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PART 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Summary and Procurement Approach

Public Works and Government Services (PWGSC) is issuing this Call for Proposals (CFP) on behalf of the Department of National Defence's (DND) Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) program, seeking innovative science and technology (S&T) solutions to Canada's defence and security Challenges. The purpose of this CFP is to create various pools of potential solutions that Canada may select from to address the challenges. Pools created as a result of a challenge entry can be utilized by the defence and security community, including DND and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF).

This CFP will be published on an ongoing basis for PWGSC to post DND/CAF challenges. Distinct Challenge Notices, which will form part of this CFP solicitation, will be published on CanadaBuys. Challenges will describe essential and desired outcomes (if applicable), an estimated overall challenge budget, the closing date and a desirable end state of concepts.

The IDEaS program supports:

- The development of solutions from their conceptual stage, through prototype testing and capability development;
- Collaboration between Innovators; and,
- Opportunities to interact with DND's science and military members.

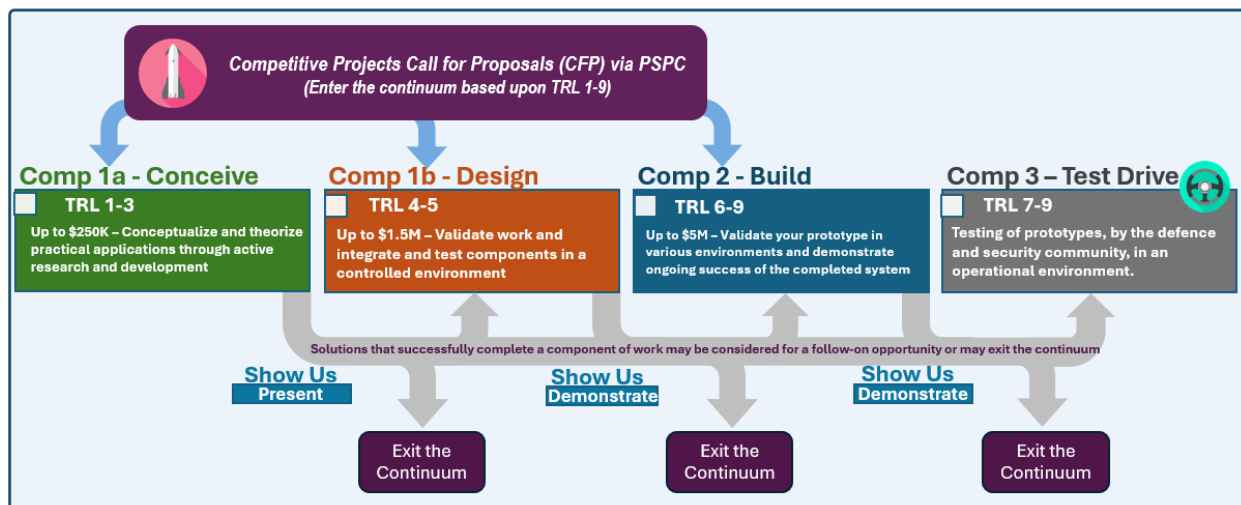
This CFP invites proposals for Competitive Projects Components 1a, 1b and 2. Details on each Component are noted in Section 1.2.

This bid solicitation requires Offerors to use the Defence Innovation Portal (DIP) to transmit their bid electronically. For further information, Offerors must refer to Part 2, Offeror Instructions and Part 3, Proposal Preparation and Submission Instructions, of the bid solicitation.

1.2 IDEaS Program Overview

IDEaS seeks to support the development of innovative concepts along a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) maturity scale, as described on the IDEaS website ¹. Through this open CFP process, the Competitive Projects (CP) element of IDEaS is soliciting innovative concepts with a TRL of anywhere from 1 to 9, in response to Defence and Security Challenges.

The innovation continuum shown below outlines the Competitive Projects direct entry points and the possible progression of promising concepts. The continuum is comprised of four distinct Components, where each Component holds its own characteristics.



Projects that exit the CP element at the end of their Component of work may be considered for other program funding elements within the IDEaS program. This could include participation in a research network (Innovation Networks element), demonstration (Sandbox element) or solution testing (Test Drive element). All projects would be assessed separately and would be considered for these funding elements based on the criteria established by the individual element. Offerors should visit the IDEaS website ² for specific information on the IDEaS program.

¹ [Technology Readiness Levels \(TRLs\) - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/ideas/technology-readiness-levels-trl.html)

² [Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security \(IDEaS\) - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/ideas/innovation-for-defence-excellence-and-security.html)

Component 1a – Conceive

The objective is to establish the merit, innovativeness, and impact of a solution to address a specific Defence and Security challenge. Innovators will “Conceive” their concept during Component 1a, further refine their idea, and validate that it is feasible. If the solution is at a TRL of 1 to 3, the proposal will be considered for Component 1a. Funds under this Component are limited to a maximum of CAD 250,000 (excluding applicable taxes) for a maximum performance period of six (6) months.

Offerors are encouraged to progress their solutions as far as possible on the TRL scale during Component 1a. Offerors that demonstrate the feasibility of their solution to the satisfaction of the IDEaS program upon completion of Component 1a may be invited to submit a proposal for Component 1b or 2.

Advancement to Component 1b or 2 is not guaranteed. It is at the sole discretion of Canada to proceed with Component 1b or 2.

Component 1b – Design

The objective is to further S&T efforts for the purpose of progressing the solution to a higher TRL. Innovators will begin to “Design” their concepts. Their work will be matured and developed to a level where individual parts of their work are being put together. Innovators may also be in a position to provide an optional demonstration of the solution to DND. Innovators may be able to participate in this Component if one of the following conditions are met:

- a. The Solution proposed under Component 1a was awarded a Contract, the Contract was successfully completed, and whereby the solution at the end of 1a has reached a TRL of 4 or 5 and was selected for potential advancement to Component 1b based on Canada’s assessment of the Innovator’s report(s). Should the solution be selected for potential advancement, Canada may invite the Innovator to submit a proposal for progressing the solution; or
- b. The Solution proposed must be at a TRL of 4 or 5 (direct entry).

