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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
DEMANDE DE PROPOSITIONS**

**Proposal To:** National Research Council 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 thereof.

**Proposition aux :** Conseil national de recherches Canada

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

**Instructions :** See Herein

**Instructions:** Voir aux présentes  
**Comments - Commentaires**

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fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur**

**Issuing Office – Bureau de distribution  
National Research Council Canada  
Conseil national de recherches Canada**

<b>Title – Sujet</b> monochromator based microplate reader for fluorescence and colorimetric (absorbance) assays	
<b>Solicitation No. – N° de l'invitation</b> 23-58155	<b>Date</b> January 8 <sup>th</sup> 2024
<b>Solicitation Closes – L'invitation prend fin</b>  <b>at – à 02 :00 PM</b> <b>on – le January 23rd 2024</b>	<b>Time Zone</b> Fuseau horaire  <b>EDT</b>
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<b>Email address – l'adresse courriel :</b>  Jonathan.Soles@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca	
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<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>



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## PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 Security Requirements

At the date of bid closing, the following conditions must be met:

- (a) the Bidder must hold a valid organization security clearance as indicated in Part 6 - Resulting Contract Clauses;
- (b) the Bidder's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites must meet the security requirements as indicated in Part 6 - Resulting Contract Clauses;
- (c) the Bidder must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites;

2. For additional information on security requirements, please contact NRC's personnel security administrator at [NRC.SS-PersonnelSecurity-SdeS-SecuriteduPersonnel.CNRC@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](mailto:NRC.SS-PersonnelSecurity-SdeS-SecuriteduPersonnel.CNRC@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca)

### 1.2 Statement of Requirement

The National Research Council has a requirement for a Monochromator based microplate reader for fluorescence and colorimetric (absorbance) assays, for DNA/RNA/protein quantification (UV-Vis) and for cell-free protein synthesis in accordance with the detailed Statement of Requirement attached as Annex "A".

### 1.3 Debriefings

Bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the bid solicitation process. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority within 15 working days from receipt of the results of the bid solicitation process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

## PART 2 - BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

### 2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

You are invited to submit one electronic Technical Proposal and one electronic Financial Proposal in two separate attachments to fulfil the following requirement forming part of this Request for Proposal. One attachment must be clearly marked 'Technical Proposal' and the other attachment must be marked 'Financial Proposal'. All financial information must be fully contained in the Financial Proposal, and only in the Financial Proposal. Vendors who provide financial information in the technical proposal will be disqualified. All proposals should include the front page of this RFP duly completed.

[2010A](#) (2022-12-01), General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity), apply to and form part of the Contract.

Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract.

Proposals submitted must be valid for not less than sixty (60) calendar days from the closing date of the RFP.

**2.1.1** It is the Bidder's responsibility to:

- (a) return a signed copy of the bid solicitation, duly completed, IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED;



- (b) direct its bid ONLY to the Bid Receiving address specified;
- (c) ensure that the Bidder's name, the bid solicitation reference number, and bid solicitation closing date and time are clearly visible;
- (d) provide a comprehensive and sufficiently detailed bid, including all requested pricing details, that will permit a complete evaluation in accordance with the criteria set out in the bid solicitation.

Timely and correct delivery of bids to the specified bid delivery address is the sole responsibility of the Bidder. The National Research Council Canada (NRC) will not assume or have transferred to it those responsibilities. All risks and consequences of incorrect delivery of bids are the responsibility of the Bidder.

**2.1.2** Bids may be accepted in whole or in part. The lowest or any bid will not necessarily be accepted. In the case of error in the extension of prices, the unit price will govern. NRC may enter into contract without negotiation.

**2.1.3** Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the terms and conditions of the resulting contract.

**2.1.4** Bids will remain open for acceptance for a period of not less than sixty (60) days from the closing date of the bid solicitation, unless otherwise indicated by NRC in such bid solicitation.

**2.1.5** While NRC may enter into contract without negotiation, Canada reserves the right to negotiate with bidders on any procurement.

**2.1.6** Notwithstanding the bid validity period stipulated in this solicitation, Canada reserves the right to seek an extension from all responsive bidders, within a minimum of three (3) days prior to the end of such period. Bidders shall have the option to either accept or reject the extension.

