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Proposal to: Canada Revenue Agency

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 and/or attached hereto, the goods and/or services listed herein and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefor.

Bidder's Legal Name and Address (ensure the Bidder's complete legal name is properly set out)

Bidder MUST identify below the name and title of the individual authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder

Signature of authorized representative

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

Name of authorized representative (print)

Title of authorized representative (print)

(____)_____

Telephone No.

(____)_____

Fax No.

E-mail address

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Title Exterior Drop Boxes for Mail	
Solicitation No. 1000440277A	Date 2023-03-29
Solicitation closes on: 2023-04-12 at 2:00 P.M.	Time zone: Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)
Contracting Authority Name: Katherine Hutton Address: Please see here-in E-mail address: Katherine.hutton@cra-arc.gc.ca	
Telephone No. (613) 286-5340	
Destination See herein	

Request for Proposal (RFP)

This bid solicitation cancels and supersedes previous bid solicitation number 1000440277 dated 03-08-2023 with a closing of 03-22-2023 at 2:00 PM EDT.

Title: Exterior Drop Boxes For Mail

Part 1 General Information

1.1 Introduction

The solicitation is divided into seven parts plus appendices and annexes, as follows:

Part 1 General Information: provides a general description of the requirement;

Part 2 Bidder Instructions: provides the instructions, clauses and conditions applicable to the solicitation;

Part 3 Proposal Preparation Instructions: provides bidders with instructions on how to prepare their bid;

Part 4 Evaluation and Selection: indicates how the evaluation will be conducted, the evaluation criteria that must be addressed in the bid, and the basis of selection;

Part 5 Certifications and Additional Information: includes the certifications to be submitted with the bid and before contract award;

Appendix 1: Mandatory Criteria;

Appendix 2: Point Rated Criteria;

Appendix 3: Financial Proposal;

Part 6 Model Contract: includes the clauses and conditions and any annexes that will apply to any resulting contract;

Annex A: Statement of Work;

Annex B: Basis of Payment;

1.2 Summary

- i) The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requires the supply and delivery of seventeen (17) new exterior drop boxes for the use of taxpayers to drop off mail, as further described at Annex A: Statement of Work (SOW). The required CRA locations where the drop boxes are to be supplied and delivered are listed in Appendix A1 of Annex A: Statement of Work. Exterior drop boxes are positioned outside designated CRA locations to securely collect envelopes deposited by taxpayers. The CRA mailrooms are currently in the process of replacing drop boxes that are beyond repair.

The CRA is looking to obtain the Canadian Mailbox Company (CMC) Model 1400 brand of drop box, or an equivalent model that meets the same mandatory specifications, as described in Appendix 1: Mandatory Criteria. The intent for the new drop boxes is to have a similar look and feel as the standard CRA drop boxes that are currently in place.

A resultant Contract from this RFP process will be valid for a one year period, and will be used to purchase 17 exterior drop boxes, with an option to purchase additional units during that timeframe. Additionally, there are four (4) one (1) year option periods available to be exercised at the discretion of the CRA that will allow for the purchase by CRA of additional optional units.

- ii) To submit a bid for this requirement, a Bidder must use the Connect service (which can be found at <https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/business/postal-services/digital-mail/connect.page>) provided by the Canada Post Corporation. To submit a bid using the Connect service, the Bidder must send an email as early as possible, at least six business days prior to the solicitation closing date and time, (in order to ensure a response), that includes the bid solicitation number to the Bid Receiving Unit requesting to open a Connect conversation. The Bid Receiving Unit contact information is located in Section 2.3 of this RFP.

1.2.1 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 (which can be found at <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033057/1610797769658>).

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.

1.3 Glossary of Terms

TERM	DEFINITION
CRA	Canada Revenue Agency
DDP	Delivered Duty Paid
Proposal	A solicited submission by one party to supply certain goods or services. The word “proposal” is used interchangeably with “bid”
Solicitation	An act or instance of requesting proposals/bids on specific products and/or services.
Tendering Authority	Canada Revenue Agency

1.4 Debriefings

Bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the solicitation process. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority within ten (10) business days of receipt of the results of the solicitation process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

1.5 Canadian International Trade Tribunal

As a general rule, a complaint regarding this procurement process must be filed with the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (the Tribunal) within 10 working days from the date on which a bidder becomes aware, or reasonably should have become aware, of a ground of complaint. Alternatively, within that time frame, a bidder may first choose to raise its ground of complaint by way of an objection to the CRA; if the CRA denies the relief being sought, a bidder may then file a complaint with the Tribunal within 10 working days of that denial. In certain exceptional circumstances, a 30-day time frame may be applicable for filing a complaint with the Tribunal. More information can be obtained on the Tribunal’s Web site (which can be found at www.citt-tcce.gc.ca) or by contacting the Registrar of the Tribunal at 613-990-2452. Reference: section 6 of the Canadian International Trade Tribunal Procurement Inquiry Regulations (S.O.R./93-602).

Also consult [Bid Challenge and Recourse Mechanisms](https://buyandsell.gc.ca/for-businesses/selling-to-the-government-of-canada/bid-follow-up/bid-challenge-and-recourse-mechanisms) (which can be found at <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/for-businesses/selling-to-the-government-of-canada/bid-follow-up/bid-challenge-and-recourse-mechanisms>)

Part 2 Bidder Instructions

2.1 Mandatory Requirements

Wherever the words “shall”, “must” and “will” appear in this document or any related document forming a part hereof, the item being described is a mandatory requirement.

Failure to comply or demonstrate compliance with a mandatory requirement will render the bid non-responsive and the bid will receive no further consideration.

2.2 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions A0000T (2012-07-16)

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the bid solicitation by number, date and title are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC). The Manual is available on the PWGSC Website which can be found at <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>.

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

The standard instructions and conditions 2003 (2022-03-29) are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

The following clauses are incorporated by reference:

SACC Reference	Clause Title	Date
A3015T	Certifications	2014-06-26
C3011T	Exchange Rate Fluctuation	2013-11-06

2.2.1 Revisions to Standard Instructions 2003

Standard Instructions - Goods or Services – Competitive Requirements 2003 (2022-03-29) are revised as follows.

Section 01 titled “Integrity provisions– bid”, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 01 Integrity provisions– bid

1. The *Supplier Integrity Directive* (SID) dated November 3, 2021, is incorporated by reference into, and forms a binding part of the bid solicitation. The Bidder must comply with the SID, which can be found on the Canada Revenue Agency’s website at

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/procurement-cra/supplier-integrity-directive-2.html>.

2. Under the SID, charges and convictions of certain offences against a Supplier, its affiliates or first tier subcontractors, and other circumstances, will or may result in a determination by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) that the Supplier is ineligible to enter, or is suspended from entering into a contract with Canada. The list of ineligible and suspended Suppliers is contained in PWGSC's Integrity Database. The SID describes how enquiries can be made regarding the ineligibility or suspension of Suppliers.
3. In addition to all other information required in the bid solicitation, the Bidder must provide the following:
 - a. by the time stated in the SID, all information required by the SID described under the heading "Mandatory Provision of Information"; and
 - b. with its bid, a complete list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions pertaining to itself, its affiliates and its proposed first tier subcontractors that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the listed offences in the SID. The list of foreign criminal charges and convictions must be submitted using an Integrity Declaration Form, which can be found at [Forms for the Integrity Regime](#).
4. Subject to subsection 5, by submitting a bid in response to this bid solicitation, the Bidder certifies that:
 - a. it has read and understands the SID (which can be found at <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/procurement-cra/supplier-integrity-directive-2.html>)
 - b. it understands that certain domestic and foreign criminal charges and convictions, and other circumstances, as described in the SID, will or may result in a determination of ineligibility or suspension under the SID;
 - c. it is aware that Canada may request additional information, certifications, and validations from the Bidder or a third party for purposes of making a determination of ineligibility or suspension;
 - d. it has provided with its bid a complete list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions pertaining to itself, its affiliates and its proposed first tier subcontractors that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the listed offences in the SID;
 - e. none of the domestic criminal offences, and other circumstances, described in the SID that will or may result in a determination of ineligibility or suspension, apply to it, its affiliates and its proposed first tier subcontractors; and
 - f. it is not aware of a determination of ineligibility or suspension issued by PWGSC that applies to it.
5. Where a Bidder is unable to provide any of the certifications required by subsection 4, it must submit with its bid a completed Integrity Declaration Form, which can be found at [Declaration form for procurement](#).
6. Canada will declare non-responsive any bid in respect of which the information requested is incomplete or inaccurate, or in respect of which the information contained in a certification or

declaration is found by Canada to be false or misleading in any respect. If Canada establishes after award of the Contract that the Bidder provided a false or misleading certification or declaration, Canada may terminate the Contract for default. Pursuant to the SID, Canada may also determine the Bidder to be ineligible for award of a contract for providing a false or misleading certification or declaration.

