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# Request for Proposal (RFP) AMENDMENT

# Demande de proposition (DDP) MODIFICATION

#### Proposal To: Natural Resources Canada

We hereby offer to sell to His Majesty the King in right of Canada, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein, referred to herein or attached hereto, the goods, services, and construction listed herein and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefor.

## Proposition à: Ressources Naturelles Canada

Nous offrons par la présente de vendre à Sa Majesté le Roi du chef du Canada, aux conditions énoncées ou incluses par référence dans la présente et aux annexes cijointes, les biens, services et construction énumérés ici sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

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Title - Sujet Study on Global and Canadian Investment Trends in **Critical Mineral Supply Chains.** Solicitation No. - No de l'invitation NRCan-5000072188 August 15, 2023 Amendment No. - Modification No. Requisition Reference No. - Nº de la demande 008 175255 Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM (EDT) on -September 6, 2023 Address Enquiries to: - Adresse toutes questions à: Marie-Josée Michaud Marie-josee.michaud@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca Telephone No. - No de telephone 418-563-6916 Destination – of Goods and Services: Destination – des biens et services: Natural Resources Canada 580 Booth Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0E4 Security - Sécurité There are no security requirements associated with this requirement. Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur Telephone No.:- No. de téléphone: Email - Courriel: 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)

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#### This Amendment 008 of RFP #5000072188 is issued to:

Respond to a question.

### **QUESTION NO. 1:**

R4 states: "The bidder's proposal SHOULD include initial scoping of the critical mineral investment trends and associated supply chains for which the overall project and final report will be based upon. The initial identification should provide an initial rationale for why the particular critical minerals and associated supply chains have been put forward and how they align with Canada's strategic advantages."

Does this requirement imply that the study should focus on a specific subset of minerals on Canada's critical minerals list? If so, would R4 be expected to propose this subset and a rationale for it? Does NRCan have a specific number of minerals in mind? Should the critical minerals mentioned in the scope (lithium, graphite, nickel, cobalt, copper, and rare-earth elements, vanadium, gallium, titanium, scandium, magnesium, indium, manganese, tellurium, zinc, niobium and germanium) be included in this set?

## **ANSWER NO. 1:**

As per RFP section 1.2.1, the contractor for this study is expected to conduct an in-depth analysis of all of the critical minerals found on Canada's Critical Minerals List, rather than a subset, for the final product. The critical minerals highlighted in the RFP are only certain examples from Canada's Critical Minerals List.

The contractor's bid proposal does not have to include an analysis of each critical mineral from Canada's Critical Minerals List but is expected to select and conduct initial scoping on several key critical minerals to illustrate their analytical ability. Additionally, the contractor is required to provide a rationale for the critical minerals selected in their bid proposal, along with an explanation as to how these critical minerals align with Canada's strategic advantages.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.