RFP title Solicitation # Closing Date

Analysis of Climate Change Impacts on Crop Insurance 01B68-23-2712

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Questions and Answers

Date: January 29, 2024

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| 8 | In order for AAFC to share data with the third-party contractor, the successful contractor will be required to have a Canadian-based office and be subject to a Non-disclosure Agreement (NDA) that specifies how results will be shared and any data provided to the contractor by AAFC can only be used for the sole purpose of this project and then destroyed." Pour qu'AAC puisse échanger des données avec l'entrepreneur tiers, l'entrepreneur retenu devra avoir un bureau au Canada et être assujetti à un accord de non-divulgation qui précise comment les résultats seront partagés et que toutes les données fournies à l'entrepreneur par AAC ne peuvent être utilisées qu'aux seules fins de ce projet, puis détruites. Is it required that people working on the project be physically located in Canada? Can the data be stored on a server physically located in the United States? | Depending on the tasks, people working on the project do not necessarily need to be physically located in Canada. Personnel and organization security screening is required for any contract with AAFC. Restrictions exist in accessing any protected data used in this project. Protected data can only remain in Canada and can only be accessed within Canada, therefore, people not physically located in Canada cannot access protected data. For contractor work, protected data can only be stored on a secure laptop provided to the contractor by AAFC or on a secure Canadian server after a security inspection. The secure laptop must remain in Canada. Options are being examined to aggregate data so private and confidential information of protected data is not released and data could be made available outside of Canada. The contractor could then have access to different data aggregation depending on where personnel are located to access data. AAFC is consulting with Security Services to confirm data access criteria, including physical location requirements of storage devices for non-protected data. This information will be available at the latest when the contract is signed. |

All other Terms and Conditions remain unchanged.