Section 02 titled "Procurement Business Number", is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

Section 02 Procurement Business Number

Suppliers should obtain a Business Number (BN) before contract award. Suppliers may register for a BN online at <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/business-number.html>.

Section 03 titled "Standard instructions, clauses and conditions", "Pursuant to the Department of Public Works and Government Services Act (S.C. 1996, c.16)," is hereby deleted.

Section 05 titled "Submission of bids", paragraph 2d is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

- d. send its bid only to the Canada Revenue Agency Bid Receiving Unit or to the address specified in the solicitation in Section 2.3.

Section 05 titled "Submission of bids" paragraph 4, delete sixty "**60 days**" and replace with "**120 calendar days**".

Section 06, titled "Late bids", the reference to "PWGSC" is hereby deleted and replaced with "The CRA".

Section 07 titled "Delayed bids", all references to "PWGSC" are hereby deleted and replaced with "the CRA".

Section 08 titled "Transmission by facsimile or by Canada Post Corporation's (CPC) Connect service" is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 08 Transmission by Connect

- a. Bids must be submitted by using the Connect service (which can be found at <https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/business/postal-services/digital-mail/connect.page>) provided by the Canada Post Corporation.
- b. To submit a bid using the Connect service, the Bidder must send as early as possible, at least six business days prior to the solicitation closing date and time, (in order to ensure a response), an email that includes the bid solicitation number to the Bid Receiving Unit

- requesting to open a Connect conversation. Requests to open a Connect conversation received after that time may not be answered. In the email, the Bidder must include the name and email address of all individuals who need to participate in the Connect conversation.
- c. If the Bidder sends an email requesting a Connect conversation to the specified Bid Receiving Unit in the bid solicitation, an officer of the Bid Receiving Unit will then initiate a Connect conversation. The Connect conversation will create an email notification from the Canada Post Corporation prompting the Bidder to access and action the message within the conversation. The Bidder will then be able to transmit its bid afterward at any time prior to the solicitation closing date and time.
 - d. The bid solicitation number should be identified in the Connect message field of all electronic transfers.
 - e. It should be noted that the use of Connect service requires a Canadian mailing address. Should a bidder not have a Canadian mailing address, they may use 250 Albert St, Ottawa, ON K1A 1A2 in order to register for the Connect service.
 - f. For bids transmitted by the Connect service, Canada will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the bid including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. receipt of a garbled, corrupted or incomplete bid;
 - ii. availability or condition of the Connect service;
 - iii. incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment;
 - iv. delay in transmission or receipt of the bid;
 - v. failure of the Bidder to properly identify the bid;
 - vi. illegibility of the bid;
 - vii. security of bid data; or,
 - viii. inability to create an electronic conversation through the Connect service.
 - g. The Bid Receiving Unit will send an acknowledgement of the receipt of bid document(s) via the Connect conversation. This acknowledgement will confirm only the receipt of bid document(s) and will not confirm if the attachments may be opened nor if the content is readable.
 - h. Bidders must ensure that they are using the correct email address for the Bid Receiving Unit when requesting a conversation in Connect or communicating with the Bid Receiving Unit and should not rely on the accuracy of copying and pasting the email address into the Connect system.
 - i. A bid transmitted by the Connect service constitutes the formal bid of the Bidder and must be submitted in accordance with section 05.

Section 12 titled "Rejection of bid", delete subsections 1a and 1b in their entirety.

Section 20 titled "Further information", paragraph 2 is hereby deleted and replaced with the following: Enquiries concerning receipt of bids may be addressed to the Contracting Authority identified in the bid solicitation.

Section 21 titled "Code of Conduct for Procurement-bid" is hereby deleted in its entirety.

2.3 Submission of Proposals

When responding, the proposal MUST be delivered to the Bid Receiving Unit address indicated below by the time and date indicated on Page 1.

BIDDERS ARE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO:

Canada Revenue Agency

Bid Receiving Unit

BRUg@cra-arc.gc.ca

Bids will not be accepted if emailed directly to this email address. This email address must be used to request that CRA open a Connect conversation, as detailed in Standard Instructions 2003. Bidders must not use their own licensing agreement for Connect to initiate a Connect conversation with CRA.

Bidders are hereby advised that the Bid Receiving Unit of CRA is available Monday to Friday inclusive, between the hours of 0830 and 1500 EDT, excluding those days that the federal government observes as a holiday.

Due to the nature of this solicitation, electronic transmissions of a proposal by facsimile is not considered to be practical and therefore will not be accepted.

2.4 Communications - Solicitation Period SACC A0012T (2014-03-01)

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

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 SACC A9070T (2014-06-26)

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

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

2.6 Terms and Conditions

The Bidder hereby certifies compliance with and acceptance of all of the articles, clauses, terms and conditions contained or referenced in this Request for Proposal (RFP) and Statement of Work (SOW). Any modifications or conditional pricing by the Bidder, including deletions or additions to the articles, clauses, terms and conditions contained or referenced in this RFP and/or SOW will render the bid non-responsive and the bid will receive no further consideration.



Part 3 Proposal Preparation Instructions

3.1 Bid – Number of Copies CRA MODA0055T (2007-11-30)

Canada requests that bidders provide their bid in separate sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Bid

In their technical bid, bidders should demonstrate their understanding of the requirements contained in the bid solicitation and explain how they will meet these requirements. Bidders should demonstrate their capability in a thorough, concise and clear manner for carrying out the Work.

The technical bid should address clearly and in sufficient depth the points that are subject to the evaluation criteria against which the bid will be evaluated. Simply repeating the statement contained in the bid solicitation is not sufficient. In order to facilitate the evaluation of the bid, Canada requests that bidders address and present topics in the order of the evaluation criteria under the same headings. To avoid duplication, bidders may refer to different sections of their bids by identifying the specific paragraph and page number where the subject topic has already been addressed.

Section II: Financial

The bid's financial section should be submitted as a separate electronic document from the other bid sections. Bidders must submit their financial bid in accordance with the format outlined in Appendix 3: Financial Proposal.

Prices must appear in the financial bid only. No prices must be indicated in any other section of the bid.

Section III: Certifications

Bidders must submit the certifications required under Part 5.

3.2 Bid Format and Numbering System CRA MODA0054T (2007-11-30)

Canada requests that bidders use a numbering system corresponding to that of the bid solicitation.



Part 4 Evaluation and Selection

4.1 General

A committee composed of representatives of CRA will evaluate the proposals on behalf of the Agency. The services of independent consultants may be called upon to assist in the evaluation of, or in the validation of, specific aspects of the solution proposed. CRA reserves the right to engage any independent consultant, or use any Government resources, which it deems necessary to evaluate any proposal.

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria identified in Appendix 1 and in conjunction with the Statement of Work (SOW). Bidders are encouraged to address these criteria in sufficient depth in their proposals to permit a full evaluation of their proposals. The onus is on the Bidder to demonstrate that it meets the requirements specified in the solicitation.

Bidders are advised that only listing experience without providing any supporting information to describe where and how such experience was obtained will not be considered to be demonstrated for the purpose of the evaluation. The Bidder should not assume that the evaluation team is necessarily cognizant of or knowledgeable about the experience and capabilities of the Bidder or any of the proposed resource(s); as such, any relevant experience must be demonstrated in the Bidders' written proposal.

The evaluation team will determine first if there are two or more bids with a valid PSIB certification. In that event, the evaluation process will be limited to the bids with the certification; otherwise, all bids will be evaluated. If some of the bids with a valid certification are declared non-responsive, or are withdrawn, and less than two responsive bids with a valid certification remain, then all bids received will be evaluated.

4.2 Steps in the Evaluation Process

The selection process to determine the successful Bidder will be carried out as follows:

Notwithstanding Steps 1 and 2 below, in order to expedite the evaluation process, CRA reserves the right to conduct Step 3 - Evaluation of Financial Proposals concurrently with Steps 1 and 2. Should CRA elect to conduct Step 3 prior to the completion of Step 2, the information in the Financial Proposal will not be disclosed to the team evaluating the mandatory and rated sections until the completion of Steps 1 and 2. However, if the Contracting Authority is able to ascertain that a proposal is non-responsive by virtue of incomplete information or an error in the financial proposal, the Contracting Authority will advise the team evaluating the mandatory and rated sections that the proposal is not compliant and should no longer be considered. The concurrent evaluation of the financial proposal does not in any way construe compliance in Steps 1 and 2 despite the statement "All bids meeting the minimum thresholds in Step 2 will proceed to Step 3".

Bids will be ranked in accordance with the Selection Methodology.



Step 1 – Evaluation against Mandatory Criteria

All bids will be evaluated to determine if the mandatory requirements detailed in Appendix 1: Mandatory Criteria have been met. Only those bids meeting ALL mandatory requirements will then be evaluated in accordance with Step 2 below.

Step 2 – Evaluation against Point-Rated Criteria

Point-rated criteria do not apply to this requirement.

Step 3 – Evaluation of Financial Proposals

Only technically compliant bids meeting all of the requirements detailed in Step 1 will be considered at this point.

Prices submitted will be evaluated to determine the bid evaluation price score as defined in Appendix 3: Financial Proposal. Once the bid evaluation price scores are determined under Step 3, the proposals will proceed to Step 4.

Bidders must provide a price, percentage, or weight, as applicable, for each item identified in the format specified in Appendix 3: Financial Proposal. Ranges (e.g., \$10-\$13) are not acceptable.

Step 4 – Basis of Selection

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 highest bid evaluation price score will be considered to be the highest ranked responsive bid.

Step 5 – Conditions Precedent to Contract Award

The Bidder recommended for award of a Contract must meet the requirements provided in Part 5 “Certifications and Additional Information” of this RFP.

Step 6 – Proof of Proposal Testing

The Bidder recommended for award as defined in Step 4 will proceed to the Proof of Proposal (POP) Testing phase of the evaluation. At their discretion, the Contracting Authority may request the Bidder to provide its proposed product for demonstration and POP testing virtually, with the participation and assistance of the Bidder.

Within five (5) working days of a request from the Contracting Authority, the Bidder with the highest ranked responsive bid must make available its proposed product ready for testing virtually (MS Teams) and/or in person at an agreed upon location. Upon notification of the test the Bidder will be provided with a list of the mandatory requirements that will be subjected to testing by CRA during the POP test. CRA reserves the right to test any or all mandatory criteria in the RFP. The purpose of the POP test will be to validate the Bidder’s proposal and proposed



solution against the mandatory requirements. All Bidder costs, including delivery of the solution and support during the POP will be the responsibility of the Bidder.

The POP testing timeline shall not exceed ten (10) working days, unless extended in writing by the Contracting Authority at CRA's sole discretion. If a deficiency is detected during the POP test, the Bidder will have the opportunity to correct any deficiencies (including the provision of replacement equipment) during the POP testing, provided that all deficiencies are corrected within the ten (10) working days testing timeline.

If the proposed product fails to meet one of the tested mandatory requirements of the SOW at the end of the ten (10) working day test period, the bid will be declared non-responsive. CRA will invite the Bidder with the next highest ranked responsive bid to participate in the Proof of Proposal testing phase of the evaluation.

Step 7 – Contract Entry

The Bidder(s) with the highest ranked responsive bid and meeting all the requirements listed above 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 listed at 5.1 must be completed and submitted with the bid. Failure to submit the Certifications listed at 5.1 will render the bid non-responsive and the bid will receive no further consideration.

5.1 Certifications Required To Be Submitted At Time of Bid Closing

5.1.1 Joint Venture Certification

Only complete this certification if a joint venture is being proposed

The Bidder represents and warrants the following:

- a. The bidding entity is a contractual joint venture in accordance with the following definition. A "contractual joint venture" is an association of two or more parties who have entered into a written contract in which they have set out the terms under which they have agreed to combine their money, property, knowledge, skills, time or other resources in a joint business enterprise, sharing the profits and the losses and each having some degree of control over the enterprise.
- b. The name of the joint venture is: _____ (if applicable).
- c. The members of the contractual joint venture are (the Bidder is to add lines to accommodate the names of all members of the joint venture, as necessary):

- d. The Business Numbers (BN) of each member of the contractual joint venture are as follows (the Bidder is to add lines for additional BNs, as necessary):

- e. The effective date of formation of the joint venture is: _____
- f. Each member of the joint venture has appointed and granted full authority to _____ (the "Lead Member") to act on behalf of all members as its representative for the purposes of executing documentation relating to the solicitation and any resulting contract.
- g. The joint venture is in effect as of the date of bid submission. This Joint Venture Certification must be signed by each member of the joint venture.

The Joint Venture Certification shall be effective throughout the entire period of the Contract, including any exercised option period, if exercised. The CRA has the right to request documentation from the Bidder evidencing the existence of the contractual joint venture.

Signature of an authorized representative of each member of the joint venture



(the Bidder is to add signatory lines as necessary):

_____ Signature of Duly Authorized Representative	_____ Name of Individual (Please Print)	_____ Legal Name of Business Entity	_____ Date
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_____ Signature of Duly Authorized Representative	_____ Name of Individual (Please Print)	_____ Legal Name of Business Entity	_____ Date
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5.1.2 Certification of requirements for the Conditional Set-aside for Indigenous Business

This procurement may be conditionally set aside under the federal government Procurement Strategy for Indigenous Business (PSIB). If the certification below is not provided by the Bidder, the bid will be evaluated as being from a non-Indigenous business. For more information on Indigenous business requirements of the Set-aside Program for Indigenous Business, see [Eligibility for Indigenous procurement set aside](#) and [Procurement information for Indigenous business owners](#).

1. A bidder who submits, **under this program**, a bid or proposal in response to a solicitation must complete and submit this certification.

- i. I, _____ (*Name of duly authorized representative of business*) hereby certify that _____ (*Name of business*) meets, and shall continue to meet throughout the duration of the contract, the requirements for this program as set out in "[Requirements for bidders in the Set-Aside Program for Indigenous Business](#)", which document I have read and understand.
- ii. The aforementioned business agrees to ensure that any subcontractor it engages with respect to the contract shall, if required, satisfy the requirements set out in "Requirements for bidders in the Set-Aside Program for Indigenous Business."
- iii. The aforementioned business agrees to provide to ISC, immediately upon request, information to substantiate a subcontractor's compliance with this program.

2. Please check the applicable box:

- i. The aforementioned business is an Indigenous business which is a sole proprietorship, band, limited company, co-operative, partnership or not-for-profit organization, []

OR

- ii. The aforementioned business is a joint venture between 2 or more Indigenous businesses or an Indigenous business and a non-Indigenous business. []



3. The aforementioned business agrees to immediately furnish to ISC, such evidence as may be requested by ISC from time to time, corroborating this certification. Such evidence shall be open to audit during normal business hours by a representative of ISC, who may make copies and take extracts from the evidence. The aforementioned business agrees to provide all facilities for audits and to furnish information requested by ISC with respect to the certification.
4. It is understood that the civil consequences of making an untrue statement in the bid documents, or of not complying with the requirements of the program or failing to produce satisfactory evidence to ISC regarding the requirements of the program, may include:
 - forfeiture of the bid deposit
 - retention of the holdback
 - disqualification of the business from participating in future contracts under the program
 - termination of the contract

In the event that the contract is terminated because of an untrue statement or non-compliance with the requirements of the program, ISC may engage another contractor to complete the performance of the contract and any additional costs incurred by ISC shall, upon the request of ISC, be borne by the aforementioned business.

5. Date _____

Signature _____

Title (duly authorized representative of business) _____

For (name of business) _____

5.2 Certifications Precedent to Contract Award and Associated Information

The certifications listed below should be completed and submitted with the bid but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications 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 comply with the request of the Contracting Authority and to provide the certification within the time frame provided will render the bid non responsive and the bid will receive no further consideration.

5.2.1 Integrity Provisions – Associated Information

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder and its Affiliates are in compliance with the provisions as stated in Section 01 Integrity Provisions - Bid of Standard Instructions 2003. The associated information required within the Integrity Provisions will assist Canada in confirming that the certifications are true.



5.2.2 Employment Equity

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder, and any of the Bidder's members if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, is not named on the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-contractor-program.html#afed)" list (<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-contractor-program.html#afed>) available from [Employment and Social Development Canada \(ESDC\)-Labour's](#) website.

Canada will have the right to declare a bid non-responsive if the Bidder, or any member of the Bidder if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, appears on the "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](#)" list at the time of contract award.

5.2.3 Former Public Servant CRA Mod A3025T 2014-06-26

Contracts awarded to former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension or of a lump sum payment must bear the closest public scrutiny, and reflect fairness in the spending of public funds. Bidders must provide the information required below before contract award. If the answer to the questions and, as applicable the information required have not been received by the time the evaluation of bids is completed, Canada will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to comply with Canada's request and meet the requirement within the prescribed time frame will render the bid non-responsive.

Definitions:

For the purposes of this clause, "former public servant" is any former member of a department as defined in the [Financial Administration Act](#), R.S., 1985, c. F-11, a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces or a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A former public servant may be:

- a. an individual;
- b. an individual who has incorporated;
- c. a partnership made of former public servants; or
- d. a sole proprietorship or entity where the affected individual has a controlling or major interest in the entity.

"lump sum payment period" means the period measured in weeks of salary, for which payment has been made to facilitate the transition to retirement or to other employment as a result of the implementation of various programs to reduce the size of the Public Service. The lump sum payment period does not include the period of severance pay, which is measured in a like manner.



"pension" means, a pension or annual allowance paid under the [Public Service Superannuation Act](#) (PSSA), R.S., 1985, c.P-36, and any increases paid pursuant to the [Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act](#), R.S., 1985, c.S-24 as it affects the PSSA. It does not include pensions payable pursuant to the [Canadian Forces Superannuation Act](#), R.S., 1985, c.C-17, the [Defence Services Pension Continuation Act](#), 1970, c.D-3, the [Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act](#), 1970, c.R-10, and the [Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act](#), R.S., 1985, c.R-11, the [Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act](#), R.S., 1985, c.M-5, and that portion of pension payable to the [Canada Pension Plan Act](#), R.S., 1985, c.C-8.

Former Public Servant in Receipt of a Pension:

As per the above definitions, is the Bidder a FPS in receipt of a pension? **Yes** () **No** ()

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information, for all FPSs in receipt of a pension, as applicable:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service.

By providing this information, Bidders agree that the successful Bidder's status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports.

Work Force Adjustment Directive:

Is the Bidder a FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of the Work Force Adjustment Directive?

YES () **NO** ()

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. conditions of the lump sum payment incentive;
- c. date of termination of employment;
- d. amount of lump sum payment;
- e. rate of pay on which lump sum payment is based;
- f. period of lump sum payment including start date, end date and number of weeks;
- g. number and amount (professional fees) of other contracts subject to the restrictions of a work force adjustment program.

For all contracts awarded during the lump sum payment period, the total amount of fees that may be paid to a FPS who received a lump sum payment is \$5,000, including Applicable Taxes.



5.2.4 Vendor Reporting Information

The following information should be provided to enable CRA compliance with paragraph 221(1)(d) of the Income Tax Act, R.S.C. 1985, c.1 (5th Supp.) and report payments made to contractors under applicable services contracts (including contracts involving a mix of goods and services) on a T1204 Government Service Contract Payments slip.

For the purpose of this clause:

“Legal Name” means the name of the company, corporation or other entity constituted as a legal person under which this person exercises its rights and performs its obligations.

“Operating Name” means the name that is legally protected and used in the course of its business by a company, corporation or other entity legally constituted as a legal person, or by the individual.

The Bidder is requested to provide the following:

Legal Name: _____

Operating Name: _____

Address: _____

Payment/T1204 Address (if different) Payment address is same as above

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Type of Business (Select only one)

- Corporation
- Partnership
- Sole Proprietor
- Non-Profit Organization
- US or International Co.

All registered companies (excluding Non-Profit organizations and US or International companies) must provide their Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Business Number (BN).



Additional details on how to obtain a BN can be found at: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/bn-ne/menu-eng.html>

If the services will be rendered by an individual, please provide the Social Insurance Number (SIN).

Goods and Services Tax (GST) Number: _____

Business Number (BN): _____

If a SIN number is being provided, the information should be placed in a sealed envelope marked "Protected".

Social Insurance Number (SIN): _____

N/A Reason: _____

Note: If you select "N/A", then you must give a reason.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____
(Signature of duly authorized representative of business)

Title: _____
(Title of duly authorized representative of business)

5.2.5 Certificate of Independent Bid Determination

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid or tender (hereinafter "bid") to:

Canada Revenue Agency
(Corporate Name of Recipient of this Submission)

for: **Exterior Drop Boxes for Mail - 1000440277A**
(Name of Project and Solicitation Number)

in response to the call or request (hereinafter "call") for bids made by:

Canada Revenue Agency
(Name of Tendering Authority)



do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:
I certify, on behalf of: _____

(Corporate Legal Name of Bidder or Tenderer [hereinafter "Bidder"])

that:

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the Bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the Bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the Bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the Bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the Bidder, whether or not affiliated with the Bidder, who:
 - a. has been requested to submit a bid in response to this call for bids;
 - b. could potentially submit a bid in response to this call for bids, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience;
6. The Bidder discloses that **(check one of the following, as applicable)**:
 - a. the Bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with, any competitor;
 - b. the Bidder has entered into consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with one or more competitors regarding this call for bids, and the Bidder discloses, in the attached document(s), complete details thereof, including the names of the competitors and the nature of, and reasons for, such consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements;
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6a or 6b above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - a. prices;
 - b. methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - c. the intention or decision to submit, or not to submit, a bid; or
 - d. the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications of the call for bids; except as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph 6b above;
8. In addition, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this call for bids relates, except as specifically authorized by the Tendering Authority or as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph 6b above;
9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, knowingly disclosed by the Bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening, or of the awarding of the contract, whichever comes first, unless otherwise required by law or as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph 6b above.



(Printed Name and Signature of Duly Authorized Agent of Bidder)

(Position Title)

(Date)



Appendices

Appendix 1: Mandatory Criteria

Evaluation Procedures

i) Bids will be evaluated in accordance with the process outlined in Part 4 Evaluation and Selection and all the mandatory evaluation criteria detailed below. The Bidder must provide supporting documentation in its proposal as requested by CRA, in order to demonstrate that each technical mandatory requirement has been met. To assist with the evaluation process, it is preferred that the Bidder complete the table included below, to indicate where in its proposal the information can be located. Bids that fail to meet all mandatory requirements will be declared non-responsive and the bid will receive no further consideration.

ii) Equivalent Products

For section A. Product Requirements:

1. Products that are equivalent in form, fit, function and quality to the item(s) specified in the bid solicitation will be considered where the Bidder:
 - a. designates the brand name, model and/or part number of the substitute product;
 - b. states that the substitute product is fully interchangeable with the item specified;
 - c. provides complete specifications and descriptive literature for each substitute product;
 - d. provides compliance statements that include technical specifics showing the substitute product meets all mandatory performance criteria that are specified in the bid solicitation; and
 - e. clearly identifies those areas in the specifications and descriptive literature that support the substitute product's compliance with any mandatory performance criteria.
2. Products offered as equivalent in form, fit, function and quality will not be considered if:
 - a. the bid fails to provide all the information requested to allow the Contracting Authority to fully evaluate the equivalency of each substitute product; or
 - b. the substitute product fails to meet or exceed the mandatory performance criteria specified in the bid solicitation for that item.

#	Requirement Description	Compliant		Bidder Document Reference (Location/Page) or Response
		YES	NO	
A. PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS				
M1.	The exterior drop boxes must meet the following product requirements:			
1.	The drop box must be no larger than 20" (50.8 cm) wide x 22" (55.9 cm) deep x 49" (124.4 cm) high (including height of legs)			
2.	The drop box deposit door must be no larger than (17.8 cm) high x 15 3/4" (40.0 cm) wide			
3.	The drop box access door must be no larger than 11 3/4" (29.8 cm) high x 15 3/4" (40.0 cm) wide			
4.	The drop box must have legs that are 6" high, and they must be able to be bolted to the ground			
5.	The drop box exterior and doors must be made of 14 gauge steel (higher grade is also acceptable)			
6.	The drop box must be equipped with an access handle to facilitate the opening of the deposit door, with the handle no more than 44" (111.8 cm) from the ground			
7.	The deposit door must have a counter balanced self-closing chute, which seals off access to the collection compartment when the door is opened			
8.	The collection box access door must have a high-security cam lock which meets the following criteria: a. The locks must consist of two main parts: a cylindrical keyed nut and a tongue bar (also known as a cam). Once installed, you can lock the enclosure by inserting a key into the former part and turning it. b. Each cam lock system must utilize a hardened stainless steel insert throughout the cylinder (5 pin cylinder cam) to			

#	Requirement Description	Compliant		Bidder Document Reference (Location/Page) or Response
		YES	NO	
	<p>provide the ultimatum defense against drilling, pulling and other forms of vandal attack.</p> <p>c. Must use patented keys to maintain control over who can cut keys for each lock</p> <p>d. the lock provided must be capable of being rekeyed a minimum of a 1000 times;</p>			
M2.	The drop boxes must come with a minimum of a one (1) year warranty, and documentation must be provided to demonstrate this.			
M3.	<p>The Bidder must be the manufacturer of the drop box proposed, or authorized by the manufacturer to resell the drop box.</p> <p>If the Bidder is a reseller, the Bidder must provide a letter from the manufacturer certifying that the Bidder is an authorized reseller. If the Bidder is the manufacturer, they must provide documentation to support this.</p>			



Appendix 2: Point Rated Criteria

NOT APPLICABLE



Appendix 3: Financial Proposal

The Bidder must submit their financial bid in accordance with the Basis of Payment in Annex B.

Bidders must submit firm all-inclusive unit prices in Canadian funds, Canadian customs duties and excise taxes included, and Applicable Taxes excluded, Delivered Duty Paid (DDP) (reference Appendix A of Annex A: Statement of Work), for the for the supply and delivery of the goods outlined in Annex A: Statement of Work.

The prices specified include all of the requirements defined in the Statement of Work in Annex A.

Bid Evaluation Price Score

3.2.1 The bid evaluation price score is composed of two parts, with a maximum score to be calculated by CRA as follows:

Categories	Points
FIRM REQUIREMENT SCORE	120
OPTIONAL REQUIREMENT SCORE	80
MAXIMUM POINTS	200

- **60%** of maximum points will be awarded to the Bidder with the lowest final bid evaluation price for the firm requirement as identified in Annex A: Statement of Work under section 5.1 (the Firm Requirement Score) and
- **40%** of maximum points will be awarded to the Bidder with the lowest final bid evaluation price for the optional requirement, as identified in Annex A: Statement of Work under section 5.2 (the Optional Requirement Score)

All other compliant proposals will be prorated accordingly as outlined below:

1. Bid Evaluation Price Score for Firm Requirement

- Bidder with the Lowest Bid Evaluation Price = **120 Points**
- Other Bidders = (Lowest Final Bid Evaluation Price / Bidder's Final Bid Evaluation Price) * **120 Points**



2. Bid Evaluation Price Score for Optional Requirement

- Bidder with the Lowest Bid Evaluation Price = **80 Points**
- Other Bidders = (Lowest Final Bid Evaluation Price / Bidder's Final Bid Evaluation Price) * **80 Points**

The sum of the two weighted price scores will determine the Bidder's final bid evaluation price score.

3.2.2 Example scenario:

Bidder A offers a final bid evaluation price of \$68,000 for the Firm Requirement, and \$75,000 for the Option Requirement

Bidder B offers a final bid evaluation price of \$51,000 for the Firm Requirement and \$100,000 for the Option Requirement

Results:

Bidder A's bid evaluation price score is calculated as follows:

Description	Value
1. Bid Evaluation Price Score for Firm Requirement	Maximum of 120 points
Bidder's Final Bid Evaluation Price	\$68,000
Lowest Bidder's Final Bid Evaluation Price (Bidder B)	\$51,000
Weighted Final Bid Evaluation Score	$(51,000/68,000) * 120 = 90$ points
2. Bid Evaluation Price Score for Optional Requirement	Maximum of 80 points
Bidder's Final Bid Evaluation Price	\$75,000
Lowest Bidder's Final Bid Evaluation Price (Bidder A)	\$75,000
Weighted Final Bid Evaluation Score	$(75,000/75,000 * 80) = 80$ points
Bid Evaluation Price Score	170 points



Bidder B's bid evaluation price score is calculated as follows:

Description	Value
1. Bid Evaluation Price Score for Firm Requirement	Maximum of 120 points
Bidder's Final Bid Evaluation Price	\$51,000
Lowest Bidder's Final Bid Evaluation Price (Bidder B)	\$51,000
Weighted Final Bid Evaluation Score	$(51,000/51,000) * 120 = 120$ points
2. Bid Evaluation Price Score for Optional Requirement	Maximum of 80 points
Bidder's Final Bid Evaluation Price	\$100,000
Lowest Bidder's Final Bid Evaluation Price (Bidder A)	\$75,000
Weighted Final Bid Evaluation Score	$(75,000/100,000) = 60$ points
Bid Evaluation Price Score	180 points

In this scenario, the successful Bidder would have been Bidder B, despite each Bidder having the lowest price in one of the two sections in the financial proposal, both by equal amounts. The difference was that Bidder B had the lowest price score in the section with the largest weighting.



Part 6 Model Contract

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

6.1 Revision of Departmental Name

Reference to the Minister of Public Works and Government Services or to Public Works and Government Services Canada contained in any term, condition or clause of the contract shall be interpreted as a reference to the Commissioner of Revenue or the Canada Revenue Agency, as the case may be, with the exception of the following clauses:

- a. Standard Clauses and Conditions

6.2 Agency Restructuring

In cases where the Contracting Authority's department or agency is being reconfigured, absorbed by another government department or agency, or disbanded entirely, the Commissioner may, by giving notice to the Contractor, designate another Contracting Authority for all or part of the Contract.

6.3 Requirement

The Contractor must perform the Work in accordance with the Statement of Work (SOW) at Annex A, attached hereto and forming part of the Contract

6.3.1 Period of the Contract

The period of the Contract is one (1) year from the date of Contract Award (date to be added upon award).

6.3.2 Option to Extend the Contract

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to extend the term of the Contract by up to four (4) additional one (1) year period(s) under the same conditions. The Contractor agrees that, during the extended period of the Contract, it will be paid in accordance with the applicable provisions as set out in the Basis of Payment.

The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority and will be evidenced, for administrative purposes only, through a contract amendment. The Contracting Authority may exercise an option at any time before the expiry of the Contract by sending a written notice to the Contractor.



6.3.3 Option to Purchase Additional Quantities of the Goods, Services or Both

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to acquire the additional quantities of the goods, services or both described at Annex A: Statement of Work of the Contract under the same terms and conditions and at the prices and/or rates stated in the Contract.

The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority and will be evidenced, for administrative purposes only, through a contract amendment. The Contracting Authority may exercise an option at any time before the expiry of the Contract by sending a written notice to the Contractor.

6.4 Standard Clauses and Conditions SACC A0000C (2012-07-16)

All clauses and conditions identified in the Contract by number, date and title are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC).

The Manual is available on the PWGSC Website which can be found at <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>

The following Clauses are incorporated by reference:

SACC Reference	Clause Title	Date
A2000C A2001C	Foreign Nationals (Canadian Contractor) OR Foreign Nationals (Foreign Contractor) <i>(to be determined at contract award)</i>	2006-06-16 2006-06-16
A9068C	Government Site Regulations	2010-01-11
A9117C	T1204 – Direct Request by Customer Department	2007-11-30
C6000C	Limitation of Price	2011-05-16
C2000C	Taxes – Foreign-based Contractor (<i>To be deleted at contract award if not applicable.</i>)	2007-11-30
C2605C	Canadian Customs Duties & Sales Tax –Foreign-based Contractor	2008-05-12
G1005C	Insurance	2008-05-12
H1001C	Multiple Payments	2008-05-12



6.5 General Conditions

2030 (2022-12-01) General Conditions – Higher Complexity - Goods, apply to and form part of the Contract.

Section 01 titled “Interpretation” the definition of “Canada”, “Crown”, “His Majesty” or “the Government” is hereby amended to read: “Canada”, “Crown”, “His Majesty” or “the Government” means His Majesty the King in right of Canada as represented by the Commissioner of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and any other person duly authorized to act on behalf of the Commissioner.

Section 02 titled “Standard clauses and conditions” is hereby amended to delete the phrase “Pursuant to the Department of Public Works and Government Services Act, S.C. 1996, c. 16,” The remainder of Section 02 remains unchanged.

Section 22 titled “Warranty”,

Subsection 1 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Despite inspection and acceptance of the Work by or on behalf of Canada and without restricting any other provision of the Contract or any condition, warranty or provision imposed by law, the Contractor warrants that, for 12 months (or the length of the manufacturer’s warranty, whichever is longer), the Work will be free from all defects in design, material or workmanship, and will conform to the requirements of the Contract. The warranty period begins on the date of delivery, or if acceptance takes place at a later date, the date of acceptance. With respect to Government Property not supplied by the Contractor, the Contractor's warranty will extend only to its proper incorporation into the Work.”

Subsection 3 is hereby amended to delete, “In such cases, the Contractor will be paid the fair and reasonable Cost (including reasonable travel and living expenses) incurred in so doing, with no allowance for profit, less an amount equal to the Cost of rectifying the defect or non-conformance at the Contractor’s plant”.

Section 23 titled “Confidentiality”,

Subsection 5 is hereby amended to delete “Public Works and Government Services (PWGSC)” and insert “Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)”.

Subsection 6 is hereby amended to delete “PWGSC Industrial Security Manual and its supplements”, and insert “Security Requirements for the Protection of Sensitive Information issued by the CRA, Security Branch”.

The remainder of Section 23 remains unchanged.



Section 32 titled “Termination for convenience” subsection 2b is hereby amended to delete “in accordance with the profit provisions found in PWGSC Supply Manual section 10.65 Calculation of profit on negotiated contracts,”.

Section 43 titled “Integrity provisions - contract” is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

The Supplier Integrity Directive (SID) incorporated by reference into the bid solicitation is incorporated into, and forms a binding part of the Contract. The Contractor must comply with the provisions of the SID, which can be found on the Canada Revenue Agency’s website at <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/procurement-cra/supplier-integrity-directive-2.html>.

Section 45 titled “Code of Conduct for Procurement - Contract” is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 46 titled “Anti-forced labour requirements” is hereby amended to delete “PWGSC” and insert “CRA”.

6.6 Security Requirements

Contractor personnel must be escorted at all times while on CRA premises.

6.7 Authorities

6.7.1 Contracting Authority A1024C (2007-05-25)

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Name: Katherine Hutton

Telephone Number: (613) 286-5340

E-mail address: Katherine.hutton@cra-arc.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.



6.7.2 Project Authority A1022C (2007-05-25)

To be completed at the time of Contract award.

Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
E-mail Address:

The Project 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 Project Authority, however the Project 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.

6.7.3 Contractor's Representative

To be completed at the time of Contract award.

Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
E-mail Address:

6.7.4 Site Authority

The Site Authority is the representative of the agency for whom the Work is being carried. The Site Authority is responsible for providing access to their respective CRA facilities and equipment. The Site Authority name will be identified for the firm requirement and any optional quantities. All work carried out under this Contract is to be performed to the satisfaction of the Site Authority. Should the work or any portions thereof not be satisfactory, the Site Authority reserves the right to reject it, in part or in its entirety, and to require its correction before recommending payment.

The Site Authority is responsible for:

- arranging for access to Crown facilities and equipment;
- reviewing and inspecting all invoices submitted;
- inspecting and accepting all work performed as detailed in this contract.



6.8 Delivery

i) Firm Requirement

All the deliverables must be received by the Site Authority no later than eight (8) weeks from the date of Contract award.

ii) Optional Requirements

All optional drop boxes ordered must be received by the Site Authority no later than eight (8) weeks from the date the amendment to exercise the optional quantity is issued.

6.9 Inspection and Acceptance

All deliverables under the Contract shall be subject to inspection and acceptance by the Site Authority at destination.

6.10 Basis of Payment SACC C0207C (2013-04-25)

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations, the Contractor will be paid firm all-inclusive unit prices in accordance with the Annex B: Basis of Payment. Customs duties are included 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 authorized, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work.

6.11 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 distributed as follows:

- a. The original and one (1) copy must be forwarded to the Project Authority of the Contract, identified under the section entitled "Authorities", for certification and payment.
- b. One (1) copy must be forwarded to the Contracting Authority identified under the section entitled "Authorities" of the Contract.



6.12 Payment Process

At Canada's discretion the Contractor will be paid using direct deposit or cheque.

At its sole discretion Canada may change the method of payment at any time during the period of the Contract, including any extension thereto, to one of the other payment methods stated above. All communications regarding the specific method of payment, including changes thereto, will be in writing via email as it's not Canada's desire to formally amend the Contract if the payment method is changed.

It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that their organization is entitled to receive payment from the Government of Canada.

6.12.1 Payment by Direct Deposit

The Contractor shall accept Direct Deposit for payment of the goods and/or services described herein. Payments by direct deposit will be subject to Article 18 – Payment Period and Article 19 - Interest on Overdue Accounts, set out in 2030 General Conditions (2022-12-01) forming part of the Contract.

To complete or amend a direct deposit registration, the Contractor must complete the Vendor Electronic Payment Registration form accessible at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/rc231.html>

It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that the information and account number submitted to Canada via their Vendor Electronic Payment Registration form is up to date.

Should the Contractor's information within the Vendor Electronic Payment Registration form not be accurate or up to date, the provisions identified herein under Article 18 – Payment Period and Article 19 - Interest on Overdue Accounts, set out in 2030 General Conditions (2022-12-01) forming part of the Contract will not apply, until the Contractor corrects the matter.

6.12.2 Payment by Cheque

The Contractor shall accept Government of Canada cheques for the payment of goods and/or services described herein.



6.13 Certifications

The continuous compliance with the certifications provided by the Contractor and the ongoing cooperation in providing associated information are conditions of the Contract and are subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the contract. If the Contractor does not comply with any certification, fails to provide the associated information, or it is determined that any certification made by the Contractor is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, Canada has the right, pursuant to the default provision of the Contract, to terminate the Contract for default.

6.13.1 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Default by the Contractor

The Contractor understands and agrees that, when an Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (AIEE) exists between the Contractor and Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) - Labour, the AIEE must remain valid during the entire period of the Contract. If the AIEE becomes invalid, the name of the Contractor will be added to the "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](#)" list. The imposition of such a sanction by ESDC will constitute the Contractor in default as per the terms of the Contract.

6.14 Joint Venture (NOTE to bidders: to be deleted at contract award if not applicable)

If the Contract is awarded to a joint venture, all members of the joint venture will be jointly and severally or solidarily liable for the performance of the Contract.

In the case of a contractual joint venture, no dispute, claim or action for damages, whether based in contract, or in tort, or any other theory of law, howsoever arising from the Request for Proposal, Contract, or any other related or subsequently issued documents including without limitation Task Authorizations, Contract Amendments, may be commenced, or brought against the CRA, including without limitation any of its officers, employees or agents unless each member of the joint venture is a party to such dispute, claim, or action (as the case may be).

The Contractor shall obtain the prior written approval of the Contracting Authority to any change in the membership of a contractual joint venture after Contract Award. Any change in the membership of a contractual joint venture after Contract Award without the prior written approval of the Contracting Authority shall be deemed to be default under the Contract.

The joint venture represents and warrants that it has appointed and granted full authority to _____ (*name to be inserted at Contract Award*), the "Lead Member", to act on behalf of all members as its representative for the purposes of executing documentation relating to the Contract, including but not limited to Contract Amendments and Task Authorizations.



In the event of a contractual joint venture, all payments due and owing to the joint venture shall be made by the Canada Revenue Agency to the Lead Member of the joint venture. Any such payment to the Lead Member of the joint venture shall be deemed to be payment to the joint venture and shall act as a release from all the members of the joint venture.

By giving notice to the Lead Member the Canada Revenue Agency will be deemed to have given notice to all the members of the joint venture.

6.15 Proactive Disclosure of Contracts with Former Public Servants CRA Mod A3025C 2013-03-21

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.

6.16 Applicable Laws SACC A9070C (2014-06-26)

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

6.17 Priority of Documents SACC A9140C (2007-05-25)

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.

1. The Articles of Agreement;
2. The General Conditions (2030 (2022-12-01) General Conditions - Higher Complexity – Goods);
3. Annex A: Statement of Work;
4. Annex B: Basis of Payment; and
5. The Contractor's proposal dated *(insert date of bid)*, as amended on *(insert date(s) of amendment(s), if applicable)*.



6.18 Alternative Dispute Resolution

NEGOTIATION FOLLOWED BY MANDATORY MEDIATION, THEN, IF NECESSARY BY ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION

The parties agree to meet, negotiate in good faith, and attempt to resolve, amicably, any dispute arising out of or related to the contract or any breach thereof.

If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute through negotiations within 10 working days, the parties agree to attempt to resolve the dispute through mediation by submitting the dispute to a sole mediator selected jointly by the parties. All costs shall be shared equally between the disputing parties.

If a dispute cannot be settled with a 15 calendar day period after the mediator has been appointed, or if the parties are unable to select a mediator within 15 calendar days of the date of provision of notice by one party to the other of the intention to proceed to mediation, or such longer period as agreed to by the parties, the parties shall have the right to resort to any remedies permitted by law, including but not limited to arbitration or litigation.

All defences based on the passage of time shall be tolled pending the termination of the mediation.

6.18.1 Procurement Ombudsman

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, by telephone at 1-866-734-5169, or by web at www.opo-boa.gc.ca. For more information on OPO's services, please see the [Procurement Ombudsman Regulations](#) or visit the [OPO website](#).

6.18.2 Contract Administration

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 administration of certain federal contracts, regardless of dollar value. If you have concerns regarding the administration of a federal contract, 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. For more information on OPO's services, please see the [Procurement Ombudsman Regulations](#) or visit the [OPO website](#).



6.19 Indigenous Business Certification

1. The Contractor warrants that its certification of compliance is accurate and complete and in accordance with the [Eligibility for Indigenous procurement set aside](#) requirements.
2. The Contractor must keep proper records and documentation relating to the accuracy of the certification provided to Canada. The Contractor must obtain the written consent of the Contracting Authority before disposing of any such records or documentation before the expiration of six years after final payment under the Contract, or until settlement of all outstanding claims and disputes, under the Contract, whichever is later. All such records and documentation must at all times during the retention period be open to audit by the representatives of Canada, who may make copies and take extracts. The Contractor must provide all reasonably required facilities for any audits.
3. Nothing in this clause must be interpreted as limiting the rights and remedies which Canada may otherwise have pursuant to the Contract.

6.20 Notification of Cyber Security Events

1. The Contractor shall provide written notice immediately upon discovery of a cyber security incident, breach, compromise, attack or cyber threat including without limitation: any activities that result in an adverse effect such as damage, disruption, unauthorized access to the Contractor's information technology system (the "IT System"), network, infrastructure, or data; malicious disruption or denial of service, (the "Cyber Incident").

The written notice shall be provided to the following:

- a. the Contracting Authority;
 - b. the CRA Cyber Security Operations Centre (CSOC) at cyberincident@cra-arc.gc.ca; and
 - c. the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security (CCCS) at cyberIncident@cyber.gc.ca.
2. The written notice shall include the following information about the Cyber Incident as soon as the information becomes available to the Contractor:
 - a. the date and time of the Cyber Incident;
 - b. the nature of the Cyber Incident;
 - c. identification of the compromised elements of IT Systems, network, data and infrastructure;
 - d. a statement as to the success of the Cyber Incident;



- e. the extent of known or probable compromise to CRA information involved in the Cyber Incident;
 - f. the actions the Contractor is taking or will take to contain the Cyber Incident and limit further impact caused by the Cyber Incident including timeframes for implementing such actions;
 - g. a description of any information which was or may have been accessed or compromised as such information may impact or will impact the CRA; and
 - h. any further or other information as may be reasonably requested by the CRA to assist the CRA in ensuring the security of its IT Systems, network, infrastructure, and data.
3. The Contractor must provide the CRA with ongoing updates on the status of the Cyber Incident as such may impact CRA including without limitation its IT Systems, network, infrastructure or data until such time as the vulnerabilities have been remedied and must provide such further and other information regarding the Cyber Incident(s) as may be reasonably requested by the CRA.
 4. The information provided by the Contractor to the CRA under this section must be treated as confidential information by the CRA and will be disclosed only to those CRA employees and contractors as may be reasonably necessary to ensure the protection of the CRA's IT Systems, network, infrastructure, or data, and to the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security.
 5. Failure to provide notice to the CRA under this section may, in the CRA's sole discretion, result in termination of this Agreement in accordance with General Conditions "Default by the Contractor".

6.21 Annexes

The following Annexes apply to and form part of the Contract:

Annex A: Statement of Work

Annex B: Basis of Payment



Annex A - Statement of Work

1.0 Title

Exterior drop boxes for Mail

2.0 Objective

The Contractor must supply and deliver seventeen (17) new exterior drop boxes to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) locations listed in Appendix A1 of this document.

3.0 Background

Exterior drop boxes are outside designated CRA locations to securely collect envelopes deposited by taxpayers. The CRA mailrooms are currently in the process of replacing drop boxes that are beyond repair. The intent for the new drop boxes is to have a similar look and feel as the standard CRA drop boxes that are currently in place.

4.0 Specifications

The CRA is looking to obtain the Canadian Mailbox Company (CMC) Model 1400 brand of drop box, or an equivalent model that meets the same mandatory specifications as follows:

4.1 The exterior of the drop box must meet the following specifications:

- i. the drop box must be designed for outdoor installations.
- ii. The exterior colour must be royal navy blue and match the drop boxes that are currently in place (CMC model 1400 blue)
- iii. the drop box must be free standing and front loading
- iv. the legs must be 6" (15.2 cm) high
- v. the drop box must have the ability to bolt all legs to the ground
- vi. the drop box exterior and doors must be made of 14 gauge steel (or higher grade)
- vii. the drop box must be equipped with an access handle to facilitate the opening of the deposit door, where the handle is no more than 44" (111.8 cm) from the ground
- viii. the drop box must be no larger than 20" (50.8 cm) wide, 22" (55.9 cm) deep and 49" (124.4 cm) high (including legs), to fit in existing spaces



4.2 Drop Box Doors

The deposit door that the taxpayer uses to submit their mail into the drop box, and the access door that the CRA uses to retrieve the mail, must meet the following specifications:

4.2.1 Deposit door:

- 4.2.1.1 Must have a counter balanced self-closing chute, which seals off access to the collection compartment when the door is opened;
- 4.2.1.2 Must be no larger than 7" (17.8 cm) high x 15 ¾" (40.0 cm) wide

4.2.2 Access door:

4.2.2.1 Must have a high-security cam lock installed which meets the following criteria:

- a. The locks must consist of two main parts: a cylindrical keyed nut and a tongue bar (also known as a cam). Once installed, you can lock the enclosure by inserting a key into the former part and turning it.
- b. Each cam lock system must utilize a hardened stainless steel insert throughout the cylinder (5 pin cylinder cam) to provide the ultimate defense against drilling, pulling and other forms of vandal attack.
- c. Must use patented keys to maintain control over who can cut keys for each lock
- d. Must provide resistance to lock picking, lock bumping, or lock snapping.

4.2.2.2 The lock provided must be capable of being rekeyed a minimum of a 1000 times

4.2.2.3 The door must be equipped with a three (3) point locking mechanism

4.2.2.4 The Contractor must provide three (3) keys per door

4.2.2.5 The access door must be no larger than 11 ¾" (29.8 cm) high x 15 ¾" (40.0 cm) wide

4.3 Warranty

The exterior drop boxes must come with a minimum (1) year warranty covering all defective workmanship and materials.



5.0 Deliverables

5.1 Firm Requirement

The Contractor must supply and deliver seventeen (17) new exterior drop boxes that meet all of the specifications detailed at Section 4.0 no later than eight (8) weeks from the date of contract award. Appendix A1 describes the delivery locations.

Drop boxes must be packaged for shipment in a way that the contents are not visible.

5.2 Optional Requirement

The Contractor must supply and deliver additional new exterior drop boxes to any CRA location across Canada as listed in Appendix-A2, on an “as and when requested” basis.

- The Contractor must deliver additional quantities of new exterior drop boxes no later than eight (8) weeks from the time of request by the CRA.

**APPENDIX A1: List of destinations for required quantities**

Delivery location	Quantity
Canada Revenue Agency Attention : Mail Services Team Leader 110-151 avenue du Lac, Rouyn-Noranda QC J9X 0G7	1
Canada Revenue Agency Attention : Mail Services Team Leader 2575, boulevard Ste-Anne Quebec QC G1J 1Y5	1
Canada Revenue Agency Attention : Mail Services Team Leader 81 Mulcaster Street Barrie ON L4M 6T7	1
Canada Revenue Agency Attention : Mail Services Team Leader 11 Station Street Belleville ON K8N 2S3	1
Canada Revenue Agency Attention : Mail Services Team Leader City Place 111 102 - 1475 John Counter Blvd. Kingston ON K7M 0E6	1
Canada Revenue Agency Attention : Mail Services Team Leader 1161 Crawford Drive Peterborough ON K9J 6X6	1
Canada Revenue Agency Attention : Mail Services Team Leader 5001 Yonge Street, 7th floor North York ON M2N 6R9	2
Canada Revenue Agency Attention : Mail Services Team Leader 32 Church Street St. Catharines ON L2R 3B9	1
Canada Revenue Agency	2



Attention : Mail Services Team Leader 25 Saint Clair Avenue East Toronto ON M4T 1M2	
Canada Revenue Agency Attention : Mail Services Team Leader 340 - 3rd Avenue North Saskatoon SK S7K 0A8	1
Canada Revenue Agency Attention : Mail Services Team Leader 66 Stapon Road Winnipeg MB R3C 3M2	3
Canada Revenue Agency Attention : Mail Services Team Leader 9755 King George Blvd. Surrey BC V3T 5E1	2
Total	17

**APPENDIX A2: List of potential destinations for optional requirements**

Atlantic
Delivery location
275 Pope Road, Summerside PE C1N 5Z7
1-30 Brackley Point Road, Charlottetown PE C1A 6X9
955 Murray Avenue, Bathurst NB E2A 0C8
217-770 Main Street, Moncton NB E1C 1E7
65 Canterbury Street, Saint John NB E2L 2C7
47 Dorchester Street, Sydney NS B1P 7H5
290 Empire Avenue, St. John's NL A1C 3J1
100-145 Hobsons Lake Drive, Halifax NS B3S 0J1
Quebec
Delivery location
305, boulevard René-Lévesque ouest, Montreal QC H2Z 1A6
4695, boulevard de Shawinigan-sud, Shawinigan, QC G9P 5H9
2251, boulevard René-Lévesque, Jonquière QC G7S 5J2
50, place de la Cite, Sherbrooke, QC J1H 5L8
2575, boulevard Ste-Anne, Quebec QC G1J 1Y5
4C-217, avenue Léonidas Sud, Rimouski QC G5L 2T5
110-151, avenue du Lac, Rouyn-Noranda QC J9X 0G7
100, rue la Fontaine, Chicoutimi QC G7H 6X2
3400, avenue Jean-Beraud, Laval QC H7T 2Z2
3250, boulevard Lapiniere , Brossard QC J4Z 3T8
85, chemin de la Savane, Gatineau QC J8T 6G3
Ontario
Delivery location
1050 Notre Dame Avenue, Sudbury ON P3A 5C1
875 Heron Road, Ottawa ON K1A 1A2
11 Station Street, Belleville ON K8N 2S3
81 Mulcaster Street, Barrie ON L4M 6T7



102 - 1475 John Counter Blvd., Kingston ON K7M 0E6
475 - 200 Town Centre Court, Scarborough ON M1P 4Y3
25 St Clair Avenue East, Toronto ON M4T 1M2
166 Frederick Street, Kitchener ON N2H 0A9
451 Talbot Street, London ON N6A 5E5
130 South Syndicate Avenue, Thunder Bay ON P7E 1C7
101-441 University Ave. W, Windsor ON N9A 5S8
55 Bay Street, 1st floor, Hamilton ON L8R 3P7
1161 Crawford Drive, Peterborough ON K9J 6X6
5001 Yonge Street, 7th floor, North York ON M2N 6R9
5800 Hurontario Street, Mississauga ON L5R 4B4
32 Church Street, St. Catharines ON L2R 3B9
Western
Delivery location
125 - 220 4th Avenue, South East, Calgary AB T2G 0L1
9700 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton AB T5J 4C8
300-400 4 Avenue South, Lethbridge AB T1J 4C9
201-4911 51 St., Red Deer AB T4N 6V4
1955 Smith Street, Regina SK S4P 2N9
340 3rd Avenue North, Saskatoon SK S7K 0A8
66 Stapon Road, Winnipeg MB R3C 3M2
500 - 360 Main Street, Winnipeg MB R3C 2W2
200 - 471 Queensway, Kelowna BC V1Y 6S5
468 Terminal Avenue, Vancouver BC V6A 0C1
1415 Vancouver Street, Victoria BC V8V 3W4
280 Victoria Street, Prince George BC V2L 4X3
9755 King George Blvd. Surrey BC V3T 5E1
277 Winnipeg Street, Penticton BC V2A 1N6



Annex B - Basis of Payment

1.0 Firm Requirement

The Contractor must provide firm all-inclusive unit prices for each drop box provided, in Canadian funds, taxes extra as applicable, Delivered Duty Paid (DDP) (refer to Appendix A1: List of Destinations for Required Quantities of Annex A: Statement of Work) for the provision of the deliverables outlined in section 5.1 of Annex A: Statement of Work.

The pricing submitted for the Basis of Payment table below will be applicable to the entire initial contract period as follows:

Brand/Manufacturer	Model Number	Description	Quantity	All-inclusive unit price for firm requirement	Extended Price (Quantity * All-inclusive unit price for firm requirement)
		Exterior Drop Box (including delivery)	17	\$XXX.XX	\$XXXX.XX

Final Bid Evaluation Price for the Firm Requirement = Extended Price Firm Requirement



2.0 Optional Requirements

CRA has the irrevocable option to purchase additional quantities during the one year initial contract period, and during each option year exercised. The Contractor must provide a firm all-inclusive unit price for each optional drop box that is purchased outside of the firm requirement, in Canadian funds, taxes extra as applicable, Delivered Duty Paid (DDP) (refer to Appendix A2: List of Potential Destinations for Optional Requirements of Annex A: Statement of Work).

The pricing submitted for the Basis of Payment table below will be applicable for the entire initial contract period for all units purchased as part of this optional requirement, and is subject to the Optional Year Price Update Mechanism for all units purchased during the option years of the contract.

Brand/Manufacturer	Model Number	Description	All-inclusive unit price for optional requirements
		Exterior Drop Box (including delivery)	\$XXX.XX

Final Bid Evaluation Price for the Optional Requirement = All-inclusive unit price for optional requirements



3.0 Optional Year Price Update Mechanism

Following the completion of the initial contract period, the Contractor shall be permitted to update its firm all-inclusive unit prices for the Optional Requirements once per year upon the decision by the CRA to exercise each Option Period. Updates, if requested by the Contractor, must be no later than three months from the Contract end date, unless otherwise agreed to by both parties.

The prices for each Option Period will be established by adjusting the prior year's firm unit prices in accordance with the year over year change to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the preceding twelve month period.

The table that will be referenced to determine allowable price changes is as follows:

Consumer Price Index, monthly, seasonally adjusted

Table: 18-10-0006-01 (formerly CANSIM 326-0022)

This table can be located through website link:

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=1810000601>