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**SOLICITATION  
AMENDMENT**

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

**MODIFICATION DE  
L'INVITATION**

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

Comments: - Commentaries :

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS A SECURITY REQUIREMENT

LE PRÉSENT DOCUMENT COMPORTE UNE EXIGENCE EN MATIÈRE DE SÉCURITÉ

<b>Title – Sujet</b> Annual Fire & Safety Equipment Testing and Inspections – V Division Facilities		<b>Date</b> December 8, 2023
<b>Solicitation No. – N° de l'invitation</b> M5000-23-05093/A		<b>Amendment No. – N° de la modification</b> 001
<b>Client Reference No. - No. De Référence du Client</b> 202305093		
<b>Solicitation Closes – L'invitation prend fin</b>		
<b>At / à :</b>	2:00 p.m. / 14h00	CST (Central Standard Time) HNC (Heure Normale du Centre)
<b>On / le :</b>	January 12, 2024	
<b>F.O.B. – F.A.B</b> See herein — Voir aux présentes	<b>GST – TPS</b> See herein — Voir aux présentes	<b>Duty – Droits</b> See herein — Voir aux présentes
<b>Destination of Goods and Services – Destinations des biens et services</b> See herein — Voir aux présentes		
<b>Instructions</b> See herein — Voir aux présentes		
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<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>



This amendment is raised to address the following:

- To respond to questions received during the solicitation period; and
- To revise the solicitation accordingly, as applicable.

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Question 1: What is the difference between option one and option two? And which forms need to be filled out?

Answer 1: Option 1 is Years 2 & 3, Option 2 is Years 4 & 5. All forms need to be fill out and completed.

Question 2: The existing fire extinguisher's age is not indicated, and the scope only says visual inspection. Would you please confirm if a certified Fire Extinguisher Inspector certifier is required, or would the Red Seal Journeyman Electrician's visual inspection and reporting be acceptable?

Answer 2: Reviewing NFPA 25 Standard for the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, under the definition of "inspection, testing and maintenance service" it says that inspection is a service provided by qualified personnel through which specific system components are inspected and tested at required frequencies and are maintained as necessary. Therefore, inspections must be completed by a provider that is certified under NFPA 25 and also NFPA 72 which outlines the testing requirements. However, the monthly visual check can be done by anyone, but the annual certification must be done by a qualified individual.

Question 3: How many facilities have fire hose cabinets, and what are the inspection requirements and certifications of the individuals who will do the inspection (i.e. Red Seal Journeyman Electrician or certified technician)?

Answer 3: There should not be any Fire house cabinets still in use. Hoses should be removed and a fire extinguisher placed inside cabinet. Inspections must be completed by a provider that is certified under NFPA 25 and also NFPA 72 which outlines the testing requirements. However, the monthly visual check can be done by anyone, but the annual certification must be done by a qualified individual.

Question 4: There are notes about batteries needing to be replaced, some panels having programming issues, and new devices. Are we to assume that this request requires new batteries, programming issues and new devices?

Answer 4: Yes, as per annex A

Question 5: Part 6, Section 6.1.1 - Given that 330-23 Personnel Screening form is the same form that is filled out in OLISS for all our security clearance requests, would the RCMP accept proof of an active Reliability Status screening certificated (issued by the Canadian Industrial Security Directorate) in lieu of a completed 330-23?

Answer 5: RCMP issued security clearance must be obtained. CISD issued clearance is not acceptable.

Question 6: Part 6, Section 6.15 - For requested printed material, how does Canada intend to enforce the minimum requirement of 30% recycled content and/or certification that the printed material originates from a sustainably managed forest? Will Canada be providing recommended paper vendors to ensure this minimum requirement is met? How does Canada recommend its Contractor demonstrate compliance with this requirement?



Answer 6: Canada does not enforce the minimum requirement of 30% recycled content, it is a recommendation. Canada will not be providing a list of paper vendors. Compliance does not need to be demonstrated.

Question 7: Annex A, Section 9 - To ensure alignment with your expectations, what is defined as "regular working hours"?

Answer 7: 09:00 to 17:00 hrs, Monday through Friday

Question 8: Annex A, Section 10 - With the 25 communities in Nunavut spread out over a large geographic area, please clarify why the Contractor is not required to travel under this contract. Is the expectation that the Contractor will have personnel in each of the 25 communities to deliver the Work?

Answer 8: Travel would be required in order to complete the inspections/reports. All travel expenses should be included in the lump sum bid. It is not expected to have personnel in each community.

Question 9: Annex A, Section 11 - Why do you feel meetings are not required as part of this Contract?

Answer 9: In the event meeting are required they can be held via MS Teams unless a situation deems in person presence is appropriate

Question 10: Annex A, Section 13 - In Annex A, Section 2, Canada states "requirement for police vehicles is an annual check, testing and replacement where required" but police vehicles are not listed as Government-Furnished Equipment under Annex A, Section 13. To ensure alignment on expectations, should Contractors not consider police vehicles to be GFE?

Answer 10: GFE speaks to equipment being made available to the contractor. We are not making equipment available but will be allowing access for the purpose of inspections.

Question 11: Annex A, Section 2 vs Annex A, Section 13 - In Annex A, Section 2, Canada states "requirement for police vehicles is an annual check, testing and replacement where required" but police vehicles are not listed as Government-Furnished Equipment under Annex A, Section 13. To ensure alignment on expectations, should Contractors not consider police vehicles to be GFE?

Answer 11: GFE speaks to equipment being made available to the contractor. Police vehicles are not considered GFE.

Question 12: Cover Page - To ensure we may provide a sound, compliant and comprehensive solution, may you change the solicitation close date to Friday, January 12, 2024?

Answer 12: Yes, the closing date has been changed to January 12, 2024.

Question 13: Can you please clarify section 10 - TRAVEL on page 31 of 67 of the RFP?

Answer 13: See response to Question 8.