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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**

**Vendor/Firm Name and Address**  
**Raison sociale et adresse du**  
**fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur**

**Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution**  
Information Security and Electronic Warfare Major  
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<b>Title - Sujet</b> Information Technology Infrastructu Infrastructure de technologie de l'information à l'appui du commandement et du c	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> W8474-18IT01/C	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 001
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> W8474-18IT01	<b>Date</b> 2023-12-08
<b>GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG</b> PW-\$\$QE-061-29203	
<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> 061qe.W8474-18IT01	<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 2024-02-07</b> Heure Normale du l'Est HNE	
<b>F.O.B. - F.A.B.</b> <b>Plant-Usine:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Destination:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other-Autre:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à:</b> Abela, Aaron	<b>Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur</b> 061qe
<b>Telephone No. - N° de téléphone</b> ( ) - ( )	<b>FAX No. - N° de FAX</b> ( ) -
<b>Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction:</b> <b>Destination - des biens, services et construction:</b> Specified Herein	

**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/</b> <b>de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

## ITQ AMENDMENT 001

ITQ Amendment No. 001 is being issued to address the following:

**A) Publish Questions and Answers submitted by Respondents during the ITQ publication.**

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### A) Questions and Answers

Question Number	Question	Answer
001	Will Canada grant a request to extend the current Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) closing date beyond January 10th, 2024 deadline? Due to the upcoming holiday season and associated vacation time for our teams, we would like to request that Canada provide a multi-week extension to fully prepare a response to the ITQ and to provide Canada with the best solution.	<p>The Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) closing date has been extended. Please reference the front page of this amendment and the associated Notice of Proposed Procurement (NPP).</p> <p>Any additional requests will be considered on a case to case basis depending on the rationale of the request, length of extension requested, and operational impacts.</p>
002	<p>The ITQ includes the 2003 (2023-06-08) Standard Instructions – Good or Services – Competitive Requirements, and the term Respondent has the meaning of bidder pursuant to section 2.1 of the RFP (reproduced below) – so the term Respondent has the definition of bidder in the 2003 Standard Instructions:</p> <p>"Bidder" means the person or entity (or, in the case of a joint venture, the persons or entities) submitting a bid to perform a contract for goods, services or both. <b><u>It does not include the parent, subsidiaries or other affiliates of the Bidder, or its subcontractors.</u></b></p> <p>Given the Mandatory experience being sought via qualifying Five Eyes (FVEY) countries requires a Respondent to rely on an affiliate's experience (e.g., M1C). Would PSPC consider amending the ITQ to allow a respondent to rely on affiliates experience in response to a corporate mandatory requirement? In other words, as a multi-national corporation with fully integrated affiliates, the local affiliate in one of the other FVEY would have been the prime/contractor and hold the relevant experience. The Canadian affiliate would not have been the prime contractor to a foreign country. But, the definition of Bidder/Respondent does not actually allow us to rely on such experience permitted to be provided under certain mandatory requirements such as M1C).</p>	<p>As per Annex G – Evaluation Criteria, Section 1.4 – Respondent Stipulations of the ITQ, "A Respondent is permitted to demonstrate their capability as a sole entity, a Joint Venture or in a combination with a company affiliate (i.e. Company ABC – USA and Company ABC – Canada).</p> <p>It is therefore already permitted for a Respondent to rely on a company affiliate's experience in order to demonstrate compliance with mandatory technical evaluation criteria.</p> <p>The Standard Instructions refer to who can be a Respondent (Bidder), not how mandatory technical evaluation criteria will be assessed.</p>

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**ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED**