



This Amendment **008** of **RFP #5000072188** is issued to:

- Respond to a question.

QUESTION NO. 1:

R4 states: "The bidder's proposal SHOULD include initial scoping of the critical mineral investment trends and associated supply chains for which the overall project and final report will be based upon.

The initial identification should provide an initial rationale for why the particular critical minerals and associated supply chains have been put forward and how they align with Canada's strategic advantages."

Does this requirement imply that the study should focus on a specific subset of minerals on Canada's critical minerals list? If so, would R4 be expected to propose this subset and a rationale for it? Does NRCan have a specific number of minerals in mind? Should the critical minerals mentioned in the scope (lithium, graphite, nickel, cobalt, copper, and rare-earth elements, vanadium, gallium, titanium, scandium, magnesium, indium, manganese, tellurium, zinc, niobium and germanium) be included in this set?

ANSWER NO. 1:

As per RFP section 1.2.1, the contractor for this study is expected to conduct an in-depth analysis of all of the critical minerals found on Canada's Critical Minerals List, rather than a subset, for the final product. The critical minerals highlighted in the RFP are only certain examples from Canada's Critical Minerals List.

The contractor's bid proposal does not have to include an analysis of each critical mineral from Canada's Critical Minerals List but is expected to select and conduct initial scoping on several key critical minerals to illustrate their analytical ability. Additionally, the contractor is required to provide a rationale for the critical minerals selected in their bid proposal, along with an explanation as to how these critical minerals align with Canada's strategic advantages.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.