# Request for proposal (RFP) under Competitive Method 1 against the Temporary Help Services (THS) for the National Capital Region (NCR) method of supply

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#### **PART A: General information**

This requirement is issued by the following department: Department of National Defence (DND)

The RFP reference number for this solicitation is: S4723785

The terms and conditions set out in the <u>Supply Arrangement for Temporary Help Services in the National Capital Region</u>between the SA holder and Canada, as represented by the Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC), are hereby incorporated into this document. The SA holder offers and agrees to sell and supply to the Minister, upon the terms and conditions set out herein, including the attachments hereto, the services listed herein and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefore. Responses to a RFP by an SA holder will be considered as an offer to sell.

<u>2003, Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements (</u>2022-03-29) are incorporated into this document by reference with the following alteration: as per subsection "05 Submission of bids", bids to this solicitation will remain open for acceptance for a period of 15 days.

#### 1. Invitation to bid

Department of National Defence (DND) has a requirement for work that falls under the THS for the NCR supply arrangement. This requirement is open to the following THS for the NCR supply arrangement holders:

- 1. 1019837 Ontario Inc.
- 2. Access Corporate Technologies Inc.
- 3. Altis Recruitment & Technology Inc.
- 4. ARTEMP PERSONNEL SERVICES INC
- 5. AZUR HUMAN RESOURCES LIMITED
- 6. HubSpoke Inc.
- 7. iFathom Corporation
- 8. IPSS INC.
- 9. MAKWA Resourcing Inc.
- 10. Maverin Inc.
- 11. MaxSys Staffing & Consulting Inc.
- 12. Modis Canada Inc
- 13. Procom Consultants Group Ltd.
- 14. Quallium Corporation
- 15. Transatlantic Business Consulting Inc.

The name and co-ordinates of the contracting authority can be found in Part D: Resulting contract clauses.

#### 2. Bid response due date and time

Responses to this solicitation are to be sent by email to the following email address: <u>CFSGO-GTemporaryHelp-GSFCO-Gdaidetemporaire@forces.gc.ca</u>

Responses must be sent no later than the following date: November  $16^{th}$ , 2023 Responses must be sent no later than the following time: 1:00PM ET

Bidders must direct all enquiries to the email address above. A "Bidder's response form" is included in Part E of this document.

# **PART B: Requirement**

#### 1. Statement of work

The work to be undertaken is indicated below and in the statement of work at Annex A in Part D.

#### 2. Estimated contract period

The estimated contract period will be from 20th November 2023 to 18th October 2024. The contract length will be for 48 weeks.

#### 3. Resource required

The following table is to identify the requirement by providing the service category, their level of expertise, their need to be bilingual or not, number of references\* Interview required or not and the estimated number of hours for the required resource.

#### Resource required

Category of resource	Level of expertise	Must the resource be bilingual(Y/N)	Number of References*	Interview Required (Y/N)
5.1 Computer Application Support	Senior	No	2	Yes

Estimated Number of hours	Maximum number of resumes accepted under this requirement
1725	3

<sup>\*</sup>Please provide references who can validate that the information submitted in response to the solicitation is accurate.

The following table is to identify to the supplier what is the language proficiency needed from the resource.

Language (English Essential, French Essential or Bilingual)	Oral	Comprehension	Written
English Essential	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced

#### 4. Work location

Remote Work

# 5. Travel and Overtime requirements

Is there a travel or overtime requirement? No

#### 6. Security requirement

- 6.1 Before award of a contract, the following conditions must be met:
  - (a) the bidder must hold a valid organization security clearance as indicated in Annex C;
  - (b) the bidder's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites must meet the security requirements as indicated in Annex C;
  - (c) the bidder must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites;
  - (d) the bidder's proposed location of work performance and document safeguarding must meet the security requirements as indicated in Annex C, if a document safeguarding requirement is indicated;
  - (e) the bidder must provide the addresses of proposed sites or premises of work performance and document safeguarding, if a document safeguarding requirement is indicated:
- 6.2 Bidders are reminded to obtain the required security clearance promptly. Any delay in the award of a contract to allow the successful bidder to obtain the required clearance will be at the entire discretion of the contracting authority.
- 6.3 For additional information on security requirements, bidders should refer to the <u>Contract</u> Security Program.
- 7. Use of individual protective equipment and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) quideline(s)
- 7.1 The following individual protective piece(s) of equipment is/are required while working on site:
  - face covering mask if required...