Funds under this Component are limited to up to a maximum of CAD 1,500,000 (excluding applicable taxes) for a maximum performance period of twelve (12) months. Proposals are assessed, and if found responsive, may be considered for funding.

Component 2 – Build

The objective is to progress the solution through prototyping and/or Innovator-managed and controlled testing. Innovators will be ready to “Build” a prototype of their concept and/or test it in controlled environments. Innovators may also be able to provide an optional demonstration of the solution to DND. Innovators may be able to participate in this Component if one of the following conditions are met:

- a. The Solution proposed under Component 1a or 1b was awarded a contract, the Contract was successfully completed, and whereby the solution at the end of 1a or 1b has reached a TRL of 6, or higher, and was selected for potential advancement to Component 2 based on Canada’s assessment of the Innovator’s report(s). Should the solution be selected for

potential advancement, Canada may invite the Innovator to submit a proposal for progressing the solution; or

b. The solution proposed is at a TRL of 6 to 9 (direct entry).

Funds under this Component are limited to a maximum of CAD 5,000,000 (excluding applicable taxes). Contract value, statement of work, and performance period to be determined at time of Contract negotiations. Proposals are assessed and if found responsive, may be considered for funding.

Component 3 – Test Drive

The objective is to allow Canada to procure a limited quantity of a solution for the purpose of testing and evaluation of the solution in a simulated or real-world environment. Testing is conducted or coordinated by the defence and security community and may be carried out by other government departments. Innovators may be able to participate in this Component if the following condition is met:

- a. The solution proposed under Component 1a, 1b or 2 was awarded a contract, the Contract was successfully completed, and whereby the solution at the end of Component 1b or 2 has reached a TRL of 7 to 9 and was selected for potential advancement to Component 3.

Should the solution be selected for potential advancement, Canada may invite the Innovator to submit a proposal for progressing the solution. Proposals are assessed and if found responsive, may be considered for funding. The maximum funding ceiling and maximum performance period for this component will be determined by Canada at the time of contract negotiations.

The IDEaS program may offer Test Drive solicitations independently outside of this CFP for the same or similar challenges. Interested Offerors may refer to the IDEaS website for future opportunities³.

Exiting the Innovation Continuum

A solution will exit the Innovation Continuum for any of the following reasons:

1. Canada chooses not to invite the solution to participate further;
2. The Offeror withdraws their solution from further participation;
3. The solution completes Component 3; or
4. Canada chooses to end the contract in accordance with the terms and conditions.

Participation in any of these Components is not guaranteed and not mandatory. It is at the sole discretion of Canada to exercise a Component.

³ [Opportunities - Canada.ca](https://opportunities-canada.ca)

1.3 Terminology

This table outlines the terminology employed throughout the CFP and is incorporated by reference into and forms part of this solicitation and any resulting contract award.

Term/Acronym – Replacement Term or Definition

Bid – Proposal

Bid solicitation – Call for Proposals (CFP)

(CAF) – Canadian Armed Forces

(DND) – Department of National Defence

Event – Tender notice

(IDEaS) – Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security

Innovators – Offerors

(IP) – Intellectual Property

(MC) – Mandatory Criteria

(PRC) – Point-rated Criteria

(PWGSC) – Public Works and Government Services Canada

(R&D) – Research and Development

(S&A) – Studies and Analysis

(SC) – Screening Criterion

(TRL) – Technology Readiness Level

(S&T) – Science and technology

(S/T) – Scientific or technical



1.4 Trade Agreements

The Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)

CFTA (<https://www.cfta-alec.ca/>), applies to this procurement process. The CFP is organized in a manner consistent with the principles of the CFTA in terms of equal access, fairness and transparency and is open to public and private sector entities.

This procurement consists of Research and Development (R&D) services which are excluded from the application of:

World Trade Organization (WTO) – Agreement on Government Procurement (AGP)

Research and Development services are excluded from the application of the *World Trade Organization - Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP)* under Appendix 1, Annex 4 as they are not one of the applicable commodities listed in this agreement.

Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership

Research and Development services are excluded from the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) as per Chapter 15 A, Section E.1.

Canada - Chile Free Trade Agreement

Research and Development services are excluded from the Canada - Chile Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA) as per Annex Kb15-01.1-5 Services, Section B excluded services.

Section B - Excluded Coverage: Services - Exclusions by Major Service Category

Research & Development, all Classes; Special Studies and Analysis - not R&D B002, B003, B400, B503, B507; are EXCLUDED.

Canada - Colombia Free Trade Agreement

Research and Development services are excluded from the Canada - Colombia Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA) as per Annex 1401-4 Services, Section B, Part 1, excluded services:

Research & Development, all Classes; Special Studies and Analysis - not R&D B002, B003, B400, B503, B507; are EXCLUDED.



Canada - Honduras Free Trade Agreement

Research and Development services are excluded from the Canada – Honduras Free Trade Agreement (CHFTA) as per Annex 17.4, Section B Excluded coverage, Part I - Service Exclusions by Major Service Category:

Research & Development, all Classes; Special Studies and Analysis - not R&D B002, B003, B400, B503, B507; are EXCLUDED.

Canada - Korea Free Trade Agreement

Research and Development services are excluded from the Canada – Korea Free Trade Agreement (CKFTA) as per Annex 14-C of Chapter Fourteen: Government Procurement. This Chapter covers the Universal list of Services applicable to this Agreement unless otherwise specified.

This Chapter does not cover procurement of the following:

- (a) services for the management and operation of government facilities or privately owned facilities used for government purposes, including federally funded research and development.*

Canada - Panama Free Trade Agreement

Research and Development services are excluded from the Canada – Panama Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA) as per Annex 5 Services, Section B, Part 1, excluded coverage:

Research & Development, all Classes; Special Studies and Analysis - not R&D B002, B003, B400, B503, B507; are EXCLUDED.