**2.1.7** If the extension referred to above is accepted, in writing, by all those who submitted responsive bids, then Canada shall continue immediately with the evaluation of the bids and its approval processes.

**2.1.8** If the extension referred to above is not accepted, in writing, by all those who submitted responsive bids then Canada shall, at its sole discretion: either continue to evaluate the responsive bids of those who have accepted the extension and seek the necessary approvals; or cancel the solicitation; or cancel and reissue the solicitation.

## **2.2 Late Bids**

All risks and consequences of incorrect delivery of electronic bids are the responsibility of the Bidder. The National Research Council Canada will not be responsible for late bids received at destination after the closing date and time, even if it was submitted before. Electronic bids received after the indicated closing time based on NRC servers' received time will be irrevocably rejected. Bidders are urged to send their proposal in sufficient time, in advance of the closing time to reduce any technical issues. The National Research Council Canada will not be held responsible for bids sent before closing time but received by the NRC servers after the closing time.

## **2.3 Submission of Bids**



Technical and Financial Proposals must be **received electronically** no later than 14:00 EDT (NRC's Server Time), Solicitation Closing Date shown on Front Page to the following NRC email address:

[NRC.BidReceiving-ReceptiondesSoumissions.CNRC@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](mailto:NRC.BidReceiving-ReceptiondesSoumissions.CNRC@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca)

The NRC has restrictions on incoming e-mail messages. **The maximum e-mail message size including all file attachments must not exceed 10MB.** Zip files or links to bid documents will not be accepted. Incoming e-mail messages exceeding the maximum file size and/or containing zip file attachments will be blocked from entering the NRC e-mail system. A bid transmitted by e-mail that gets blocked by the NRC e-mail system will be considered not received. Proposals must not be sent directly to the Contracting Authority or the Project Authority. All submitted proposals become the property NRC.

## 2.4 Enquiries - Bid Solicitation

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than 5 calendar days before the bid closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Contracting Authority: [Jonathan.Soles@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](mailto:Jonathan.Soles@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca)

To ensure the equality of information among Bidders, responses to general enquiries will be made available to all bidders unless such publications would reveal proprietary information. The bidder who initiates the question will not be identified. Technical questions that are considered proprietary by the bidder must be clearly identified. NRC will respond individually to the bidder if it considers the questions proprietary. If NRC does not consider the question proprietary, the bidder submitting it will be allowed to withdraw the question, or have the question and answer made available through the Open Bidding System (OBS) to all bidders.

Bidders who attempt to obtain information regarding any aspect of this RFP during the solicitation period through any NRC contacts other than the Contracting Authority identified herein, may be disqualified (for that reason alone).

It is the responsibility of the Bidder to obtain clarification of the requirement contained herein, if necessary, prior to submitting its proposal. The Bidder must have written confirmation from the Contracting Authority for any changes, alterations, etc., concerning this RFP.

Bidders should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the bid solicitation to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by Bidders to explain each question in sufficient detail in order to enable Canada to provide an accurate answer. Technical enquiries that are of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked "proprietary" at each relevant item. Items identified as "proprietary" will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Canada may edit the question(s) or may request that the Bidder do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question(s) is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered to all Bidders. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all Bidders may not be answered by Canada.

## 2.5 Applicable Laws

Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Québec.

Bidders may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their bid, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the Bidders.



## 2.6 Bid Challenge and Recourse Mechanisms

If you have any concerns relating to the procurement process, please refer to the [Recourse Mechanisms](#) page on the [Buyandsell.gc.ca](http://Buyandsell.gc.ca) website. Please note that there are strict deadlines for filing complaints with the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) or the [Office of the Procurement Ombudsman \(OPO\)](#). Suppliers should therefore act quickly when they want to challenge any aspect of the procurement process. <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/for-businesses/selling-to-the-government-of-canada/bid-follow-up/bid-challenge-and-recourse-mechanisms> - <https://opo-boa.gc.ca/plaintesurvol-complaintoverview-eng.html>

## PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

### 3.1 Bid Preparation Instructions

Canada requests that the Bidder submits its bid in separate attachment sections (when applicable) as follows:

Section I: Technical Bid  
Section II: Financial Bid  
Section III: Certifications

There shall be no payment by the National Research Council for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in response to this request. No payment shall be made for costs incurred for clarification(s) and/or demonstration(s) that may be required by NRC. The National Research Council reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted, or to accept any proposal in whole or in part without negotiation. A contract will not necessarily be issued as a result of this competition. NRC reserves the right to amend, cancel or reissue this requirement at any time.

In April 2006, Canada issued a policy directing federal departments and agencies to take the necessary steps to incorporate environmental considerations into the procurement process [Policy on Green Procurement](#) (<https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32573>). To assist Canada in reaching its objectives, bidders should:

- 1) Include all environmental certification(s) relevant to your organization (e.g., ISO 14001, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), Carbon Disclosure Project, etc.)
- 2) Include all environmental certification(s) or Environmental Product Declaration(s) (EPD) specific to your product/service (e.g., Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), ENERGYSTAR, etc.)

Canada is committed to greening its supply chain. Environmentally preferable goods and services are those that have a lesser or reduced impact on the environment over the life cycle of the good or service, when compared with competing goods or services serving the same purpose. Environmental performance considerations include, among other things: the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and air contaminants; improved energy and water efficiency; reduced waste and support reuse and recycling; the use of renewable resources; reduced hazardous waste; and reduced toxic and hazardous substances. In accordance with the [Policy on Green Procurement](#) (<https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32573>), for this solicitation:

- Bidders are encouraged to offer or suggest green solutions whenever possible.
- Bidders are requested to provide all correspondence including (but not limited to) documents, reports and invoices in electronic format unless otherwise specified by the Contracting Authority or Project Authority, thereby reducing printed material.
- Bidders should recycle (shred) unneeded copies of non-classified/secure documents (taking into consideration the Security Requirements).



- Product components used in performing the services should be recyclable and/or reusable, whenever possible.
- Bidders are encouraged to offer goods and/or services certified to a reputable eco-label.
- Bidders should use equipment that has high energy efficiency or produces low air emissions.
- Bidders are encouraged to offer environmentally preferred products which supports a sustainable environment for nature and wildlife.
- Bidders are encouraged to offer environmentally preferred products which ensure the comfort and air quality of building occupants.

Bidders are encouraged to consult the following websites:

<https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/ae-gp/index-eng.html>

<https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/ae-gp/rle-glr-eng.html>

### **Section I: Technical Bid**

In their technical bid, Bidders should explain and demonstrate how they propose to meet the requirements and how they will carry out the Work.

### **Section II: Financial Bid**

Bidders must submit their financial bid in accordance with the Basis of Payment.

#### **3.1.1 Electronic Payment of Invoices – Bid**

Payments from the National Research Council Canada (NRC) are made by electronic payment. Direct deposit payments will be made in Canadian dollars and can only be deposited into Canadian bank accounts.

Only bank accounts outside of Canada are eligible to enroll as a Wire transfer payment method.

#### **3.1.2 Exchange Rate Fluctuation**

Bids will be evaluated in Canadian currency, therefore, for evaluation purposes, the exchange rate quoted by the Bank of Canada as being in effect on date of bid closing, shall be applied as the conversion factor for foreign currency. Prices quoted shall not be subject to, or conditional upon, fluctuations in commercial or other interest rates during either the evaluation or contract period.

### **Section III: Certifications**

Bidders must submit the certifications and additional information required under Part 5.

## **PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION**

### **4.1 Evaluation Procedures**

- (a) Bids will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the bid solicitation including Mandatory technical Evaluation Criteria and Financial Evaluation.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the bids.

#### **4.1.1 Technical Evaluation**

Proposals will be assessed in accordance with the mandatory and rated evaluation attached as Annex C. Bidders shall provide a detailed response to each criterion. NRC reserves the right to verify any and all information provided by the bidder in their proposal.



#### **4.1.2 Financial Evaluation**

The cost proposal must be a fixed price quotation and Delivered At Place, excluding taxes. The fixed price must include all the materials and services required to fulfil all aspects of the Statement of Work/Statement of Requirement. Bidders should identify the currency on which the cost proposal is based.

#### **4.2 Basis of Selection**

##### **Lowest evaluated price**

A bid must comply with the requirements of the bid solicitation and meet all mandatory technical evaluation criteria to be declared responsive. The responsive bid with the lowest evaluated price will be recommended for award of a contract.

### **PART 5 – CERTIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Bidders must provide the required certifications and additional information to be awarded a contract.