It is the bidder's responsibility to include the cost associated with the provision of personal protective equipment for its resources in their all-inclusive hourly rates for the duration of the contract.

#### PART C: Basis of selection

#### 1. Basis of selection method

#### Right-fit

To be declared responsive, a bid must:

- comply with all the requirements of the RFP;
- ii. include a total bid price below \$400,000.00 CDN (travel and living expenses, and applicable taxes included):
- iii. meet all minimum mandatory criteria for the THS category identified in Part B;
- iv. meet the additional mandatory criteria and security requirement included below, if any are identified; and,
- v. include pricing that falls within a band between -20% and +20% of the median total hourly rate when 3 or more bids received by Canada are responsive to the mandatory technical criteria in ii and iii. When only 2 bids are responsive to the mandatory technical criteria, the higher priced bid may be selected if its price is within 25% of the lowest priced bid.

Bids not meeting (i) or (ii) or (iv) or (v) will be declared non-responsive. Minimum mandatory criteria for THS categories can be found on the THS for the NCR website.

#### Additional mandatory criteria

Number	Additional mandatory criteria (maximum of two (2) extra)	Cross reference to proposal [bidder to insert]
M1	The bidder must provide evidence of a valid Salesforce certification such as Salesforce Certified Platform Developer or Salesforce Certified Platform App Builder. The certification should be current and in good standing at the time of proposal submission.  The certification provided by the bidder must be verifiable through the official Salesforce certification verification portal at <a href="https://trailhead.salesforce.com/en/credentials/verification/">https://trailhead.salesforce.com/en/credentials/verification/</a> . The verification should confirm the certification's authenticity and current status.	bidder to insert
M2	Must have a minimum of 3 years of hands-on experience in Salesforce solutions development, including customization, configuration, and Apex programmatic development within Salesforce Lightning Experience.	bidder to insert

#### \*\*Security Requirement:

Number	Security Requirement as per the SRCL Form in Annex C	Comments
1	The bidder must hold a valid Enhanced Reliability organization security clearance as indicated in Annex C.	Fill out the Security Clearance Form attached

<sup>\*\*</sup>While we do accept pending security clearance / pending registered controlled goods program certificate as per Section 6.1 in Part B, the Contracting Authority may deem a bid non-responsive if failing to meet the security requirement in time for the proposed start date.

The bidder must clearly demonstrate how they meet each mandatory criteria. Bidders are advised that only listing experience without providing any supporting information or reusing the same wording as the RFP, will not be considered "demonstrated" for the purpose of this evaluation.

For each resume submitted, the bidder must ensure that:

- the proposed individual's name is clearly indicated
- the resume clearly states where, when and how the stated qualifications/experience of the individual were acquired, including contact information of a reference that can confirm the information provided
- the resume clearly demonstrates duties and relevance to the requirements

Furthermore, bidders are also advised that the month(s) of experience listed for a project whose timeframe overlaps that of another referenced project, will only be counted once.

#### Right-fit justifications allowed to select the proper resource

Department of National Defence (DND) will select the successful bid on basis of right-fit from among the responsive bids. One or more justification(s) from amongst any of the justification(s) below will be used to determine the successful bidder in terms of meeting the right-fit basis of selection:

- Specialized education which will improve the quality of services to be provided
- Additional certifications which will improve the quality of services to be provided
- Additional experience which will improve the quality of services to be provided
- Knowledge of relevant government policies or procedures which will improve the quality of services to be provided
- Better proficiency in one or both official languages which will improve the quality of the services to be provided

Interviews may be administered to select the best resource from among the bids determined as responsive according to the rules above.

The responsive bid determined to correspond to one or more of the right fit justification(s) will be selected for award of a contract.

#### 1.1 Example of basis of selection – Right-fit

Category	Bid A	Bid B	Bid C	Bid D	Median price	Lowest price
Data entry clerk, Jr	\$ 25.00	\$ 21.87	\$ 18.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 23.44	\$ 18.00

The median price is calculated as follows:

Order the bids from lowest to highest: \$18, \$21.87, \$25, and \$26

The median price =  $\{(n + 1) \div 2\}$ , where "n" is the number of bids =  $\{(4+1) \div 2\}$  = 2.5

\$21.87 is in the 2nd position and \$25 is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> position, so 2.5 is the price halfway between these = **\$23.44**.

Category	Lower median limit (- 20%)	Upper median limit (+20%)	Within median band	Lowest price +25%	Within 25% band
Data Entry Clerk, Jr	\$ 18.75	\$ 28.12	A,B,D	\$ 22.50	B and C

#### Ineffective median band situation (All compliant bids fall outside of the median band):

When and only when three (3) or more compliant bids result in a median band that excludes all bidders, Canada may, but will have no obligation to, either cancel the request for proposal and resolicit or decide to select a bidder among all otherwise compliant bids using one or more of the five right fit justification(s).

In addition, Canada may, but will have no obligation to, require price support information. If Canada requests price support, the bidder must provide at a minimum an invoice (referencing a contract serial number or other unique contract identifier) that shows that the bidder has provided and invoiced a customer (with whom the bidder deals at arm's length) for services performed for that customer similar to the services that would be provided in the National Capital Region.

#### 2. In the case of an identical resource or identical resources proposed by more than one bidder

Following validation of the consent or proof of employment, if the successful bidder's proposed resource withdraws or becomes unable to provide the services before the contract award, the resource will no longer be considered from any other bidder who offered that same resource for the performance of the contract.

#### 3. Replacement of a resource prior to contract award

If the successful bidder's proposed resource recommended for the contract award withdraws and/or becomes unable to provide its services for the performance of the contract, at any time between the closing date and time of the RFP and the award of the contract, the bidder must immediately inform the contracting authority of the reason for the replacement.

The bidder must propose, at the same hourly rate indicated in its bid, one replacement who must meet all of the mandatory requirements contained in the RFP and, if applicable, obtains an equal or higher score obtained by the originally proposed resource on the point rated criteria of the RFP. Upon request by the contracting authority and within the time allowed (minimum of one business day), the bidder must provide the necessary information to allow assessment of the replacement, including but not limited to, its name, qualifications and experience. Failure to respond to the request will result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

#### 4. Bid challenge and recourse mechanisms

Several mechanisms are available to potential suppliers to challenge aspects of the procurement process up to and including contract award.

Canada encourages suppliers to first bring their concerns to the attention of the contracting authority. Canada's <u>Buy and Sell</u> website, under the heading "<u>Bid Challenge and Recourse Mechanisms</u>" contains information on potential complaint bodies such as:

- Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO)
- Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Bidders should note that there are **strict deadlines** for filing complaints, and the time periods vary depending on the complaint body in question. Bidders should therefore act quickly when they want to challenge any aspect of the procurement process.

# **PART D: Resulting contract clauses**

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from the bid solicitation.

#### 1.0 Statement of work

The contractor must perform the work in accordance with the Statement of work at Annex A.

#### 2.0 Standard clauses and conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the contract by number, date and title are set out in the <u>Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual</u> issued by Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC).

#### 2.1 General conditions

2010B (2022-12-01) General conditions: Professional services (medium complexity) apply to and form part of the contract.

#### 3.0 THS resulting contract clauses

The resulting contract clauses enumerated in the contractor's THS for the NCR <u>supply arrangement</u> apply to and form part of the contract.

#### 4.0 Security requirement

[To be inserted at contract award]

# 4.1 Use of individual protective equipment and occupational health and safety guideline(s)

The contractor warrants that its resources will follow at all times the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) guidelines in force in the workplace during the contract period. Canada reserves the right to modify the OHS guideline, if required, to include any future recommendations proposed by the Public Health Agencies.

#### 5.0 Term of contract

#### 5.1 Period of contract

[To be inserted at contract award]

#### 5.2 Maximum duration of contracts

A contract awarded under the THS for the NCR supply arrangement must not exceeds 48 consecutive weeks including all absences.

