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**REVISION 001 TO A
REQUEST FOR SUPPLY
ARRANGEMENT**

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Amendment No.: 001	
Client Reference No.: n/a	

Solicitation Closes: At: 2:00 PM On: December 31, 2100	Time Zone: EST
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Amendment 001

This amendment is raised to:

- A. Answer questions from Suppliers

A. Questions and Answers

Q1. Is the Request for Supply Arrangement (RFSA) closing date of December 31, 2100 correct?

A1. The date is correct. The RFSA is currently posted in perpetuity until such time as Canada no longer considers it advantageous to accept new arrangements under the Supply Arrangement framework.

Q2. In terms of your team reviewing new arrangements by potential Suppliers – is this on an on-going basis as they are received or is there specific timelines when reviews will be initiated?

A2. Evaluations will be performed on an on-going basis with no specific timeline and/or due date.

Q3. Once a Supplier has been approved for a specific region and subregion is there a limit to how many bid solicitations they can decline/choose not to bid on?

A3. Under Part 6 of the RFSA, Section B. 6.13. Bid Solicitation Process outlines details regarding the process. There are no limits on number of declined bid solicitations by Suppliers.

Q4. I have a question about the evaluation/scoring of Appendix 2 - Archaeological Work Experience.

Page 35 section 3.1.2 Experience of the RFSA states:

"Expertise is demonstrated by the participation of the Principal Investigator in at least five (5) projects (minimum 4-week duration each) with equivalent sub-region and area of expertise."

1) Is there a maximum number of projects that can be listed for evaluation?

2) How many projects should be listed for each individual to achieve a perfect score?

A4. There is currently no maximum number of projects that can be submitted. Suppliers must submit least five (5) projects of a minimum of four (4) weeks duration each.

Parks Canada is not rating the scores of submitted arrangements. Parks Canada is ensuring that Suppliers clearly demonstrate they have all the requirements for the domain of expertise and for the area designated (i.e., region and sub-region).

If and when Parks Canada determines that the information submitted from Suppliers requires clarification, Parks Canada will contact Suppliers to allow the opportunity to submit additional information and/or provide clarification.

Q5. Under Part 6 of the RFSA, Section A. 6.2.1.1 Reliability Status:

If we were to deal with artifacts and historic sites, does Reliability Status only apply if say, we are in a Historic building unescorted or in Parks Canada's artifact storage?

What happens when we bring artifacts recently excavated to our laboratory for analysis?

Does every staff member need to get a reliability status approved by Parks Canada's Security Directorate?

All staff members could potentially be working on archaeological sites in Parks, handling artifacts, or information derived therefrom.

How does this apply to subcontractors (say we need to bring in a backhoe), or if an Indigenous community supplies assistants or Elders?

A5. The Principal Investigator and Lab Supervisor require Reliability Status. As per the Request for Supply Arrangement, the Supplier must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites. Additional team members may require Reliability Status, depending on specific project needs. These security verifications would be conducted at the time of the project, if needed.

Most archaeological artifacts would not be considered sensitive assets. For the rare occasion when particularly significant artifacts are encountered, we have defined a process included in the RFSA (Annex A – SOW – Section 11), that would determine if the artifact is sensitive and would provide specific instructions to the consultant on how to proceed in that case.

Most of the locations where the consultants would be conducting the work would not be considered sensitive. Those unusual cases where additional team members would need reliability status will be managed on a case-by-case basis.

Q6. Under Section 4. Supplier Experience of Annex B – Technical Evaluation & Submission Requirements, can you please clarify if the expectation is:

- 1) One (1) or more Historical Research examples and three (3) Archaeological Report examples total, regardless of how many regions/sub-regions of the Supplier's proposed arrangement, or
- 2) One (1) or more Historical Research example and three (3) Archaeological Report examples per region the Supplier's proposed arrangement (i.e., 1+3 for Ontario, 1+3 for Prairies & Northern Canada, 1+3 for Alberta & BC)?

A6. We require a minimum of one (1) Historical Research example and three (3) Archaeological Report examples in total. Please note that Section 3. Key Personnel Submission Requirements of Annex B outlines that Principal Investigators and Lab Supervisors must demonstrate their experience by sub-region and area of expertise by completing Appendix 2 – Archaeological Work Experience.

Q7. There is no identification of areas within the Central Arctic sub-region of Canada (i.e., Baffin Island). Can you please confirm if this sub-region is included in one of the identified Regions, and if yes, which one?

A7. The Central Arctic sub-region of Canada is not included in the Request for Supply Arrangement.

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- Q8.** Under the Region Prairies and Northern Canada there is a section for the Western Arctic but there is no mention of the Eastern Arctic (Quttinirpaaq National Park (NP), Sirmilik NP, Ukkusiksalik NP, Qausuittuq NP and Auyuittuq NP):
- 1) Is there a chance that there may be a future RFSA for this Sub-Region?
 - 2) Can I include this in our proposed arrangement?
- A8.** The current RFSA does not include National Parks in Nunavut. There are currently no plans for a future RFSA. Please only include the requested information for the sub-regions that are listed.

ALL OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.