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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS /
DEMANDE DE QUALIFICATION**

Title / Titre Floating Wharves Construction and Installation, Little Harbour (Richmond County), NS		Date November 9, 2023
Solicitation No. / N° de l'invitation 30005158		
Client Reference No. / No. de référence du client(e) 30005158		
Solicitation Closes / L'invitation prend fin At / à : 2 :00 PM EST (Eastern Standard Time / HNE (Heure Normale de l'Est) On / le : November 24, 2023		
F.O.B. / F.A.B. Destination	Taxes See herein — Voir ci-inclus	Duty / Droits See herein — Voir ci-inclus
Destination of Goods and Services / Destinations des biens et services See herein — Voir ci-inclus		
Instructions See herein — Voir ci-inclus		
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BIDDER
(type of print)

A ÊTRE COMPLÉTER PAR LE SOUMISSIONNAIRE
(taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)

Vendor Name, Address and Representative / Nom du vendeur, adresse et représentant du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. / No. de téléphone	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor (type or print) / Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

TWO PHASE SELECTION PROCESS

This is the first phase (Phase 1) of a two-phase competition: the first phase will evaluate the qualifications of all bidders; second phase (Phase 2) will invite the qualified bidders to provide a financial bid on the project based on the specifications and drawings. Upon award of contract in Phase Two the pre-qualification list will be terminated, no additional contracts will be awarded.

DEBRIEFING

Should a bidder desire a debriefing, the bidder should contact the person identified on the front page of the Request for Qualifications within 15 working days of the notification of the results of the solicitation. The debriefing will include an outline of the strengths and weaknesses of the submission, referring to the evaluation criteria. The confidentiality of information relating to other submissions will be protected. The debriefing may be provided in writing, by telephone or in person.

BID CHALLENGE AND RECOURSE MECHANISMS

- (a) Several mechanisms are available to potential suppliers to challenge aspects of the procurement process up to and including contract award.
- (b) Canada encourages suppliers to first bring their concerns to the attention of the Contracting Authority. Canada's [Buy and Sell](#) website, under the heading "[Bid Challenge and Recourse Mechanisms](#)" contains information on potential complaint bodies such as:
 - Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO)
 - Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO) was established by the Government of Canada to provide an impartial, independent venue for Canadian bidders to raise complaints regarding the award of certain federal contracts under \$30,300 for goods and \$121,200 for services. If you have concerns regarding the award of a federal contract below these dollar amounts, you may contact OPO by e-mail at boa.opo@boa-opo.gc.ca, by telephone at 1-866-734-5169, or by web at www.opo-boa.gc.ca.

- (c) Suppliers should note that there are **strict deadlines** for filing complaints, and the time periods vary depending on the complaint body in question. Suppliers should therefore act quickly when they want to challenge any aspect of the procurement process.

LIST OF PRE-QUALIFIED BIDDERS

A list of pre-qualified bidders from Phase 1 will not be released. Contract award notice of the successful bidder of Phase Two will be posted on [CanadaBuys](#).



INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. This is a two phase selection process. Bidders responding to this selection process are requested to submit a bid in two phases. Phase 1 bid covers only the qualifications and experience of the Bidder. Following the evaluation of the submissions, Bidders will be advised of their standings. Pre-Qualified Bidder(s) will advance to Phase Two. Bidders will be sent via email an Invitation to Tender (ITT) including the specification and drawings for the financial evaluation in relation to the requirement.

2. **ENQUIRIES:** All enquiries are to be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority at DFO.tenders-soumissions.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca as well as to the address of the contracting authority listed on page 1 of this document.

Enquiries are to be made in writing and should be received no less than seven (7) working days prior to the closing date to allow sufficient time to respond.

3. **Qualification Submittal** - Appendix 2 – Phase 1 Qualification Form must be submitted **ONLY** to the Fisheries and Oceans Canada by the date, time and place indicated on page 1 of the Request for Qualifications. Fisheries and Oceans Canada will not assume responsibility for submissions directed to any other location.

The maximum size per email (including attachments) is limited to 10MB. If the limit is exceeded, your email might not be received by Fisheries and Oceans Canada. It is suggested that you compress the email size to ensure delivery. Bidders are responsible to send their proposal and to allow enough time for Fisheries and Oceans Canada to receive the proposal by the closing period indicated in the Phase 1 – Request for Qualifications. **Emails with links to bid documents will not be accepted.**

For bids transmitted by email, Fisheries and Oceans Canada will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the email bid.

Bids transmitted by facsimile to Fisheries and Oceans Canada will not be accepted.

4. Appendix 2 – Phase 1 Qualification Form, **front page of the Request for Qualifications** and any required associated document(s) shall be submitted by email as a pdf attachment with the following information clearly typed in the subject line:

- Phase 1 Qualification Form; and
- Solicitation Number.

Any clarifications or changes to the Phase 1 – Request for Qualifications will result in an addendum being posted on the [CanadaBuys](#) and will be included as an amendment to the Request for Qualifications to the bid solicitation. The first page of all addendum(s) that have been duly signed/initialed verifying proof of receipt or written acknowledgement of receipt of addendum(s) should be submitted with the bid but may be submitted afterwards. If any addendum(s) are not acknowledged as requested, the Contracting Authority will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to provide the documentation within the time frame specified will render the bid non-responsive.

5. TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES OF BID TRANSMISSION

Despite anything to the contrary in (05), (06) or (08) of the Standard Instructions, where a Bidder has commenced transmission of its bid through an electronic submission method (such as facsimile or Canada Post Corporation's (CPC) Connect service, or other online service) in advance of the bid solicitation closing date and time, but due to technical difficulties, Canada was unable to receive or



decode the entirety of the Bid by the deadline, Canada may nonetheless accept the entirety of the Bid received after the bid solicitation closing date and time, provided that the Bidder can demonstrate the following:

- i. The bidder contacted Canada in advance of the bid solicitation closing date and time to attempt to resolve its technical difficulties; OR
- ii. The electronic properties of the Bid documentation clearly indicate that all components of the Bid were prepared in advance of the bid solicitation closing date and time.

6. COMPLETENESS OF THE BID

After the closing date and time of this bid solicitation, Canada will examine the Bid to determine completeness. The review for completeness will be limited to identifying whether any information submitted as part of the bid can be accessed, opened, and/or decoded. This review does not constitute an evaluation of the content, will not assess whether the Bid meets any standard or is responsive to all solicitation requirements, but will be solely limited to assessing completeness. Canada will provide the Bidder with the opportunity to submit information found to be missing or incomplete in this review within two business days of notice.

COMPLETENESS OF THE BID CHECKLIST

Bids will be reviewed and deemed to be complete when the following elements have been submitted by the bidder:

Complete (Y/N)	Action Taken
	Certifications and securities required at bid closing are included.
	Bids are properly signed, that the bidder is properly identified.
	Acceptance of the terms and conditions of the bid solicitation and resulting contract.
	All documents created prior to bid closing but due to technical difficulties Canada was unable to receive them, have been properly submitted and received by Canada.
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7. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR INDIGENOUS BUSINESS

Conditional Set-Aside under the Federal Government Procurement Strategy for Indigenous Business (PSIB)

This is an open tender. However, it will be conditionally set-aside under the Government of Canada's Procurement Strategy for Indigenous Business (PSIB) if two or more bids have been received by Indigenous businesses who are certified under the Procurement Strategy for Indigenous Business (PSIB) criteria and who may be listed in the Government of Canada's [Indigenous Business Directory](#).

If your Indigenous business is not yet registered in the Indigenous Business Directory, please do so at the link provided above. If bids from two or more Indigenous businesses are compliant with the



terms of the Request for Proposal, the contracting authority will limit the competition to those Indigenous businesses and will not consider bids from any non-Indigenous businesses that may have been submitted.

If the bids from the Indigenous businesses are found to be non-compliant or non-responsive or are withdrawn, such that fewer than two compliant bids from Indigenous businesses remain, bids from all of the non-Indigenous businesses that had submitted bids will then be considered by the contracting authority.



ANNEX 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT – STATEMENT OF WORK

TITLE

Floating Wharves Construction and Installation, Little Harbour (Richmond County), NS

SCOPE

The work covered under this contract consists of:

1. The furnishing of all plant, labour, equipment and material for (8) timber floating wharves construction and installation at Little Harbour, Richmond County, Nova Scotia.
2. The supply and installation of (2) Steel Strong Arms and (3) Aluminum Gangways.
3. The supply and installation of (8) concrete anchor blocks.

FAMILIARIZATION WITH SITE

Before submitting a bid, bidders can visit the site and its surroundings, at their own expense, to review and verify the form, nature, and extent of the work, materials needed for the completion of the work, the means of access to the site, severity, exposure, and uncertainty of weather, soil conditions, any accommodations they may require, and in general shall obtain all necessary information as to risks, contingencies, and other circumstances which may influence or affect their bid. No allowance shall be made subsequently in this connection on account of error or negligence to properly observe and determine the conditions that will apply.

The Contractor must perform and complete the Work by **March 31st, 2024**.



ANNEX 2 – PHASE 1 QUALIFICATION FORM

The Contractor's Representative for the Contract is:

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____

 Telephone: _____
 Facsimile: _____
 E-mail address: _____

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Bidder Instructions: The Bidder is requested to respond to the Phase 1 Evaluation Criteria using the table below.

At Phase 1 bid closing time, the Bidder must:

- a) comply with the following Mandatory Requirements; and
- b) provide the necessary documentation to support compliance.

Phase 1 – Qualification Form mandatory requirements, as described below, all mandatories MUST be included with the bidder's submission at time of bid closing. Failure by the bidder to provide the required evidence will result in the bidder being disqualified and no further consideration will be given to the bidder and the submission will be deemed non responsive.

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the mandatory evaluation criteria as detailed herein. Bidders' Proposals must clearly demonstrate that they meet all Mandatory Requirements for the proposal to be considered for further evaluation. Proposals not meeting the mandatory criteria will be excluded from further consideration.

No.	Mandatory Criteria	Meets Criteria (✓)
M1	The Bidder must provide a WCB Clearance Letter	



ANNEX 3 - BID SUBMISSION CHECK LIST

Submission of Bid:

- Front page of the Request for Qualifications:** completed and signed
- Annex 2 – Phase One Qualification Form:** completed
- Front page of Addendum(s) (if applicable):** signed or initialed

To be submitted by the date, time and place indicated on page 1 of the bid solicitation.