On an exceptional basis only, a contract may be amended to extend the duration of an assignment period up to a maximum of 24 consecutive weeks beyond the limit of 48 consecutive weeks. The total extended duration must not exceed 72 consecutive weeks. Extensions past 48 weeks must only be issued on the condition that the following requirements are met:

- i. the duration of the assignment period, including any contract amendments that impact the assignment period, must be more than 40 consecutive weeks;
- ii. the amendment to extend the duration of the assignment period must be issued after the first 40 consecutive weeks of the assignment period; and
- iii. the contracting authority must notify THS for the NCR of the issued amendment by email within 2 business days of issuing the amendment.

The contractor agrees that, during the extended periods of the contract, it will be paid in accordance with the applicable provisions as set out in Annex B: Basis of payment.

#### 6.0 Authorities

#### 6.1 Contracting authority

The contracting authority for the contract is:

[To be inserted at contract award]

The contracting authority is responsible for the management of the contract and any changes to the contract must be authorized in writing by the contracting authority. The contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from anybody other than the contracting authority.

#### 6.2 Technical authority

The technical authority for the contract is:

#### [To be inserted at contract award]

The technical authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the work is being carried out under the contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the work under the contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the technical authority; however, the technical authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the work. Changes to the scope of the work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the contracting authority.

#### 6.3 Contractor's representative

[To be inserted at contract award]

#### 7.0 Proactive disclosure of contracts with former public servants

By providing information on its status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a <u>Public Service Superannuation Act</u> (PSSA) pension, the contractor has agreed that this information will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports, in accordance with Contracting Policy Notice: 2019-01of the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada.

#### 8.0 Payment

#### 8.1 Basis of payment

The contractor will be paid for the actual hours worked at the firm hourly rates in Annex B: Basis of payment. The contractor will be paid an initial half hour minimum charge calculated from the time the contractor's employee arrives on-site. Customs duties are included and applicable taxes are extra.

#### 8.1.1 Travel and living expenses

Canada will not accept any travel and living expenses incurred by the contractor in the performance of the work, for:

(i) services provided within the National Capital Region (NCR). The National Capital Region (NCR) is defined in the *National Capital Act* (*Revised Statutes of Canada*),

1985, c.N-4, S.2. The *National Capital Act* is available on the Justice website: https://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/N-4/

(ii) any travel between the contractor's place of business and the NCR.

#### 8.2 Method of payment

Canada will pay the contractor on a monthly basis for work performed during the month covered by the invoice in accordance with the payment provisions of the contract if:

- an accurate and complete invoice and any other documents required by the contract have been submitted in accordance with the invoicing instructions provided at 8.2.1 below;
- all such documents have been verified by Canada;
- the work performed has been accepted by Canada.

#### 9.0 Certifications compliance

Unless specified otherwise, the continuous compliance with the certifications provided by the contractor in its bid or precedent to contract award, and the ongoing cooperation in providing additional information are conditions of the contract and failure to comply will constitute the contractor in default. Certifications are subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the contract.

#### 9.1 Compliance with on-site measures, standing orders, policies, and rules

The contractor must comply and ensure that its employees and subcontractors comply with all security measures, standing orders, policies or other rules in force at the site where the work is performed.

#### 10.0 Applicable laws

The contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Ontario. [May be revised by contractor before contract award]

# 11.0 Priority of documents

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- 1. The Articles of Agreement
- 2. the THS for the NCR supply arrangement (SA) resulting contract clauses
- 3. 2010B (2022-12-01) General conditions: Professional services (medium complexity)
- 4. Annex A: Statement of work
- 5. Annex B: Basis of payment
- 6. the Security Requirements Check List at Annex C (if applicable)
- 7. the contractor's bid dated \_\_\_\_\_ [To be inserted at contract award]

#### 12.0 Discretionary audit - non-commercial goods and services

The estimated amount of profit included in the contractor's price or rate certification is subject to audit by Canada, before or after payment is made to the contractor under the conditions of the contract. The purpose of the audit would be to determine whether the actual profit earned on a single contract if only

one exists, or the aggregate of actual profit earned by the contractor on a series of negotiated firm price and fixed-time rate contracts performed during a particular period selected, is reasonable and justifiable based on the estimated amount of profit included in earlier price or rate certification(s).

