



### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS 001

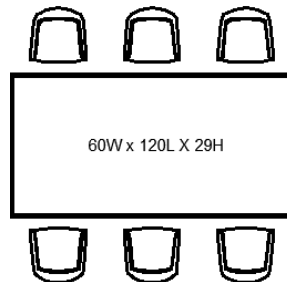
This document is issued to answer questions from bidders regarding Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada RFP # ISED206662. ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RFP REMAIN UNCHANGED.

**Question No. 1:**

Item #6 In the tender its says Trapezoid meeting table, 72"wx30"d, but the floor plan says 80"wx72"d. What size is required. If a 72"wx30"d is required, would a 36"d be acceptable?

**Answer No. 1:**

Given the abiguity of the dimensions, ISED will accept a rectangular table 60" W x 120" L x 29"H under GoCUID 6MRTLGREOL60120WYNX as long as the table can accommodate six chairs.



**Question No. 2:**

The square ottomans are to fit under the water drop coffee tables as per the tender but both have a low height. In the tender the water drop table has a 29" height which would allow the ottomans to fit under the table. Is it a requirement the ottoman fit under the table?

**Answer No. 2:**

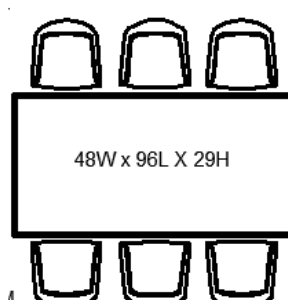
Yes, the ottomans are to fit under the table.

**Question No. 3:**

Item #33 In the tender its says Trapezoid meeting table, 72"wx30"d, but the floor shows a table much bigger. What size is required. If a 72"wx30"d is required, would a 36"d be acceptable?

**Answer No. 3:**

Given the abiguity of the dimensions, ISED will accept a rectangular table 48" W x 96" L x 29"H under GoCUID 6MMTMDREOL48L96WYNX as long as the table can accommodate six chairs.





**Question No. 4:**

Item 35, would gable legs be acceptable?

**Answer No. 4:**

Yes, gables are acceptable.

**Question No. 5:**

The inspiration sketches are not representative of the GoCUID codes being used. Should we follow the GoCUID codes?

**Answer No. 5:**

Yes, follow the GoCUID. The inspiration drawings are there for support only.

**Question No. 6:**

Item #36 is incorrect as per the description. It should be 6KBSCHxxLP15XXXPOYX.

**Answer No. 6:**

Vendor is correct – the GoCUID for item #36 is 6KBSCHxxLP15XXXPOYX.

**Question No. 7:**

Item 35, will the CA also accept flush to the edge end gables 6CKIVAREGL30L96TYXX?

**Answer No. 7:**

Yes, ISED accept flush to the edge end gables.

**Question No. 8:**

Re. Items 4, 17, 20, and 32. We have a chair that meets the desired specifications and design intent but it's 25"W, will the CA also accept a 25"W chair?

**Answer No. 8:**

Yes, this is acceptable as long as it follow the compatibility request with the other items.

**Question No. 9:**

The Delivery date mentioned on solicitation is July 3rd, 2023. Please confirm the correct required delivery date?

**Answer No. 9:**

Due to delays in construction, the Delivery date will most likely be around the end of Fall 2023 (before March 2024). Exact date will be provided once Consultant provides revised construction schedule.

**Question No. 10:**

Cat.6 – Items 1, 2, 5, 7,18, 25  
Small Round Ottoman(s):

The plan indicates the round ottomans are 18" diameter, however the GoCUID requested is for an ottoman that cannot be less than 24" diameter. Would the client prefer to change these items for an 18" diameter round upholstered stool, which can provide the same function at the desired size? If so, the



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GoCUID would be 6SUCROXXLUX8XXXLXXX (Round, Upholstered Stool *with* casters), or 6SUSROXXLUX8XXXLXXX (Round, Upholstered Stool *without* casters).

**Answer No. 10:**

No, ISED will not change the GoCUID as it represents what it required.

**Question No. 11:**

Cat.6 - Item 3, 8, 12, 16, 19, 21, 27, 31  
Laptop Table:

The GoCUID requested is for a laminate finish only, there is a separate GoCUID for wood veneer tops (6CLTVAREXWW7<36ONXX). Please clarify which GoCUID is desired for this bid.

**Answer No. 11:**

The GoCUID specified in the RFB is correct. ISED is requesting rectangular Lap Top Tables in a laminate finish. The laminate finishes proposed by the vendor are to include wood veneer imitation.

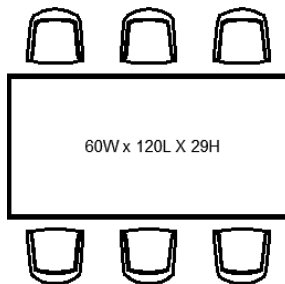
**Question No. 12:**

Cat.6 - Item 6 Collaboration area 2346 Trapezoid Meeting Table:

The trapezoid shape shown on the floorplan is indicating a size of 72"x80", however the GoCUID listed is for a training table that is 30"x72". Please clarify the size and type of table required in this room. Please also note that all training tables are laminate finish only, wood veneer finishes would be NSA. If there is no GoCUID that matches the size/shape/finish needed within the SA tolerances this table should be in the NSA category.

**Answer No. 12:**

Given the ambiguity of the dimensions, ISED will accept a rectangular table 60" W x 120" L x 29"H under GoCUID 6MMLTGREOL60120WYNX as long as the table can accommodate six chairs. The laminate finishes proposed by the vendor are to include wood veneer imitation.



**Question No. 13:**

Cat.6 - Item 10 & NSA Item 37 Collaboration area 2306 Banquette with low back bolster:

Would the client also accept GoCUID 6SBBINXXLUW1G19LMNN (mid-back banquette) as an alternate, as it provides the same function? The low-back is defined as between 8-12" above the seat, while the mid-back is 12-18" above the seat.

**Answer No. 13:**

Yes, ISED accepts the mid-back alternative.



**Question No. 14:**

Cat.6 - Item 11, 15, 24, 28

Collaboration area 2309 Small Square Ottoman:

The plan indicates the square ottomans are 18"x18", however the GoCUID requested is for an ottoman that cannot be less than 24"x24". Would the client prefer to change these items for an 18"x18" square upholstered stool, which can provide the same function at the desired size? If so, the GoCUID would be 6SUCSQXXLUX8XXXLXXX (Square, Upholstered Stool *with* casters), or 6SUSQXXLUX8XXXLXXX (Square, Upholstered Stool *without* casters).

**Answer No. 14:**

No, ISED will not change the GoCUID as it represents what it required.

**Question No. 15:**

Cat.6 - Item 26 Teaming area 2326

Medium Rectangular Meeting Table:

The GoCUID listed for this item is restricted to a 'Post Legs and Column' base, therefore please remove 'Pedestal Base' from the bid description, as that would be Non-SA.

**Answer No. 15:**

ISED accepts Post Legs and Column base as long as it follows the Accessibility Requirements which means that it won't restrict the placement of 6 chairs around the table. The users are to be comfortable by allowing at least 24" wide space for each chair. A user in a wheelchair also need to be able to seat comfortably at the table which means that the user legs are to be able to fit under the table when using it.

**Question No. 16:**

Cat.6 - Item 29 Work Room 2365

Banquette with low back bolster:

Would the client also accept GoCUID 6SBBINXXLUW1G19LMNN (mid-back banquette) as an alternate, as it provides the same function? The low-back is defined as between 8-12" above the seat, while the mid-back is 12-18" above the seat.

**Answer No. 16:**

Yes, ISED accepts the mid-back alternative.

