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Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8485-226481/C	Date 2023-09-06
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CH149 Cormorant Search and Rescue Helicopter– In-Service Support

Letter of Notification

1. Purpose and Nature of the Letter of Notification

- a. This Letter of Notification (Notice) follows the Letter of Interest (LOI) W8485-226481/A and W8485-226481/B for the New Sustainment Enterprise (SE) for the CH-149 Cormorant Helicopter Fleet which was published on the Buy and Sell website and closed on June 21, 2021 and July 26, 2022, respectively.
- b. The purpose of this Notice is to provide an update to Industry.
- c. This Notice is neither a call for tender nor a Request for Proposal. No agreement or contract will be entered into based on this Notice.
- d. This Notice is not a commitment that a non-competitive contract for the work described herein will be issued.

2. Background Information

- a. DND has a mandate to provide aeronautical Search and Rescue (SAR) services and effective operation of the coordinated SAR system.
- b. In 1998, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) acquired the CH-149 Cormorant, an all-weather rotary wing SAR aircraft with an Estimated Life Expectancy (ELE) to 2025. In August 2000, through a competitive process, IMP Group Ltd. (IMP) was awarded the In-Service Support (ISS) contract including option years up to 2025. The Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) retain the majority of the design Intellectual Property (IP). The airframe OEM and engine OEM support Canada and its ISS provider as major subcontractors.
- c. The current CH-149 fleet consists of thirteen (13) model 511 AW101 three-engine helicopters, currently operated out of three (3) RCAF Main Operating Bases (MOB): CFB Comox, CFB Greenwood and CFB Gander. The fleet operates approximately 5600 flying hours annually.
- d. The Cormorant Mid-Life Upgrade (CMLU) project is currently in the implementation phase which involves upgrading and augmenting the fleet to address obsolescence and regulatory changes to allow for operations to at least

2042. The CMLU project is anticipated to achieve full operating capability (FOC) in late 2029.

3. ISS Way Forward

- a. In April 2023, DND announced that IMP was to perform upgrade work as a sub-contractor to Leonardo UK Ltd for the CMLU project. To support this project, IMP will deliver 13 of the 16 upgraded helicopters to Canada from its Halifax facilities while the first three will be completed at Leonardo's UK facilities. IMP personnel will undertake on-the-job training in the UK to complete the build of the remaining 13 helicopters in Canada.
- b. The Canadian Armed Forces maintains 24/7 aerial search and rescue response capabilities. Maintaining a robust rotary-wing search and rescue capability in Canada is essential to SAR operational capability and the safety of Canada's population. Successful SAR operations rely on reliable and modernized CH149 Cormorant fleet. Currently, the CMLU project is delivering a major upgrade on the CH149 Cormorant fleet with complex requirements and schedule. The CMLU and ISS Contracts are intertwined with unique but complementary responsibilities. Introducing a new ISS provider during this critical phase would add significant complexity and risk to maintaining SAR services.
- c. For that reason, Canada will be extending the current ISS contract with IMP until FOC for the upgraded helicopters is achieved.

4. Questions and Comments:

- a. Questions regarding this Notice can be sent to:

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