Canada - Peru Free Trade Agreement

Research and Development services are excluded from the Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA), as per Annex 1401.1-4 Section B, Part1, Excluded Services:

Research & Development, all Classes; Special Studies and Analysis - not R&D B002, B003, B400, B503, B507; are EXCLUDED.

Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)

Research and Development services are excluded from the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) as per Annex 19-5 as they are not one of the applicable commodities listed in this agreement.

Canada - United Kingdom Trade Continuity Agreement

Research and Development services are excluded from the Canada United Kingdom Trade Continuity Agreement (CUKTCA) as per CETA Annex 19-5:

Exclusions

Canada and the EU have maintained the ability to protect human health, the environment, national security and public safety, and excluded certain sectors from CETA government procurement obligations (such as research and development; financial services; public administration; recreational; cultural; sporting; educational; social; and healthcare services). The agreement also sets out a number of country-specific exclusions.

Canada - Ukraine Free Trade Agreement

Research and Development services are excluded from the Canada – Ukraine Free Trade Agreement (CUFTA) as per Annex 10-4 Services:

(b) research and development services identified in division 85 of the United Nations Provisional Central Product Classification (CPC Prov.), which may be found at: UN Classifications Registry.

1.5 Canadian Content

This procurement is conditionally limited to Canadian goods and/or services. For additional information see Part 4 Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection, section 4.1.3.

SACC Manual clause A3050T (2020-07-01) Canadian Content Definition is amended as follows:

DELETE: Eighty percent

INSERT: Seventy percent

1.6 Conflict of Interest

The Contractor, its subcontractor(s) or any of their agent(s) directly or indirectly involved in the performance of the Work and/or in the production of the deliverables under any resulting Contract will not be precluded from bidding on any potential future proposal solicitation related to the production or exploitation of any concept or prototype developed or delivered.



1.7 Potential Conditions

The following may apply to the resulting contract(s):

1.7.1 Security Requirements

There may be security requirements associated with the resulting contracts. For more information on personnel and organization security screening or security clauses, Offerors should refer to the Contract Security Program (CSP) of PWGSC at [Security requirements for contracting with the Government of Canada](#).

1.7.2 Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements

Depending on the proposal received, the region of delivery for the goods and/or services may be in an area subject to Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements (CLCA). Should this be the case, the procurement will be subject to the applicable CLCA.

1.7.3 Controlled Goods Program

Any resulting contract may be subject to the Controlled Goods Program. Refer to the [Controlled Goods Program website](#).

1.7.4 Employment Equity

The Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for Employment Equity applies to this procurement (see Part 5 – Certifications and Additional Information).

1.7.5 Intellectual Property and Copyright

The default position of Canada is to allow contractors to retain the IP and copyright rights with a licence granted to Canada for both rights, which would include the right to use and have used the IP for Canada's activities.

There are situations that may require Canada to request ownership of the IP. Please see the following for more details:

[SACC Manual K3200T \(2023-06-08\) - Basis for Canada's Ownership of Intellectual Property](#). In the search feature, insert the Condition number that applies.

Additional Information on IP and copyright conditions for R&D and S&A service Contracts are available at the following source:



Policy on Title to Intellectual Property Arising under Crown Procurement Contracts at:
<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/068.nsf/eng/00005.html>.

1.8 Funding

All proposals must be priced in Canadian dollars. Canada reserves the right to modify project funding.

The table below identifies project funding parameters for each Component. Proposals should not exceed the parameters identified for funding.

Component	Performance period (from initiation to closeout)	Funding/Resulting Maximum Contract Value (applicable taxes excluded)
1a - Conceive	≤ 6 months	≤ CAD 250K
1b - Design	≤ 12 months	≤ CAD 1.5M
2 - Build	Determined at the time of Contract negotiations.	≤ CAD 5M
3 - Test Drive	Determined at the time of Contract negotiations.	Determined at the time of Contract negotiations.



1.9 Annexes and Attachment

The following annexes and attachments form part of the Call for Proposals:

- ANNEX 1 – EVALUATION CRITERIA
- ANNEX 2 - ADVANCEMENT ALONG THE COMPETITIVE PROJECTS INNOVATION CONTINUUM

PART 2 - INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFERORS

2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

Term (used in this document)	Term (2003 Standard Instructions)
Call for Proposals (CFP)	Solicitation or Bid Solicitation
Proposal	Bid or Offer

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the CFP solicitation by number, date and title are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual ([Archived - Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual | CanadaBuys](#)) issued by PWGSC. In the search feature, insert the Condition number that applies.

The Offerors who submit a proposal agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the CFP solicitation and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract.

The **2003 (2023-06-08) - Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements** are incorporated by reference into and form part of the CFP, and are amended as follows:

(a) Section 05, Submission of Bids, subsection 2(d):

Delete: In its entirety.

(b) Section 05, Submission of Bids, subsection 4:

Delete: Bids will remain open for acceptance for a period of not less than 60 days from the closing date of the bid solicitation, unless specified otherwise in the bid solicitation.

Insert: Proposal Validity Period and Pre-Qualification Period

During the evaluation period, proposals will remain open for acceptance for a period of not less than 180 days from the Challenge closing date. Upon pre-qualification of a proposal, the proposal will remain open for acceptance for a period of twelve (12) months (“Pre-Qualification Period”) from the date of Pre-Qualification. Once the Pre-Qualification Period ends, a proposal is no longer eligible for Contract award. Canada reserves the right to modify the Pre-Qualification Period at any time for any reason. An Offeror may withdraw their proposal by providing written notice to the Contracting Authority.



(c) **Delete** the following sections in their entirety:

Section 06 Late Bids

Section 07 Delayed Bids

Section 08 Transmission by facsimile or by Canada Post Corporation's (CPC) Connect service

(d) Section 14, Price Justification:

Delete: In the event that the Offeror's bid is the sole responsive bid received, the Offeror must provide, on Canada's request, one or more of the following price justification:

Insert: For all Pre-Qualified Proposals eligible for Contract award, the Offeror must provide, on Canada's request, one or more of the following price justification:

2.2 Enquiries – Proposal Solicitation

All questions and answers, amendments, and updates can be accessed through the Bidding Details tab of the CanadaBuys tender opportunity.

All enquiries must be submitted to the following email address: paidees.apideas@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca. Enquiries must be submitted no later than ten (10) calendar days before the Challenge event closing date. Enquiries received after that deadline may not be answered.

The Offerors should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the Solicitation Documents to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by Offerors to explain each question in sufficient detail 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 questions or may request that the Offeror do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered with copies to all Offerors. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all Offerors may not be answered by Canada.



2.3 Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for this CFP is:

Public Works and Government Services Canada

Acquisitions Branch

Research and Development Procurement Directorate (RDPD)

Innovation Program Intake and Evaluation Division

E-mail address: paidees.apideas@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

2.4 Applicable Laws

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

Offerors may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice at the time of the Contract award process.

2.5 Public Announcements

In order to coordinate any public announcements pertaining to any resulting contract, as a courtesy, successful Offerors are strongly suggested, but not required, to notify the Contracting Authority fifteen (15) business days prior to their intention to make public an announcement related to the recommendation of a contract award, or any information related to the contract. This notice will provide sufficient time for the Government of Canada to coordinate a potential joint announcement with the successful Offerors. All public announcements shall acknowledge Canada's contribution.

2.6 Certifications

Compliance with the certifications provided by the Contractor in its bid is a condition of the Contract and subject to verification by Canada during the term of the Contract. If the Contractor does not comply with any certification or it is determined that any certification made by the Contractor in its bid 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.

2.7 Program Surveys

As a condition of the Program, the Contractor must respond to short surveys from the IDEaS Program for up to two years following project completion. Survey results will report into IDEaS Program performance measurement indicators. This obligation carries out the expiry of the Contract until completed, or until Contractor ceases to exist.

2.8 Bid Challenge and Resource Mechanisms

- (a) Several mechanisms are available to potential Offerors to challenge aspects of the procurement process up to and including the contract award;
- (b) Canada encourages Offerors to first bring forward any concerns they may have, to the attention of the Contracting Authority;

The CanadaBuys website ⁴, under the heading “Following up on a bid” ⁵, contains information on potential recourse mechanisms.

- (c) Offerors should be made aware of strict deadlines for submitting complaints, and be aware of the variable timeline depending on the complaint.

2.9 Technical Difficulties of Bid Transmission

When an Offeror has begun transmission of its bid through the electronic submission method (Defence Innovation Portal) in advance of the Challenge closing date and time, but due to technical difficulties, Canada was unable to receive or decode the entirety of the bid by the deadline, Canada may nonetheless, accept the entirety of the bid received after the Challenge closing date and time, provided that the Offeror can demonstrate the following:

- i. The Offeror contacted Contracting Authority in advance of the Challenge closing date and time to attempt to resolve its technical difficulties; OR
- ii. The electronic properties of the Proposal documentation clearly indicate that all components of the proposal were prepared in advance of the proposal solicitation closing date and time.

⁴ <https://canadabuys.canada.ca/>

⁵ [Following up on a bid | CanadaBuys](#)



PART 3 – PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Who May Apply

This CFP is open to individuals, academia, not-for-profit organizations, provincial/territorial or municipal government organizations, and all industry. This CFP is not open to Crown corporations. A Crown Department can serve as a subcontractor for an Offeror.

3.1.1 Contracting with Public Servants

Before any public servant accepts a contract from the Crown, Section 121(1)(c) of the Criminal Code requires that the "consent in writing of the head of the branch of government that employs them or of which they are an official be obtained by the Employee".

3.2 Proposal Preparation - Up to Protected B

3.2.1 Proposals must be submitted through the Defence Innovation Portal (DIP) (see section 3.3) by the date, time and place indicated in the tender notice published on CanadaBuys. Each Challenge has its individual submission form. Proposals must be submitted directly to the appropriate Challenge.

3.2.2 The Offeror's response in the Challenge Electronic Proposal Form (composed of the Technical and the Financial Proposals) will constitute the Offeror's proposal in its entirety. Proposals submitted in alternate format will not be accepted.

3.2.3 Due to the nature of this CFP, proposals transmitted by facsimile, email, or paper to PWGSC or DND will not be accepted.

3.2.4 All proposals submitted will be bound by the same terms, conditions and limitations.

3.2.5 The Offerors are solely responsible for ensuring their proposal is received on time by the Challenge closing date and time. Late submissions will not be accepted by the DIP. Late submissions may be accepted by email if the Offeror has experienced technical difficulties and followed the required process as per section 2.9 Technical Difficulties of Bid Submission.

3.2.6 Additional attachments or documentation (technical drawings, CVs, diagrams, etc.), unless otherwise requested, must not be submitted, and will not constitute part of the Offeror's proposal.

If the work details include references to documents critical for understanding the basis of the work, the Challenge Electronic Proposal Form allows for Offerors to include references.



In order for Canada to leverage this information, the documents must be available through open-source means.

- 3.2.7 Classified proposals will not be accepted for this CFP.
- 3.2.8 Proposals that include human subjects, human tissues, laboratory animals, or animal tissues must not proceed without prior approval of the Offeror's appropriate Human Subjects Research Ethics Committee or the Institutional Animal Care Committee and must not be conducted in contravention of the respective Committee's conditions of approval.

3.3 How to Apply

3.3.1 Register for the [Defence Innovation Portal](#).

- a. Once the registration request has been submitted, Innovators will receive an email notification indicating that their registration is under review.
- b. Once the registration request is approved, Innovators will receive their log in credentials.
- c. Innovators are encouraged to initiate the registration process as soon as possible. Registration requests received within 48 hours of the Challenge close date and time may not be actioned.

3.3.2 Log in to the [Defence Innovation Portal](#) and select the Challenge of interest.

3.3.3 Click **Apply Now** and begin drafting a proposal in response to the Challenge.

3.3.4 The proposal(s) can be saved as a **draft**. Once **submitted**, it is considered **final** and cannot be edited.

3.3.5 To **replace** a submitted proposal, **select** the Challenge of interest, click **Apply Now** and select "**Replacement submission**" from the drop-down list. In the text box, enter the reference number of the proposal that is to be replaced. This reference number is provided in the submission confirmation email (e.g. CP6-6XXXX).

NOTE: Registrants can edit draft(s) and view submitted proposal(s) by clicking on the "Proposals" tab at the top of their screen, once they log in to the Defence Innovation Portal.



3.4 Multiple Proposals (“Alternative bid”)

The Offerors can apply several times for the same Challenge. Each proposal must stand-alone, meaning it is not dependent on another proposal, and the proposals are distinguishable from one another (unique solutions, product, etc.).

3.5 Technical Proposal

- 3.5.1 The Offerors responses submitted within the Challenge Electronic Proposal Form will form the basis for the Statement of Work (SOW) for Component 1a and 1b, to be finalized during contract negotiations. However, under Component 2 and 3, the Offeror’s technical proposal will only be referenced during the SOW development at the contract negotiation phase.
- 3.5.2 The Offerors are and will remain solely responsible for the accuracy and completeness of their proposals. The Offerors should read all CFP documentation and Challenge details in their entirety prior to submitting a proposal. In their proposal, the Offerors should demonstrate their understanding of the requirements contained in the CFP and Challenge and explain how they will meet these requirements. The Offerors should explicitly demonstrate their capability and describe their approach in a thorough, concise and clear manner for carrying out the work. The proposal should address clearly and in depth the points that are subject to the evaluation criteria against which the proposal will be evaluated.
- 3.5.3 The Offerors interested in progressing their concept through the continuum, must complete the section “Solution Progression to Follow on Components” within the Challenge Electronic Proposal Form.
- 3.5.4 Applicable to Component 1a and 1b, Canada will not provide Government Furnished Property (GFP) (ie. materiel or equipment or information), including but not limited to access, information, and personnel to enable the Contractor to conduct the Work. Applicable to Component 2 and 3, GFP may be requested for consideration. The Offeror must include mitigation strategies in their proposal, should the request be denied.
- 3.5.5 To maintain the integrity of the evaluation, evaluators will only consider information presented in the proposal. No information will be inferred, nor will personal knowledge or beliefs be utilized in the evaluation. The Offerors should explicitly demonstrate with sufficient details, how all criteria are met.
- 3.5.6 The Offeror will assume the responsibility of submitting the proposal and serve as a point of contact for the duration of the Challenge process.

3.6 Financial Proposal

- 3.6.1 The Offeror must complete the Financial portion of the Electronic Proposal Form. All financial proposals must be in Canadian dollars. The Offeror's Financial Proposal must be within the amounts identified in the table within section 1.8 - Funding.
- 3.6.2 The Financial Proposal submitted will be negotiated in accordance with the proposed Work Plan and must be in accordance with the [SACC Manual Clause \(2012-07-16\), Contract Cost Principles 1031-2](#). In the search feature, insert the Condition number that applies.
- 3.6.3 This procurement does not offer exchange rate fluctuation risk mitigation. Requests for exchange rate fluctuation risk mitigation will not be considered.

3.7 Eligible Costs

- 3.7.1 Funds can only be used for incremental resourcing costs associated with delivering a proposed solution - for example, material and supplies, equipment rentals, subcontractors, casual or permanent employees (incremental labour costs for indeterminate employees at the federal level of the Government in Canada cannot be included). Therefore, funds can only be used for expenditures that are not amortized.
- 3.7.2 The Offerors should make all reasonable attempts to avoid requesting travel funding within their proposal unless absolutely operationally required. Canada is reducing its carbon footprint and will only accept travel expenses on projects where travel is the only possible option.

Expenses are to be at cost, without any allowance for profit and/or administrative overhead, and in accordance with the meal, private vehicle and incidental expenses provided in Appendices B, C and D of the National Joint Council Travel Directive⁶. They must comply with the provisions of the Directive referring to “travelers”, rather than those referring to “employees”.

All Travel expenses are at the discretion of Canada.

Travel justifications should be provided in the Financial Proposal within the Electronic Proposal Form.

- 3.7.3 Canada has the right to request audits at any point in time during and after the contract award, for a period up to six years, as per SACC Manual 2040 (2022-12-01) section 42 (2022-

⁶ [Directive on Travel, Hospitality, Conference and Event Expenditures](#)



12-01) Audit ⁷. Amount claimed under the contract, calculated in accordance with the Basis of Payment provision in the Articles of Agreement, is subject to government audit, both before and after payment is made. If an audit is performed after payment, the Contractor agrees to repay any overpayment immediately on demand by Canada.

Canada may hold back, deduct, and set off any credits owing and unpaid under this section from any money that Canada owes to the Contractor at any time (including under other contracts). If Canada does not choose to exercise this right at any given time, Canada does not lose this right.

3.8 Certifications and Additional Information

- 3.8.1 Certifications required with the Offeror's proposal will be identified on the CFP Challenge Electronic Proposal Form found on the Defence Innovation Portal.
- 3.8.2 Certifications and Additional Information required precedent to contract award will be identified during contract negotiations.

⁷ Section 42 Audit 2040 - General Conditions - Research & Development



PART 4 – EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

4.1 Evaluation Procedures

- 4.1.1 Proposals will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement and the evaluation criteria identified in Part 4.2 Evaluation Criteria, in this CFP.
- 4.1.2 An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the proposals. If required, Canada may use external Subject Matter Experts (SME) to evaluate any proposal. External SMEs will be required to confirm they are not in a conflict of interest, and sign a non-disclosure agreement.
- 4.1.3 For each S&T Challenge, the evaluation team will determine if there are two (2) or more proposals that have a valid Canadian Content certification from two or more offerors that are not affiliated within the meaning of the [Competition Act](#). In that case, only those proposals will be eligible to be awarded a contract; otherwise, all offers will be eligible. If some of the proposals having a valid Canadian Content certification are subsequently determined to have invalid certifications, are subsequently withdrawn or are declared non-responsive, such that there are no longer two or more responsive proposals having a valid certification, then Canada will evaluate all remaining proposals. Canada may conduct the validation of Canadian Content certifications at any time in the evaluation process, including doing so concurrently with other steps.
- 4.1.4 In conducting evaluation of the proposals, Canada may, but will have no obligation to, request clarifications from the Offerors regarding information provided in the proposal. This must not be construed as:
- an opportunity to provide supplemental information;
 - an intent to repair or modify the proposal; and,
 - an intent to contract with the Offeror.
- 4.1.5 The Offeror must provide a response to the written request for clarification or verification issued by the Contracting Authority in accordance with the provisions of the request, which may include a time period in which to provide the response. Failure to comply with the request may result in the proposal being declared non-responsive and given no further consideration.



4.2 Evaluation Criteria

4.2.1 Screening Criterion (SC)

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the screening criterion identified in Annex 1 – Evaluation Criteria. Proposals must meet the screening criterion to be considered responsive and proceed to be evaluated against the mandatory criteria. Proposals that fail to meet the screening criteria will be declared non-responsive and will not be evaluated further.

4.2.2 Mandatory Criteria (MC)

Proposals that meet the screening criteria will be evaluated in accordance with the mandatory criteria identified in Annex 1 – Evaluation Criteria. Proposals must meet all mandatory criteria to be considered responsive and proceed to be evaluated and scored against the point-rated criteria. Proposals that fail to meet mandatory criteria will be declared non-responsive and will not be further evaluated.

4.2.3 Point-Rated Criteria (PRC)

Proposals that meet all the screening and mandatory criteria will be evaluated and scored in accordance with the point-rated criteria identified in Annex 1 – Evaluation Criteria. It is possible to achieve a maximum of one hundred (100) points. Proposals must achieve the minimum passing mark of seventy (70) points in order to be declared responsive and proceed to be considered against the Strategic Decision Parameters. Proposals that fail to meet the minimum passing mark will be declared non-responsive and will not be further evaluated.

4.3 Basis of Selection

4.3.1 Challenge pre-qualified Proposal Pool

Proposals that comply with all the requirements of the CFP, meet all screenings and mandatory criteria, and obtain the minimum passing mark of seventy (70) points for the point-rated criteria will be considered pre-qualified. A pool will be created for each Challenge to place all pre-qualified proposals. Once a pool has been established, the pre-qualified proposals will proceed to be considered against the Strategic Decision Parameters.

The establishment of these Challenge pre-qualified Proposal Pools does not constitute a commitment on the part of Canada to award contracts.

Placement into a Challenge pre-qualified Proposal Pool does not guarantee a proposal to be selected for funding.



4.3.2 Strategic Decision Parameters (SDP)

All pre-qualified proposals in a Challenge pool will proceed to be considered against the SDP. Proposals that achieve full technical score are not guaranteed selection for funding.

Canada will form a Proposal Selection Committee of Subject Matter Experts. If required, Canada may use external Subject Matter Experts as part of the committee. The Proposal Selection Committee will consider the evaluation results of the Pre-Qualified Proposals and examine as the following SDPs:

Alignment with priorities – Aligns with current and emerging departmental and/or Government of Canada priorities;

Alignment with DND/CAF – Aligns and integrates within the DND/CAF, i.e. solution integrates with departmental military systems, doctrines, standard operating practices;

Operational investment – Considered worthwhile for investing operational resources (e.g. personnel, equipment, data, budget, etc.) to implement the solution;

Type of solution – Allows DND/CAF to achieve a balance across solution methodology types and various applicable military environments;

Distinction of solution – Demonstrates distinction from previous/existing/planned work of Canada and its Allies known at the time of evaluation;

Strength of proposal – Including, but not limited to the strength of an individual proposal and dependencies between proposals;

Impact – Solution’s potential to be a disruptor in the field of the Challenge and/or S&T domain.

The Proposal Selection Committee may select one proposal, more than one proposal or no proposal under a specific Challenge Notice. The decision to select a proposal is at the sole discretion of the Proposal Selection Committee. Proposals that are recommended for funding will proceed to the contracting process. Proposals that are not selected for funding will remain in their pre-qualified Challenge pools for the duration of the Challenge pre-qualification period. Canada may revisit a Challenge pool at any time prior to the end of the pre-qualification period and make additional selections. This is at Canada’s sole discretion. Once the Challenge pre-qualification period has expired, the proposals can no longer be considered for funding. For more information about the pre-qualification period, please see Part 2.1 of this CFP.

4.3.3 The selection of proposals for funding does not constitute a guarantee on the part of Canada that a contract will be awarded.



4.3.4 Innovation Continuum Progression

Following completion of a Component 1a, 1b, or 2 contract, if Canada is still interested in the innovation, the Offeror may be invited to progress within the Continuum. For further details, please refer to Annex 2.

Participation in a Component is not guaranteed and is at the sole discretion of Canada to proceed along the Continuum. Throughout the Continuum same or similar criteria to those in Part 4.2 Evaluation Criteria of the Call for Proposals (CFP) no. W7714-248676 will be leveraged to assess or evaluate a solution.

4.4 Debriefing

PWGSC will inform Offerors of their individual results via e-mail. Contract Award notices will also be posted on the CanadaBuys website. Canada may, upon request by the Offeror, provide unsuccessful Offerors with additional clarifications. Offerors must address their requests to the Contracting Authority within fifteen (15) business days upon receipt of their individual results.

4.5 Contract Award Process

4.5.1 To be considered for the contract award, a proposal must successfully complete the Contract Award process before expiry of the proposal validity period. The Contract Award process is as follows:

4.5.2 Financial Capability and Certifications

The Contracting Authority may:

- (a) request financial information to verify the Offeror's capacity to undertake the Work;
- (b) request additional certifications and information required prior to contract awards.

If the Offeror fails to demonstrate adequate financial resources to complete the Work, or fails to provide the certifications and additional information, a contract will not be awarded.

4.5.3 Statement of Work Development

For the Component 1a and 1b contracts, the Offeror's proposal may form the basis for the Statement of Work (SOW). However, Canada reserves the right to negotiate and work together with the Offeror develop a SOW. For Component 2 and 3 contracts, Canada and the Offeror will work together to develop a SOW. Under all components, the SOW must clearly and concisely define the tasks to be performed and the deliverables to Canada.



4.5.4 Contract Negotiations

In addition to 4.5.2 and 4.5.3, the Contracting Authority will initiate the negotiations for the following:

- (a) Contract terms and conditions, as applicable;
- (b) Pricing and cost breakdown;
- (c) The provision by the Offeror of price support to substantiate the costs to Canada.

The Contracting Authority must verify that all pricing and costs are fair and reasonable. If a cost cannot be supported, the cost may not be included in the contract. Failure to achieve consensus on any aspect of the negotiations will result in the proposal being set aside and not given any further consideration. If an agreement cannot be reached between Canada and the Offeror within two (2) months from the date of notification of the Offeror's result, Canada reserves the right to cease negotiations with the Offeror and dissociate the funds.

4.6 Contract Award

Upon successful completion of all steps in the Contract Award process, internal approval will be sought and the Offeror's proposal will be recommended for Contract Award.



PART 5 – CERTIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Offeror must provide the required Certifications and additional information to be deemed responsive.

The Certifications provided by the Offeror are subject to verifications by Canada at all times. Unless specified otherwise, Canada will declare a proposal non-responsive or will declare a Contractor in default if any certification made is found to be untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, during the proposal evaluation period or during the Contract period.

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

5.1 Certifications Required with the Proposal

Certifications required with the Offeror's proposal will be identified on the CFP Electronic Proposal Form.

5.2 Certifications Precedent to Contract Award and Additional Information

The Certifications and additional information listed below should be submitted with the proposal but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required Certifications or additional information are not completed and submitted as requested, the Contracting Authority will inform the Offeror of a time period within which to provide the information. Failure to provide the Certifications or the additional information listed below within the time frame specified will render the proposal non-responsive.

5.2.1 Ineligibility and Suspension Policy

The Offeror certifies that:

- () It has read and understands the [Ineligibility and Suspension Policy - Canada.ca](#).
- () It understands that certain circumstances, as described in the Policy, will or may result in a determination of ineligibility or suspension under the Policy.
- () It is aware that Canada may request additional information, certifications, and validations from the Offeror or a third party for the purpose of making a determination of ineligibility or suspension.
- () None of the circumstances described in [Appendix 2 of the Policy](#) that will or may result in a determination of ineligibility or suspension, apply to itself, its affiliates or its proposed first tier subcontractors.
- () It is not aware of a determination of ineligibility or suspension issued by Canada that applies to it.

Where an Offeror is unable to provide any of the above certifications, at the time of its offer it must submit a completed [Integrity Declaration Form](#).



5.2.2 Federal Contractors Program (FCP)

By submitting a bid, the Offeror certifies that the Offeror and any of the Offeror's partners, if the Offeror is a joint venture or has subcontractors, is not named on the FCP for Employment Equity "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list available at the bottom of the page of the [Employment and Social Development Canada \(ESDC\) – Labour's website \(https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity.html\)](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity.html).

Canada will have the right to declare a bid non-responsive if the Offeror, or any member of the Offeror if the Offeror is a joint venture, appears on the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list at the time of the contract award.

For Contracts receiving funds over \$1,000,000.00:

Canada will also have the right to terminate the Contract for default if a Contractor, or any member if the entity is a joint venture, appears on the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list during the period of the Contract.

The Offeror must provide the Contracting Authority with a completed FCP for Employment Equity - Certification (below), before Contract awards. If the Offeror is a joint venture, the Offeror must provide the Contracting Authority with a completed FCP for Employment Equity - Certification, for each member of the joint venture.

5.2.3 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity – Certification (For Contracts receiving funds over \$1,000,000.00):

A Offeror's signature constitutes a confirmation to the effect that:

I, the Offeror, by submitting the present information to the Contracting Authority, certify that the information provided is true as of the date indicated below. The Certifications provided to Canada are subject to verification at all times. I understand that Canada will declare a bid non-responsive, or will declare a Contractor in default, if a certification is found to be untrue, whether during the bid evaluation period or during the Contract period. Canada will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Offeror's Certifications. Failure to comply with any request or requirement imposed by Canada may render the bid non-responsive or constitute a default under the Contract.

For further information on the FCP for Employment Equity visit: [Employment and Social Development Canada – Labour's website \(https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-Contractor-program.html\)](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-Contractor-program.html).

Date: _____ YYYY/MM/DD) (If left blank, the date will be deemed to be the bid solicitation closing date.)



Complete both A and B.

A. Check only one of the following:

- ☐ A1. Offeror certifies having no work force in Canada.
- ☐ A2. Offeror certifies being a public sector employer.
- ☐ A3. Offeror certifies being a federally regulated employer (<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/regulated-industries.html>) being subject to the Employment Equity Act (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/E-5.401/>).
- ☐ A4. Offeror certifies having a combined workforce in Canada of less than 100 permanent full-time and/or permanent part-time employees.
- ☐ A5. Offeror has a combined workforce in Canada of 100 or more employees; and
- ☐ A5.1. Offeror certifies already having a valid and current Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (AIEE) (<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-Contractor-program.html>) in place with ESDC-Labour.

-OR-

- ☐ A5.2. Offeror certifies having submitted the AIEE (<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-Contractor-program.html>) to ESDC-Labour. As this is a condition to Contract award, proceed to complete the form AIEE (LAB1168), duly signing it, and transmit it to ESDC-Labour.

B. Check only one of the following:

- ☐ B1. Offeror is not a joint venture.