**Question No. 17:**

Cat.6 - Item 33 Work Room 2362 Trapezoid Meeting Table:

The trapezoid shape shown on the floorplan is indicating a size of 72"x80", however the GoCUID listed is for a training table that is 30"x72". Please clarify the size and type of table required in this room. Please also note that all training tables are laminate finish only, wood veneer finishes would be NSA. If there is

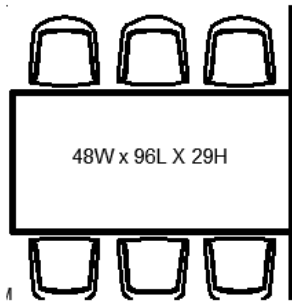


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no GoCUID that matches the size/shape/finish needed within the SA tolerances this table should be in the NSA category.

**Answer No. 17:**

Given the ambiguity of the dimensions, ISED will accept a rectangular table 48" W x 96" L x 29"H under GoCUID 6MMTMDREOL48L96WYNX as long as the table can accommodate six chairs. The laminate finishes proposed by the vendor are to include wood veneer imitation.



**Question No. 18:**

Cat.6 - Item 36 Location: 2327  
Kitchenette Seating Bar Stools:

Would the client also accept a polymer shell with upholstered seat cushion instead of bent plywood as it provides the same function? If the alternative is acceptable, the GoCUID # would be 6KBSCHXXLY15XXXPONX.

**Answer No. 18:**

No, ISED is requesting the stool to be made out of bent plywood, not polymer.

**Question No. 19:**

NSA item - Item 37 Collaboration area 2306 Corner Banquette with low back bolster:

To work in conjunction with item #10. Would the client also accept GoCUID 6SBBINXXLUW1G19LMNN (mid-back banquette) as an alternate, as it provides the same function? The low-back is defined as between 8-12" above the seat, while the mid-back is 12-18" above the seat.

**Answer No. 19:**

Yes, ISED accepts the mid-back alternative, but ensure that corner banquette is of the same model and collection as item #10 and that it can be all secured together.

**Question No. 20:**

NSA item - Item 38, 39, 40, 42 Coffee Tables Waterdrop shape:

Would the client accept a table height of 20"H? To work in conjunction with square ottomans (line 11, 15, 24, 28) to fit underneath. GoCuid 6SUOPSXXLUXXXXXLNNN requested for square Ottoman has a height of 18"H.

**Answer No. 20:**

Yes, a coffee table height of 20"H is acceptable.



**Question No. 21:**

NSA item - Item 41 Collaboration area 2365  
Corner Banquette with low back bolster:

To work in conjunction with item #29. Would the client also accept GoCUID 6SBBINXXLUW1G19LMNN (mid-back banquette) as an alternate, as it provides the same function? The low-back is defined as between 8-12" above the seat, while the mid-back is 12-18" above the seat.

**Answer No. 21:**

Yes, ISED accepts the mid-back alternative, but ensure that corner banquette is of the same model and collection as item #29 and that it can be all secured together.

**Question No. 22:**

Referencing response Q10  
Cat.6 – Items 1, 2, 5, 7,18, 25  
Small Round Ottoman(s):

We would like to clarify our earlier question. The SA Annex A-1 specifications for small ottomans restrict the minimum footprint of an ottoman, see references below. If this GoCUID remains the same the client will receive a 24" ottoman, not the 18" that they desire.

"3.8.5.2.1.1 Small ottoman:

3.8.5.2.1.1.1 Must have a diameter footprint no less than 610 mm (24 in.)

3.8.5.2.2 Seat height must be between 406 mm (16 in.) to 508 mm (19 in.) above the floor."

Please amend the bidding table to GoCUID 6SUSROXXLUX8XXXLXXX (Round, Upholstered Stool without casters). This will allow us to bid with the product that matches the clients design intent.

**Answer No. 22:**

No, ISED will not change the GoCUID as it represents what it required.