If the audit demonstrates that the actual profit is not reasonable and justifiable, as defined above, the contractor must repay Canada the amount found to be in excess.

#### 13.0 Foreign nationals (Canadian contractor)

The contractor must comply with Canadian immigration requirements applicable to foreign nationals entering Canada to work temporarily in fulfillment of the contract. If the contractor wishes to hire a foreign national to work in Canada to fulfill the contract, the contractor should immediately contact the nearest Service Canada regional office to enquire about Citizenship and Immigration Canada's requirements to issue a temporary work permit to a foreign national. The contractor is responsible for all costs incurred as a result of non-compliance with immigration requirements.

#### 14.0 Dispute resolution

- (a) The parties agree to maintain open and honest communication about the work throughout and after the performance of the contract.
- (b) The parties agree to consult and co-operate with each other in the furtherance of the contract and promptly notify the other party or parties and attempt to resolve problems or differences that may arise.
- (c) If the parties cannot resolve a dispute through consultation and cooperation, the parties agree to consult a neutral third party offering alternative dispute resolution services to attempt to address the dispute.
- (d) Options of alternative dispute resolution services can be found on Canada's Buy and Sell website under the heading "<u>Dispute Resolution</u>".

#### 15.0 Insurance

The contractor is responsible for deciding if insurance coverage is necessary to fulfill its obligation under the contract and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any insurance acquired or maintained by the contractor is at its own expense and for its own benefit and protection. It does not release the contractor from or reduce its liability under the contract.

#### 16.0 Defence Production Act

SACC Manual clause A9006C (2012-07-16) Defence Contract

#### **ANNEX A - Statement of work**

#### 1. Scope

The Chief of Reserves and Employer Support (CRES) within the Canadian Armed Forces requires on a temporary basis one (1) experienced a bilingual, Senior Level individual with Secret clearance to contribute to an Information Management project involving a cloud-IT based, Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) Customer Relationship Management System (CRM), namely Salesforce.

# 1.2 Background

Following an Assistant Deputy Minister (Review Services) Evaluation published 30 March 2021, on program 2.11, the Chief of Reserves (CRes) requires a single data repository in the form of a Client Relationship Management platform to link together the activities of six Employer Support programs (Departmental Results Framework 2.11). The outcome will be to better support retention of Reservists by: allowing for the collection of relevant data, improve performance measurement, reduce the duplication of effort, and provide a platform for shared knowledge regarding reservists' employers and educational institutions within the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). This will result in a systematic approach to relationship management to track all interactions of Liaison Officers, Outreach officers, Attractions Officers and program administrators, thus increasing support for the CAF and its reservists so that they can go on military skills training and deploy on operations. A cloud-based, Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) has been created, with the solution being named AFFINITAS, and is being scaled up by a small project team. This is the first such application to be installed at the Department of National Defence and work requirements have expanded. Therefore, an additional, experienced Senior resource is temporarily required.

#### 2. Requirements

The requirements are as follows:

# 2.1 Stream and Category, Level of Expertise

As part of "Stream # 5 Computer Services, Computer Application Support" the Department of National Defence requires the temporary services of a Senior Level individual with significant experience in working with Customer Relationship Management (CRM) development and implementation. Additionally, the Computer Application Support Specialist must have a minimum of three years of experience relating to SalesForce implementation, including, but not limited to, customization of objects in field & table creation, flow development, mapping data relationships, user profiles and permissions, data and system security, data input and report creation. The Computer Application Support Specialist must also be familiar with Azure Active Directory.

# 2.2 Language proficiency

The language proficiency is English Essential (advanced), for reading, writing and comprehension in English.

#### 2.3 Security Clearance and Controlled Goods

The requested resource must be cleared at reliability. The contractor or subcontractor will not have access to controlled goods for this project, nor will they have access to protected information. It is the responsibility of the contractor to have an approved Visit Clearance Request (VCR) prior to the start of work.

