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**SOLICITATION  
AMENDMENT**

**MODIFICATION DE  
L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

Comments: - Commentaries :

<b>Title – Sujet</b> Handheld Raman Spectrometer		<b>Date</b> May 11, 2023
<b>Solicitation No. – N° de l'invitation</b> M5000-22-2139/A		<b>Amendment No. – N° de la modification</b> 002
<b>Client Reference No. - No. De Référence du Client</b>		
<b>Solicitation Closes – L'invitation prend fin</b>		
<b>At /à :</b>	14 :00	Central Standard Time (CST)
<b>On / le :</b>	May 23, 2023	
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This amendment is raised to address the following:

- Solicitation closing date; and
- Respond to questions received from suppliers; and
- Revise the solicitation document accordingly

**Solicitation M5000-22-2139/A is amended as follows:**

**SOLICITATION CLOSING DATE:**

OLD Closing Date: May 16, 2023 at 2:00 pm CST

NEW Closing Date: May 23, 2023 at 2:00 pm CST

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:**

**Question 1:**

In the specification for the hand held Raman Bid an operating temperature range of -5c to 50c is indicated. The specifications for my units are -10c to 40c would this still be acceptable?

**Answer 1:**

These operating temperature parameters of -10c to 40c are acceptable.

**Question 2:**

Annex A

5. Other requirements

- Must be able to select between Direct scan mode and Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy (SERS) scan mode

Our reason for the change or allowance:

The SERS mode is present on some systems due to drugs like Heroin and Fentanyl HCL which are very fluorescent. This is not needed on our system which can measure these materials directly. We would also like to note that in order to use the SERS mode the user would need to be exposed to the sample. That is not the case with our system.



**Answer 2:**

The product offered must be capable of performing Direct Scan, or a combination of Direct Scan with the option to select between Direct Scan and Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy (SERS) scan.

**Question 3:**

10. Power Source(s)

- Must be equipped with an internal and rechargeable battery pack. The battery pack must have an operation time of minimum 5 hours

Our reason for the change or allowance:

Our system can be shipped with three re-chargeable hot swappable CR123 batteries which would give an operation time of 6 hours. We believe that there is no reason why an operator would not be able to change the battery in the system.

**Answer 3:**

The product offered must be equipped with a rechargeable battery pack. The battery pack must have an operation time of minimum 5 hours.



**Question 4:**

I was wondering if you could help clarify the “Maintenance and Support Services Licensed Software” considerations for the instrument?

There are various fees associated on the level of engagement with the manufacturer for these types of Raman spectrometers. Each level of engagement includes service support and warranty for the duration of the agreed upon engagement. For example, the Raman spectrometer can be purchased as a standalone instrument or include the option for 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 years of engagement. Each additional year has a specific cost associated and is typically built into the price of these Raman spectrometers.

There is no indication on the tender for these service support and or warranty levels. Are you able to clarify the desired level of engagement being either 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 years that the end user prefers?

If there is no clarification available, can we submit 5 separate options to include each of the various levels of engagement?

**Answer 4:**

Your question touches on two topics, “service support” and “warranty”.

Regarding “service support”, this question is in reference to Section 6.3.2, “4004 (2013-04-25) Maintenance and Support Services Licensed Software;”

Annex C - MANDATORY TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA, section 9.5.4, states that the product offered, “must offer software and library updates”.

This means that to be compliant with this evaluation criteria, the offered product must offer software and library updates. It is up to the bidder to determine how software and library updates are offered. For example software and library updates could be offered on a pay per update basis, or an option to purchase year to year service basis, or included with purchase of the offered product.

Regarding “warranty levels”, please see section 6.3.1 General Conditions, “2010A (2022-12-01), General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity), apply to and form part of the Contract.”. Under 2010A 09 (2014-09-25) Warranty, it states that, “The warranty period will be 12 months after delivery and acceptance of the Work or the length of the Contractor's or manufacturer's standard warranty period, whichever is longer.”



## **SOLICITATION REVISIONS**

### 1) PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS:

#### DELETE:

- b. delay in transmission or receipt of the bid to the Contracting Authority's email inbox (the date & time on the email received by the Contracting Authority is considered the date & time of receipt of the bid submission);

#### INSERT:

- b. delay in transmission or receipt of the bid to the RCMP Bid Receiving Unit's email inbox indicated on Page 1 (the date & time on the email received by the RCMP Bid Receiving Unit is considered the date & time of receipt of the bid submission);

### 2) Annex A REQUIREMENT – 7. Other Requirements:

#### DELETE:

- Must be able to select between Direct scan mode and Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy (SERS) scan mode

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- Must be capable of performing Direct Scan, or a combination of Direct Scan with the option to select between Direct Scan and Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy (SERS) scan

### 3) Annex A REQUIREMENT – 10. Power Source(s):

#### DELETE:

- Must be equipped with an internal and rechargeable battery pack. The battery pack must have an operation time of minimum 5 hours

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- Must be equipped with a rechargeable battery pack. The rechargeable battery pack must have an operation time of minimum 5 hours



4) ANNEX "C" - MANDATORY TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA – 9.8.1

DELETE:

- Must contain a rechargeable internal battery pack with an operation time of minimum 5 hours

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- Must be equipped with a rechargeable battery pack. The rechargeable battery pack must have an operation time of minimum 5 hours

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN.