RFP title Solicitation # Closing Date

Analysis of Climate Change Impacts on Crop Insurance 01B68-23-2712 January 31, 2024 14:00pm EST

Questions and Answers

Date: 8 January, 2024

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1	I have a question on the budget. I understand the expenditure limitation is \$900,000 plus HST. One thing that is very important and not clear in the RFP is how to provide efficient access to the model and software to the different stakeholders in Canada (Government and Industry) once the model and software is built to ensure data security and information exchange.	AAFC's objective of this project is to get an analysis which shows potential future changes in crop yield levels, volatilities and impacts to the Agrilnsurance Program premiums and indemnities. Federal and provincial governments contribute to the premium costs of the program. For this project, AAFC has permission from one province to share Agrilnsurance data with a contractor. AAFC and the provincial partner will receive analysis resulting from any modeling. The analysis will be used to assess if the current program structure is resilient to future climate changes, if premiums need to be adjusted and if further analysis will be conducted.
		The contractor will use their own expertise and software capacity to conduct modeling experiments and will own any enhanced technology and models. Although results will be owned by Canada and shared with the participating province, any models or software developed will be owned by the contractor. It will be up to Canada and the participating province to decide how results will be shared with different stakeholders. No stakeholder other than Canada will have access to the model and the software developed by the contractor as per this contract. Different stakeholders in Canada may contact the successful contractor to discuss their own project requirements should they decide to conduct a similar study.
		As a reminder, AAFC has various data security protocols in place for a contractor to receive and store confidential and protected information. This includes:
		 Using aggregated data for analyses to uphold producer confidentiality and privacy; Initiating a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with the third-party contractor;

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		 Completing a security assessment of the contractor premises and IT systems; and, Using secure data transfer options through services such as Managed Secure File Transfer (MSFT) with Shared Services Canada or a specialized service with Canada Post using E-Post.

All other Terms and Conditions remain unchanged.