The certifications provided by Bidders to Canada are subject to verification by Canada at all times. Unless specified otherwise, Canada will declare a bid non-responsive, or will declare a contractor in default if any certification made by the Bidder is found to be untrue whether made knowingly or unknowingly, during the bid evaluation period or during the contract period.

The Contracting Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Bidder's certifications. Failure to comply and to cooperate with any request or requirement imposed by the Contracting Authority will render the bid non-responsive or constitute a default under the Contract.

#### **5.1 Certifications Required with the Bid**

Bidders must submit the following duly completed certifications as part of their bid.

##### **5.1.1 Integrity Provisions - Declaration of Convicted Offences**

In accordance with the Integrity Provisions of the Standard Instructions, all bidders must provide with their bid, **if applicable**, the declaration form available on the [Forms for the Integrity Regime](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/declaration-eng.html) website (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/declaration-eng.html>), to be given further consideration in the procurement process.

#### **5.2 Certifications Precedent to Contract Award and Additional Information**

The certifications and additional information listed below should be submitted with the bid but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications or additional information is not completed and submitted as requested, the Contracting Authority will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to provide the certifications or the additional information listed below within the time frame provided will render the bid non-responsive.

##### **5.2.1 Integrity Provisions – Required Documentation**

In accordance with the section titled Information to be provided when bidding, contracting or entering into a real property agreement of the [Ineligibility and Suspension Policy](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-) (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci->





if/politique-policy-eng.html), the Bidder must provide the required documentation, as applicable, to be given further consideration in the procurement process.

In addition to all other information required in the procurement process, the Bidder **must** provide the following:

- Bidders who are incorporated, including those bidding as a joint venture, must provide a complete list of names of all individuals who are currently directors of the Bidder or, in the case of a private company, the owners of the company.
- Bidders bidding as sole proprietorship, as well as those bidding as a joint venture, must provide the name of the owner(s).

<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>GIVEN NAME(S)</u>	<u>TITLE</u>

## **PART 6 - RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES**

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from the bid solicitation.

### **6.1 Security Requirements**

**6.1.1** The following security requirements (SRCL and related clauses) as described in Annex D apply and form part of the Contract.

### **6.2 Statement of Requirement**

The National Research Council has a requirement for a Monochromator based microplate reader for fluorescence and colorimetric (absorbance) assays, for DNA/RNA/protein quantification (UV-Vis) and for cell-free protein synthesis in accordance with the detailed Statement of Requirement attached as Annex "A".

### **6.3 General Conditions**

2010A (2022-12-01), General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity), apply to and form part of the Contract.

### **6.4 Term of Contract**

#### **6.4.1 Period of the Contract**

The period of the Contract is from date of Contract Awarded until one year after the goods have been accepted by Canada.

#### **6.4.2 Delivery Date**

All the deliverables must be received on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024



### 6.4.3 Delivery Points

Delivery of the requirement will be made to delivery point specified at Annex A of the Contract.

### 6.4.4 Delivery and Unloading

[D0018C](#) (2007-11-30), Delivery and Unloading

### 6.4.5 Shipping Terms and Instructions - Free on Board Destination and Delivered At Place

Goods must be consigned and delivered to the destination specified in the Contract:

Incoterms® 2010 “DAP Delivered At Place” 6100 AVENUE ROYALMOUNT, MONTRÉAL, H4P 2R2, Canada

NRC Customs contacts for any Customs and Transportation Logistics enquiries:

- Daniel Frampton: (613) 993-9113 / [daniel.frampton@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](mailto:daniel.frampton@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca)
- Christian Latreille: (613) 993-2259 / [christian.latreille@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](mailto:christian.latreille@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca)

As part of NRC’s commitment to Greening Government Operations, the Contractor is encouraged to minimize, include recycled content, re-use, or reduce/eliminate toxics in packaging, when possible.

### 6.4.6 Packaging

The methods used for preservation and packaging must be in conformity with the Contractor’s normal standard for domestic shipment or, if necessary, with standards for overseas shipment as below deck cargo.

## 6.5 Authorities

### 6.5.1 Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Name: Jonathan Soles  
Title: Contracting Officer  
National Research Council Canada  
Telephone: 343-548-9258  
E-mail address: [Jonathan.Soles@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](mailto:Jonathan.Soles@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca)

The Contracting Authority is responsible for the management of the Contract and any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the Contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from anybody other than the Contracting Authority.

