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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

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Title - Sujet Firearms Buyback Program ITQ Firearms Buyback Program Invitation to Qualify	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation 0D160-241493/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 004
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 0D160-241493	Date 2023-12-22
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$XYZ-002-29229	
File No. - N° de dossier 002xyz.0D160-241493	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM Eastern Standard Time EST on - le 2024-01-19 Heure Normale de l'Est HNE	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Officer, Proc	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 002xyz
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone () - ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX () -
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
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 address questions on the Solicitation.

Question 1:

Do we need to qualify simply to receive the tender? Or are we qualified to receive the qualification tender and simply fill it out.

Response 1:

Suppliers must qualify on this Invitation to Qualify in order to receive the Request for Proposal and be awarded a Contract.

As per paragraph 1.2 a) on page 3 of the Invitation to Qualify, the purpose of Phase II - ITQ is to qualify Suppliers that have the technical ability to collect, transport, validate, verify, provision of secured storage facilities and/or destroy firearms as part of the Firearms Buyback Program for Public Safety Canada (PS) for Businesses and Individuals. This evaluation will include:

Please refer to Page 30 for:

- i. Annex A - ITQ Technical Mandatory Requirements;

In order to demonstrate that the Respondent Team meets the requirements, they are requested to provide proof of compliance as per Annex A - ITQ Technical Mandatory Requirements.

Following the qualification of Suppliers, Canada will engage with the Qualified Suppliers during Phase II to review and refine the requirements for the Firearms Buyback Program and send the final RFP to the Qualified Suppliers.

Question 2:

I note on the Canada Buys site that there have been two amendments to the original Firearms Buyback Program ITQ. When I open the amendments there are blank – not showing any new information.

Response 2:

The first two amendments to this ITQ were raised to modify details in the ITQ Solicitation Cover page and the ITQ Notice, specifically:

First Amendment – to modify discrepancies surrounding

- Trade Agreements,
- Competitive Strategy and Details, and
- Remove the reference to RFP in the solicitation document.

Second Amendment– to modify discrepancies surrounding

- Terminology and nomenclature of actual solicitation to include “Invitation to Qualify” in the title, and
- Broaden the spectrum of GSIN in order to increase visibility.

Question 3:

A BFAL or Business Firearms License is issued by the RCMP to a business with Prescribed Purposes that includes what the business is specifically allowed to do. For example, a Business may only have a prescribed purpose to develop ammunition. Prescribed Purposes are listed on the BFAL. Certain Prescribed Purposes will impose other conditions on the business, for example requiring that their employees handling Prohibited and Restricted Firearms hold a personal valid RPAL. An RPAL or Restricted Possession and Acquisition Licence is a 5-year license issued to individuals after they pass a Safe Handling Course and extensive background check conducted by the RCMP.

Given this information, we have the following questions:

- M1 for both businesses and individuals – We understand that the operations and facilities must be located in Canada. A BFAL identifies an approved location where an organization can engage in the activities identified by the prescribed purposes. Would Canada accept proof of a valid BFAL to demonstrate compliance with operations and facilities located in Canada?
- M2 for both businesses and individuals - We understand that vendors must demonstrate that they're currently in the transportation, storage or destruction of firearms business and for a minimum of five years. A BFAL identifies the approved facilities and may include approved prescribed purposes for the transportation, destruction or storage of firearms. Would Canada accept proof of holding a BFAL for 5 years or greater to demonstrate compliance?
- M3 for both businesses and individuals – We understand that the vendor must provide a valid carrier license under the Firearms Act. As an alternative, a BFAL may include approved prescribed purposes for the transportation of firearms. Would Canada accept proof of a valid BFAL that includes an approved prescribed purpose for the transportation of firearms?
- M4 - for both businesses and individuals – We understand that the vendor must demonstrate proof of license for all facilities that the vendor intends to use in the work. A BFAL identifies an approved location where an organization can engage in the activities identified by the prescribed purposes for the verification, validation and storage of firearms. In addition, to hold a BFAL, individuals in the organization must hold valid RPAL. Would Canada accept proof of a valid BFAL to demonstrate compliance for the handling of prohibited firearms?
- M5 - for both businesses and individuals – We understand that the vendor must demonstrate proof of license for the facilities and storage requirements for the class of firearms being stored. A BFAL identifies an approved location where an organization can engage in the activities identified by the prescribed purposes including for the verification, validation and storage of firearms. Would Canada accept proof of a valid BFAL to demonstrate compliance for the storage of prohibited firearms?
- M6 - for both businesses and individuals – We understand that the vendor must demonstrate proof of license for the destruction of firearms. A BFAL identifies an approved location where an organization can engage in the activities identified by the prescribed purposes including for the destruction of firearms. Would Canada accept proof of a valid BFAL to demonstrate compliance for the destruction of prohibited firearms?

Response 3:

In reference to Mandatory Criteria M1, M2, M4, M5 and M6 for both Businesses and Individuals Components, Canada will accept a valid Business Firearm Licence as proof of compliance provided that the authorized activity or conditions listed on the Firearms Business Licence is compliant with the requirements of each Mandatory Criteria and that all other mandatory requirements are met. Mandatory Criteria M3 for both Businesses and Individuals Components is unchanged, and respondents must submit a valid copy of their Carrier Licence.