EPS, to change the security, the evaluation related to reference checks and the introduction of completing amendments via email as follows:

Insert : PART 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION Para 1.7

#### 1.7 Use of an e-Procurement Solution (EPS)

Public Works and Government Services Canada, (PWGSC) is now using an e-procurement solution(EPS). SBIPS has transitioned to this system and will now use it to award and amend SAs. We require potential bidders and existing suppliers to register for an ARIBA account immediately at the following link: [How to register your business | CanadaBuysys](#). Please note that the Centralized Professional Services System (CPSS) will remain active for bidders to submit their bid, suppliers to manage their account as well as access the reporting functions.

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Delete PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION Para 4.2.3 Security Requirement in it's entirety

Replace by : Part4 – EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION Para 4.2.3

#### 3. Security Requirement

Before issuance of a supply arrangement, the following conditions must be met:

- a) The Bidder must hold a valid Designated Organization Screening (DOS), issued by the Contract Security Program (CSP), Public Works and Government Services Canada ,PWGSC; and,
- b) Each member of a Joint venture bidder must have a Designated Organization Screening (DOS), issued by the Contract Security Program (CSP), Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC).

A bidder who is awaiting completion of the security clearance process is not “fully compliant” and cannot be issued a Supply Arrangement. In this case, the supplier’s supply arrangement will be inactive until the supplier obtains its security clearance. SBIPS will consider issuing a Supply Arrangement to this Supplier, once the required clearance is received and provided actions relating to this supplier have not occurred.

If the security clearance has not been obtained by the closing date and time of the RFSA or by the next re-competition process for SBIPS, the supplier holding the inactive supply arrangement will return to the designation of a “New supplier” for the submission of a bid in response to a re-competition solicitation.

In the case of Joint Ventures (JV), the level of corporate security attainable through CSP of PWGSC for the Joint Venture entity is the level in common that is held by all members of the JV. For example: a Joint Venture with five (5) members is comprised of four members holding a valid Facility Security Clearance (FSC) at the Secret level and one member holding a valid Designated Organization Screening (DOS). The highest corporate security level for which the Joint Venture would be considered under the resulting SA framework would be DOS, until such time as the member holding a valid DOS clearance has requested sponsorship via the Supply Arrangement Authority and obtained a valid FSC at the secret level issued by CSP.

With respect to document safeguarding capability (DSC), a joint venture (JV) entity is not required to hold a DSC for each member of a JV entity in order to be considered having that capability. If only one member of the JV entity has obtained the DSC through the Contract Security Program (CSP) of PWGSC, the JV entity would be considered under the resulting supply arrangement (SA) framework to have the DSC. In the case of where multiple members of a JV entity have various levels of the DSC, the highest level of DSC will be considered should an SA be issued to the JV entity.

Bidders may request that SBIPS consider security sponsorship for their company for the initial DOS clearance or to upgrade the supplier to the next security level. Such sponsorship is only available for one level of upgrade at a time. This request may be made at any time before or after bid closing by sending the request to the following email address: [RCNMDAI.-NCRIMOS@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:RCNMDAI.-NCRIMOS@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca). If sponsorship is anticipated, the supplier is encouraged to contact SBIPS as soon as possible so that the process can be started. There is no need for the bidder to wait for the solicitation to close before advising SBIPS of the need to be sponsored.

SBIPS will not consider security sponsorship of foreign suppliers. Foreign suppliers must hold a valid security clearance from their host country before they can request a Canadian equivalency. A foreign supplier that does not have a security clearance in its own country will first need to obtain a security clearance from their respective government and provide proof to the SA Authority.

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Delete in it's entirety = PART 6 – SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT RESULTING CLAUSES A. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT (SA) Para 6.24

Para 6.25 becomes para 6.24.

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PART 5 – CERTIFICATIONS Para 5.1.8 [A3017T](#)

**Insert - Greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and disclosure certification**

5.1.8 Insert the following clause(s) in full text when suppliers are required to provide a certification demonstrating participation in a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions disclosure, target-setting and reduction initiative such as the Net-Zero Challenge or equivalent, and certification is required precedent to issuance of the supply arrangement. Otherwise, delete and renumber accordingly. Use in conjunction with clauses [A3021C](#), [A3015T](#), [A3015C](#) and [A9076T](#), if applicable:

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COMPONENT II: TERMS OF RESULTING SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT AND MODEL RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES Part 6A. RESULTING SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT (SA) insert the following clause at 6.20 :

6.20. Changes to the supply arrangement (evergreen clause) As a result of the SA being perpetual, from time to time, PWGSC may also amend any part of the supply arrangement as a result of a policy notification, legislation, or procedural change. Any such change will not affect existing contracts in place prior to the date of change. Notification of such change will be sent to suppliers via a generic email.

Should a supplier not be in agreement with such modifications, and no longer wishes to be considered for requirements issued under the supply arrangement framework as a result of the changes, the supplier will notify the supply arrangement authority and this supplier will no longer be on the list of qualified suppliers.

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Delete the following in its entirety - Attachment A to Part 4: Mandatory Evaluation Criteria, Para 3  
Replace by:

**3.** The response received from a reference will be used to determine the compliancy of each Category, as follows:

a) If the reference indicates a "Yes" relating to the Category requested: This substantiates the Category and the Bidder's SA will include that Category if all other requirements are met.

b) The reference indicates a "No" or an "Unable" relating to a category requested, the reference verification will end and the category will be deemed non-compliant.

c) If the bidder provided only the 1st reference email (i.e. no 2nd reference email was provided in the bid), and no response is received from the 1st reference by the due date stated in the original email, the reference verification process will end and the category will be deemed non-compliant.

d) In the event that no response is received from the 1st reference by the due date stated in the original email, an email will be sent to the 2nd reference requesting a response (if a 2nd reference email was provided by the bidder). If no response is received from the second reference by the time and date indicated in the email, the reference verification process will end and the category will be deemed non-compliant.

e) If information is received via return email that the email sent to the 1st or 2nd reference was improper or the email address is no longer valid and results in an undeliverable email being received by SBIPS, the bidder will be contacted to provide an alternative email address for the same reference for that specific category.

f) If information is received via return email that the 1st reference is absent for a period of time that is beyond the response date in the reference email, the evaluation team will send the email to the 2nd reference after the due date stated in the original email. If information is received via return email that the email sent to the 2nd reference is absent for a period of time beyond the response date stated in the reference email, the reference check process will end and the category will be deemed non-compliant.

g) No individual identified in an 'out of office' reply will be used to substantiate a category for the bidder.

h) For all categories deemed non-compliant, those categories will not be included in the resulting supply arrangement.

i) There will be no follow up emails sent to the references requesting a response. The bidder can re-apply at the next quarterly bid solicitation.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.