### 6.5.2 Technical Authority

The Technical Authority for the Contract is:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_



Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

The Technical Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the Technical Authority; however, the Technical Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of the Work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

### 6.5.3 Contractor's Representative

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6.6 Proactive Disclosure of Contracts with Former Public Servants

By providing information on its status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a Public Service Superannuation Act (PSSA) pension, the Contractor has agreed that this information will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports, in accordance with Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2 of the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada.

### 6.7 Payment

#### 6.7.1 Basis of Payment

The Contractor will be paid for costs reasonably and properly incurred in the performance of the work under this Contract in accordance with the following:

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid a firm price, as specified in contract for a cost of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Customs duties are excluded and Applicable Taxes are extra.

Canada will not pay the Contractor for any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work, unless they have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work.

#### 6.7.2 Limitation of Expenditure

Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the National Research Council of Canada (NRC), NRC's financial liability to the Contractor under this Contract shall not exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Customs duties are excluded and Applicable Taxes are extra. The Contractor must not perform any work that would cause the total liability of NRC to exceed this limitation unless authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority through a contract amendment. All work shall be done to the full satisfaction of the Technical Authority named herein before any payment shall become due to the Contractor.

#### 6.7.3 Method of Payment

SACC Manual clause [H1000C](#) (2008-05-12), Single Payment



Canada will pay the Contractor upon completion and delivery of the Work in accordance with the payment provisions of the Contract if:

- a. an accurate and complete invoice and any other documents required by the Contract have been submitted in accordance with the invoicing instructions provided in the Contract;
- b. all such documents have been verified by Canada;
- c. the Work delivered has been accepted by Canada.

#### **6.7.4 Electronic Payment of Invoices – Contract**

The Contractor accepts to be paid using any of the following Electronic Payment Instrument(s):

- a. Direct Deposit (Domestic Only);
- b. Wire Transfer (International Only);

#### **6.8 Inspection and Acceptance**

The Technical Authority is the Inspection Authority. All reports, deliverable items, documents, good and all services rendered under the Contract are subject to inspection by the Inspection Authority or representative. Should any report, document, good or service not be in accordance with the Statement of Requirement and to the satisfaction of the Inspection Authority, as submitted, the Inspection Authority will have the right to reject it or require its correction at the sole expense of the Contractor before recommending payment.

#### **6.9 Invoicing Instructions**

The Contractor must submit invoices in accordance with the section entitled "Invoice Submission" of the general conditions. Invoices cannot be submitted until all work identified in the invoice is completed.

Invoices **must** be sent to: [nrc.invoice-facture.cnrc@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](mailto:nrc.invoice-facture.cnrc@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca)

**PLEASE QUOTE CONTRACT NO. *[to be inserted at contract award]* ON ALL DOCUMENTATION AND INVOICES.**

#### **6.10 Certifications and Additional Information**

##### **6.10.1 Compliance**

Unless specified otherwise, the continuous compliance with the certifications provided by the Contractor in its bid or precedent to contract award, and the ongoing cooperation in providing additional information are conditions of the Contract and failure to comply will constitute the Contractor in default. Certifications are subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the Contract.

##### **6.11 Applicable Laws**

The Contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Québec.



## 6.12 Priority of Documents

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- (a) the Articles of Agreement;
- (b) the general conditions 2010A (2022-12-01), - Goods (Medium Complexity), apply to and form part of the Contract;
- (c) ANNEX A, Statement of Requirement;
- (d) ANNEX B BASIS OF PAYMENT
- (e) ANNEX C Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria
- (f) ANNEX D, Security Requirements Check List;
- (g) the Contractor's bid dated \_\_\_\_\_

## 6.13 SACC Manual Clauses

**SACC Manual clause [B1501C](#) (2018-06-21) Electrical equipment**

**SACC Manual clause [G1005C](#) (2016-01-28) Insurance – No Specific Requirements**

## 6.14 Dispute Resolution

The Parties agree to make every reasonable effort, in good faith, to settle amicably all disputes or claims relating to the Contract, through negotiations between the Parties' representatives authorized to settle. If the Parties do not reach a settlement within 25 working days after the dispute was initially raised to the other party in writing, either Party may contact the Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO) to request dispute resolution/mediation services. OPO may be contacted by e-mail at [boa.opo@boa-opo.gc.ca](mailto:boa.opo@boa-opo.gc.ca), by telephone at 1-866-734-5169, or by web at [www.opo-boa.gc.ca](http://www.opo-boa.gc.ca). For more information on OPO's services, please see the [Procurement Ombudsman Regulations](#) or visit the [OPO website](#).

## 6.15 Non-Permanent Resident (Foreign Company)

The Contractor shall ensure that non-permanent residents intending to work in Canada on a temporary basis in fulfilment of the Contract, who are neither Canadian citizens nor United States nationals, receive all appropriate documents and instructions relating to Canadian immigration requirements and secure all required employment authorizations prior to their arrival at the Canadian port of entry. The Contractor shall ensure that United States nationals having such intentions receive all appropriate documents and instructions in that regard prior to their arrival at the Canadian port of entry. Such documents may be obtained at the appropriate Canadian Embassy/Consulate in the Contractor's country. The Contractor shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of non-compliance with immigration requirements.

## 6.16 Non-Permanent Resident (Canadian Company)

The Contractor is responsible for compliance with the immigration requirements applicable to non-permanent residents entering Canada to work on a temporary basis in fulfilment of the Contract. In some instances, the employment authorization necessary to enter Canada cannot be issued without prior approval of Human Resources Centre Canada (HRCC). HRCC should always be contacted as soon as the decision to bring in a non-permanent resident is made. The Contractor will be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of non-compliance with immigration requirements.

## 6.17 Government Smoking Policy



Where the performance of the work requires the presence of the Contractor's personnel on government premises, the Contractor shall ensure that its personnel shall comply with the policy of the Government of Canada which prohibits smoking on any government premises.

#### **6.18 Access to Government Facilities/Equipment**

Access to the facilities and equipment necessary to the performance of the work shall be provided through arrangements to be made by the Technical Authority named herein. There will be however, no day-to-day supervision of the Contractor's activities, nor control of the Contractor's hours of work by the Technical Authority.

The Contractor undertakes and agrees to comply with all Standing Orders and Regulations in force on the site where the work is to be performed, relating to the safety of persons on the site or the protection of property against loss or damage from any and all causes including fires.



## ANNEX "A" - STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENT

The Human Health Therapeutic (HHT) Research Centre of the National Research Council Canada (NRC) requires a monochromator based microplate reader for fluorescence and colorimetric (absorbance) assays, for DNA/RNA/protein quantification (UV-Vis) and for cell-free protein synthesis.

**The Monochromator based microplate reader must include the following technical requirements:**

### Specifications required:

- Tunable wavelength UV-Vis Absorbance and fluorescence (Must be monochromator based)
- Absorbance resolution min of 1 nm with a range from 230 to 1000 nm
- Must have a Top and Bottom fluorescence reading;
- Must include an Enhanced (PMT) photomultiplier tubes
- Must include a Shaker (linear and orbital) and incubator (below 10°C and up to 42°C)
- Must Read 6-to 384-well plates;
- Must have an Automatic z-focus adjustment, automated pathlength correction

### Work station PC

- Software installation performed by the Contractor at time of installation.
- Data must be exportable to Microsoft Excel

### Options available for future upgrade:

- Cuvette holder
- Liquid injectors
- Holder for nanoliter samples (1-2 µL)

### Services contract

- Installation, function test needs to be performed after reception, not later than 30 labor days.
- training on how to set it up, how to use the equipment, cleaning, maintenance, calibration and safety issue on the equipment in French and English for 8-person from 8am to 4pm needs to be performed after reception, not later than 30 labor days.
- 1 year of telephone Support in French or English to Isolate and Resolve Hardware and Software Problems and On-site Hardware Troubleshooting and Repair. All labour, travel costs, and service parts, including Consumable Parts Required for Repair should be included.

### Equipment Compliance

All electrical equipment supplied under the Contract must be certified or approved for use in accordance with the Canadian Electrical Code, Part 1, before delivery, by a certification organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada.



- The equipment must bear the certification label.
- Line voltage 120V, 60Hz.