**Question No. 23:**

Cat.6 - Item 6 & Item 33  
Trapezoid Meeting Table:

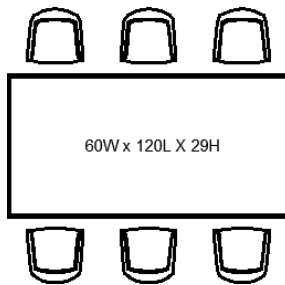
Please note that a 72" x 80" meeting table cannot be sold under this GoCUID for training tables. Please move both line items to the NSA category with a description of features required.

For example:

- Trapezoid shape meeting table
- 80 in.(1524mm) deep, 72 in.(1829mm) wide end, 60 in.(1524mm) narrow end, tolerance of +/- 1 in. (25mm)
- 29 in. (736mm) fixed height
- Post-legs with levelling glides
- One (1) power/data module
- High-pressure laminate top, selection to include wood veneer imitations.

**Answer No. 23:**

Given the ambiguity of the dimensions, ISED will accept a rectangular table 60" W x 120" L x 29"H under GoCUID 6MMTLGREOL60120WYNX as long as the table can accommodate six chairs. The laminate finishes proposed by the vendor are to include wood veneer imitation.



**Question No. 24:**

Referencing response Q14

Cat.6 - Item 11, 15, 24, 28

Small Square Ottoman:

Similar to above, we would like to clarify our earlier question. The SA Annex A-1 specifications for small ottomans restrict the minimum footprint of an ottoman, see references below. If this GoCUID remains the same the client will receive a 24"x24" ottoman, not the 18"x18" that they desire.

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Please amend the bidding table to GoCUID 6SUSSQXXLUX8XXXLXXX (Square, Upholstered Stool without casters). This will allow us to bid with the product that matches the clients design intent.

**Answer No. 24:**

No, ISED will not change the GoCUID as it represents what it required.

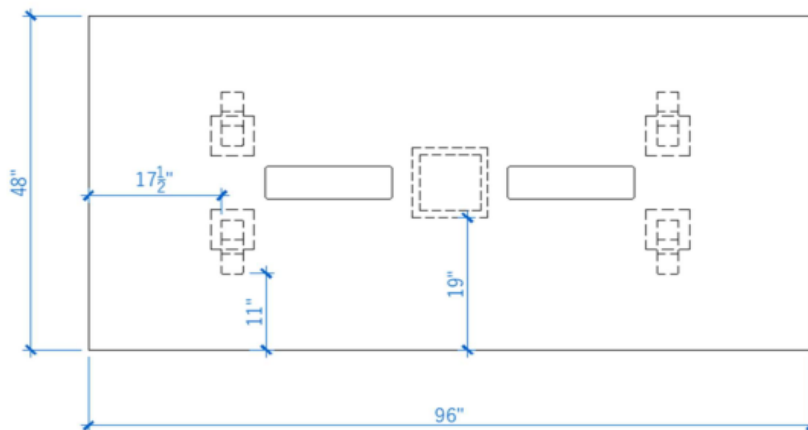
**Question No. 25:**

Referencing response Q15

Cat.6 - Item 26

Medium Rectangular Meeting Table:

As requested, below is a sketch of a 'Post Legs with Column' base type table, which matches the GoCUID 6MMTMDREOL48L96WYNX.





**Answer No. 25:**

Yes, ISED accepts this table as it follows the requirements.

**Question No. 26:**

Cat.6 - Item 36

Location: 2327

Kitchenette Seating Bar Stools:

Would the client accept as an alternate GoCUID 6KBSCHxxSP15XXXPONX (Counter height, sled base, bent plywood, without armrest, no seat cushion)?

If the above alternative is not acceptable, would the CA subdivide the product tables with their own 'Table 8 - Bid Evaluation and Contract Total', either by area or by like product (tables, soft seating, etc), to allow for more competition and to supply Canada with better value options?

**Answer No. 26:**

No, ISED will not accept GoCUID 6KBSCHxxSP15XXXPONX.

There was an error in the initial GoCUID provided; GoCUID is to be 6KBSCHxxLP15XXXPOYX (Counter height, 4 legs, Bent Plywood, without armrest, with seat cushion).