The Security Requirement Checklist Number is Common PS SRCL#10.

Given that this resource must at least have reliability Status, they will not perform administrator functions

#### 2.4 Travel

There is no requirement for travel. But should a resource be remote and travel to the NCR be required, pre-approved expenses will be reimbursed by Directorate of Employer Support Programmes at National Defence.

#### 2.5 Location of Work

The work will be performed off site (work from home). If/when required, on DND premises in the National Capital Region (NCR). The Project Authority will provide on-site facilities if and when required. The resource must be available to work between the hours of 08:30 to 17:00, Monday to Friday, where the resource will be in contact with DND/CAF personnel on a regular basis virtually (or in person), as required.

# 2.6 Meetings

The requested resource may be required to arrange and/or attend meetings on MS Teams, and if at DND, at a facility within the National Capital Region (NCR). The requested resource must participate in meetings which may include a kick-off meeting, with the Project Authority and the contractor resource to confirm the parameters of this project.

#### 2.7 Scope of work

The Computer Application Support Specialist will be working in a Salesforce Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platform named AFFINITAS and do configuration and implementation, including, but not limited to, customization of objects in Salesforce, field & table creation, flow development, mapping data relationships, user profiles and permissions, data and system security, data input and report creation. The Computer Application Support Specialist will also work in an Azure Active Directory environment.

#### 2.8 Tasks

The Senior Level resource will be performing the following tasks:

- Collaborate with all stakeholders on the evaluation of any relevant data from clients and from service providers, transformation teams, project management build teams and operational teams;
- Review and analyze business requirements from various Canadian Armed Forces programs and initiatives and perform functional and options analysis in support of program delivery;

- C) Perform impact analysis with the perspective of an enterprise solution, evaluate and make recommendations:
- d) Create presentations and present to various stakeholders, and facilitate meetings and discussions;
- Collaborating with other team members, the candidate will be utilizing an agile (iterative)
  approach and ensuring that defined user stories are translated info functionality through
  configuration and integration of SalesForce;
- f) Perform configuration and implementation activities, including, but not limited to, customization of objects in SalesForce, field & table creation, flow development, mapping data relationships, user profiles and permissions, data and system security, data input and report creation.
- Ensure that established business rules are reinforced in the data relationships and that these rules are well documented;
- Ensure that legacy and current data from Microsoft SharePoint and other sources is vetted, prepared, and uploaded into SalesForce and preparing additional data input instruments as needed;
- i) Participate in regular MS Teams meetings and report on progress on a weekly basis;
- j) Provide valuable input into the creation of training and best practices documentation.

# **ANNEX B – Basis of payment**

The winning bidder's rates will be included here at the time of contract award.

# **ANNEX C – Security requirements check list**

The winning bidder's rates will be included here at the time of contract award.

# **PART E: Bidder response form**

In addition to providing a completed version of this form, it is the Bidder's responsibility to include all relevant information required to meet all RFP requirements and evaluation criteria.

Bidder information
Legal name of bidder:
Procurement Business Number (PBN) of bidder:
Bidder's representative:  Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of the bidder:
Name of authorized bidder representative:
Telephone number of authorized bidder representative:
Email address of authorized bidder representative:
The bidder:
Is submitting a bid in response to this RFP: YES NO

#### Proposed resource pricing

Name of resource	eynertise	Required personnel security screening	Bilingual (Y/N)	Firm hourly rate*		Total estimated cost (GST/HST excluded)
	5.1 Computer Application Support - Senior	Enhanced Reliability	No	\$	1725	\$
Sub-total:					\$	
Applicable taxes:					\$	
				To	tal bid price:	\$

\*The hourly rate for the proposed resource must remain the same in the event that the bidder submits more than 1 resume.

# Certifications precedent to contract award

The certifications set out below are to be completed and submitted with the bid but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications is not completed and submitted as requested, the contracting authority will so inform the bidder and provide the bidder with a time frame within which to meet the requirement.

Compliance with the certifications bidders provide to Canada is subject to verification by Canada during the bid evaluation period (before award of a contract) and after contract award. The contracting authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify bidders' compliance with the certifications before award of a contract. The bid will be declared non-responsive if any certification made by the bidder is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly. Failure to comply with the certifications or to comply with the request of the contracting authority for additional information will also render the bid non-responsive.

#### a) Integrity Provisions – required documentation

By submitting a bid, the bidder certifies that the bidder and its Affiliates are in compliance with the provisions as stated in <u>Section 01 Integrity Provisions – Bid of Standard Instructions – Foods or Services – Competitive Requirements</u>. The associated information required within the Integrity Provisions will assist Canada in confirming that the certifications are true.

Pursuant to section 01 of Standard Instructions 2003, bidders who are incorporated or a sole proprietorship, including those bidding as a joint venture, must submit a complete list of names of all individuals who are currently directors of the bidder, or the name of the owner, as applicable. Bidders bidding as societies, firms or partnerships do not need to provide a list of names. Furthermore, as determined by the Special Investigations Directorate, Departmental Oversight Branch, each individual named on the list may be requested to complete Consent to a Criminal Record Verification form and provide associated information. Consult sections 4.21. Integrity Provisions, 5.16. Integrity Compliant, and 8.70.2. Compliance with the Integrity Provisions of the Supply Manual.

#### b) Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - bid certification

By submitting a bid, the bidder certifies that the bidder, and any of the bidder's members if the bidder is a joint venture, is not named on the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list available at the bottom of the page of the <a href="Employment and Social">Employment and Social</a> <a href="Development Canada (ESDC)">Development Canada (ESDC)</a> - Labour's website.

Canada will have the right to declare a bid non-responsive if the bidder, or any member of the bidder if the bidder is a joint venture, appears on the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list at the time of contract award.

#### c) Price certification

The bidder must provide, on Canada's request, one or more of the following price support, if applicable:

- a) a current published price list indicating the percentage discount available to Canada; or
- copies of paid invoices for the like quality and quantity of the goods, services or both sold to other customers; or
- a price breakdown showing the cost of direct labour, direct materials, purchased items, engineering and plant overheads, general and administrative overhead, transportation, etc., and profit; or
- d) price or rate certifications
- e) any other supporting documentation as requested by Canada.

#### d) Consent and replacement of resource

The bidder must provide a written/electronic consent signed by the proposed resource before the closing date and time of the RFP. In cases where the proposed resource is a full time employee of the bidder, a proof of employment signed by an authorized representative of the bidder, such as Chief Financial Officer or Human Resource Director must be provided.

To be considered valid, the written/electronic consent or proof of employment must have been obtained/signed during the solicitation period and reference the solicitation number. It must also include a statement confirming the availability of the resource for the performance of the contract during the period mentioned in the RFP. Failure to provide the proper documentation will result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

By providing either a written/electronic consent or proof of employment, the bidder certifies that the information included on the consent or proof of employment for the proposed resource, for this requirement, is true and accurate.

#### e) Former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension

As per the definition provided under Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual (SACC) Manual clause <u>A3025T -Former Public Servant - Competitive Bid</u> (2020-05-04) is the bidder a FPS in receipt of a pension?

Yes () No ()

If so, the bidder must provide the following information, for all FPSs in receipt of a pension, as applicable:

- a. the name of former public servant
- b. the date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service

By providing this information, bidders agree that the successful bidder's status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports in accordance with <u>Contracting Policy Notice: 2019-01 of the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada and the Guidelines on the Proactive Disclosure of Contracts.</u>

#### f) Work force adjustment directive

Is the bidder a FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of the <u>Work Force Adjustment Directive</u>?

Yes () No ()

If so, the bidder must provide the following information:

- a. the name of former public servant
- b. the conditions of the lump sum payment incentive
- c. the date of termination of employment
- d. the amount of lump sum payment
- e. the rate of pay on which lump sum payment is based
- f. the period of lump sum payment including start date, end date and number of weeks
- g. the number and amount (professional fees) of other contracts subject to the restrictions of a work force adjustment program

By submitting a bid, the bidder confirms they understand and acknowledge the above terms and conditions.

Person authorized to sign on behalf of the bidder or the firm (print name):

Name:	Title:	
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