**Quality Assurance and verification of certification**

- The Contractor is required to provide evidence of certification (a Certificate of Compliance or field evaluation report) for each electrical equipment item they are delivering under the Contract prior to delivery. This evidence must be from the appropriate certification organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada (refer to Recognized Canadian Electrical Product or Equipment Approval Marks | Standards Council of Canada - Conseil canadien des normes (scc.ca) for more details).
- In the event that any electrical equipment fails to meet the required certification standards, the Contractor may be provided with a reasonable period to rectify the non-compliance at the contractor's expense. If, within this specified period, the Contractor is unable to rectify the non-compliance, the equipment will be rejected upon delivery and returned back to the Contractor's address at their own expense. The electrical equipment certification must be fully complied with, as failure to do so may result in Canada terminating the contract due to default.





### ANNEX B - BASIS OF PAYMENT

In consideration of the Bidder satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Bidder will be paid a firm unit price as specified below. Customs duties are excluded and Applicable Taxes are extra. Goods must be consigned and delivered to the destination specified, incoterms® 2020 "DAP Delivered at Place".

**Bidders must complete pricing TABLE A, TABLE B and TABLE C to be declared Financially responsive.**

#### INITIAL REQUIREMENT – TABLE A

Item	Description	Unit of Measure	QTY	Firm Lot Price	Extended Price
1	Monochromator based microplate reader, includes installation, installation verification document, manual, training, warranty as defined in Annex A – Requirement.	Lot	1	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>(SUM OF TABLE A)</b>					\$ _____

#### OPTIONAL REQUIREMENTS - TABLE B

Item	Description	Unit of Measure	QTY	Firm Lot Price	Extended Price
1	Cuvette holder	EACH	1	\$ _____	\$ _____
2	Liquid injectors	EACH	1	\$ _____	\$ _____
3	Holder for nanoliter samples (1-2 µL)	EACH	1	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>(SUM OF TABLE B)</b>					\$ _____

#### TOTAL EVALUATED BID PRICE - TABLE C



<b>TABLE A + TABLE B = TABLE C <u>Total Evaluated Bid Price</u></b>	<b>TOTAL TABLE C = \$</b>
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**ANNEX C**  
**Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria**

Bidders must demonstrate that they meet each mandatory technical criteria by providing a response to each of the mandatory technical criteria. Bidders must provide evidence including, but not limited to, specifications, brochures, or documented data to show their file folders meets each of the mandatory technical criteria. Simply stating that all of the mandatory criteria are met is not sufficient. Failure to meet any of the mandatory criteria will render the bid non-responsive and it will be given no further consideration.

Item	Mandatory Technical Criteria	Bidders are requested to cross reference the mandatory technical criteria in a concise format by using page, paragraph(s) & sub-paragraphs as applicable to their supporting technical documentation	MET NOT MET
	Monochromator based microplate reader:  <input type="checkbox"/> Tunable wavelength UV-Vis Absorbance and fluorescence (Must be monochromator based);  <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbance resolution min of 1 nm with a range from 230 to 1000 nm;  <input type="checkbox"/> Must have a Top and Bottom fluorescence reading;  <input type="checkbox"/> Must include an Enhanced (PMT) photomultiplier tubes  <input type="checkbox"/> Must include a Shaker (linear and orbital) and incubator (below 10°C and up to 42°C)  <input type="checkbox"/> Must Read 6-to 384-well plates;  <input type="checkbox"/> Must have an Automatic z-focus adjustment, automated pathlength correction	Document Name: _____ Page Number: _____  Document Name: _____ Page Number: _____  Document Name: _____ Page Number: _____  Document Name: _____ Page Number: _____  Document Name: _____ Page Number: _____  Document Name: _____ Page Number: _____  Document Name: _____ Page Number: _____	YES/NO  YES/NO  YES/NO  YES/NO  YES/NO  YES/NO
	Options available for future upgrade: <input type="checkbox"/> Cuvette holder <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid injectors <input type="checkbox"/> Holder for nanoliter samples (1-2 µL)	Document Name: _____ Page Number: _____	YES/NO
	Electrical specification:		



	<input type="checkbox"/> The Bidder must submit a duly signed Compliance Certification - B1501C (2018-06-21) for Electrical Equipment in Part 5 with their bid. Bidder's that do not include this certification will be deemed non-compliant.	Document Name: _____ Page Number: _____	YES/NO
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**ANNEX "D"**

**SECURITY REQUIREMENTS CHECK LIST**