-OR-

() B2. Offeror is a joint venture and each member of the joint venture must provide the Contracting Authority with a completed annex FCP for Employment Equity - Certification. (Refer to the Joint Venture section of the Standard Instructions)

5.2.4 Former Public Servant Certification

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. In order to comply with Treasury Board policies and directives on contracts awarded to FPSs, Offerors 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 Offeror 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 FPS may be:

- a) an individual;
- b) an individual who has incorporated;
- c) a partnership made of FPSs; 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.

5.2.5 Former Public Servant in Receipt of a Pension

As per the above definitions, is the Offeror a FPS in receipt of a pension 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?

Yes ☐ No ☐

5.2.5.1 As per the above definitions, is the Offeror a FPS in receipt of a Public Service Superannuation Act (PSSA) pension?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If the Offeror has responded “Yes” to 5.2.5.1 above, the Offeror must provide the following information, as applicable:

Full name of former public servant	
Date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service	
Incentive (lump sum payment) received (Yes/No)	
Expiration date of Incentive (lump sum payment), if applicable	

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 Offeror agree that this information will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports, in accordance with Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2 of the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada.

5.2.6 Directive on Conflict of Interest

Is the Offeror or any employee who would conduct work on a resulting contract a current Public Servant?

A Public Servant is defined as:

a person employed in the core public administration and to the organizations that make up the core public administration as defined in section 11 of the *Financial Administration Act*. This includes indeterminate and term employees, employees on leave without pay, students participating in Student Employment Programs, casual, seasonal and part-time workers.

Although they are not public servants, individuals on incoming Interchange Canada assignments are expected to comply with, and volunteers are expected to respect, the requirements of the [*Directive on Conflict of Interest*](#). Order-in-Council appointees, such as Deputy Ministers, are subject to the *Conflict of Interest Act*, and are not subject to the [*Directive on Conflict of Interest*](#).

YES (☐) NO (☐)

If so, Offeror must submit a complete list of names of all individuals who are current Public Servants.

Name	Title



5.2.7 Workforce Adjustment Directive

Is the Offeror an FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of the Workforce Adjustment Directive?

YES () NO ()

If so, Offeror must provide the following information:

- a) Name of FPS;
- b) conditions of the lump sum payment incentive;
- c) date of termination of employment;
- d) amount of lump-sum payment;
- e) rates of pay on which lump sum payment is based;
- f) period of lump-sum payment including start date, end date and number of weeks; and,
- g) number and amount (professional fees) of other Contracts subject to the restrictions of a workforce adjustment program.

5.2.8 Controlled Goods

Will the resulting Contract involve Controlled Goods?

YES () NO ()

For further information on the Controlled Goods Program, visit the website: [Controlled goods: Examining, possessing or transferring.](#)

5.2.9 Status and Availability of Resources

The Offeror certifies that, should it be awarded a Contract as a result of the bid solicitation, every individual proposed in its bid will be available to perform the work as required by Canada's representatives and at the time specified in the bid solicitation or agreed to with Canada's representatives. If for reasons beyond its control, the Offeror is unable to provide the services of an individual named in its bid, the Offeror may propose a substitute with similar qualifications and experience. The Offeror must advise the Contracting Authority of the reason for the substitution and provide the name, qualifications and experience of the proposed replacement. For the purposes of this Clause, only the following reasons will be considered as beyond the control of the Offeror: death, sickness, maternity and parental leave, retirement, resignation, dismissal for cause or termination of an agreement for default.



If the Offeror has proposed any individual who is not an employee of the Offeror, the Offeror certifies that it has the permission from that individual to propose his/her services in relation to the work to be performed and to submit his/her résumé to Canada. The Offeror must, upon request from the Contracting Authority, provide a written confirmation, signed by the individual, of the permission given to the Offeror and of his/her availability. Failure to comply with the request may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

5.2.10 Price Certification

Offeror is requested to provide one (1) of the following Certifications, as applicable, in its financial bid:

- Offeror certifies that the price proposed is based on costs computed in accordance with Contract Cost Principles 1031-2, and includes an estimated amount of profit of CAD _____. The total amount of profit must not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid price.

-OR-

- The Offeror certifies that the price proposed:

- a) is not in excess of the lowest price charged anyone else, including the Offeror's most favoured customer, for the like quality and quantity of the goods, services or both;
- b) does not include an element of profit on the sale in excess of that normally obtained by the Offeror on the sale of goods, services or both of like quality and quantity; and,
- c) does not include any provision for discounts to selling agents.

-OR-

- Offeror certifies that the price proposed is based on costs computed in accordance with 10.40 (a) to (i) of the [Supply Manual, Public Works and Government Services Canada](#), on the pricing of R&D Contracts with universities and colleges.

-OR-

- Offeror certifies that the price proposed is based on costs computed in accordance with 10.45 (a) to (e) of the [Supply Manual, Public Works and Government Services Canada](#), on the pricing of contracts with Non-profit organizations, excluding universities and colleges.



5.2.11 Education and Experience

The Offeror certifies that all information provided in the résumés and supporting material submitted with its bid, particularly the information pertaining to education, achievements, experience and work history, has been verified by the Offeror to be true and accurate. Furthermore, the Offeror warrants that every individual proposed by the Offeror for the requirement is capable of performing the work described in the resulting Contract.

5.2.12 Partial Set-Aside For Indigenous Business Certification

If requested by the Contracting Authority, the Offeror must provide the following certification for each owner who is Indigenous:

1. I am an owner of _____ (*insert name of business*), and an Indigenous person, as defined in Annex 9.4 of the Supply Manual entitled "Requirements for the Set-aside Program for Indigenous Business".
2. I certify that the above statement is true and consent to its verification upon request by Indigenous Services Canada.

Printed name of owner

Signature of owner

Date

5.2.13 Tax Rate

It is the Contractor responsibility to charge the proper tax rate. For more information on taxes, please consult the Canadian Revenue Agency:

GST/HST for businesses - Canada.ca

PART 6 – SECURITY, FINANCIAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Security Considerations

Contractors may be required to possess valid security clearances, depending on the nature of the project, in order to have access to information and/or sites necessary for its execution. DND will determine the level of security required and will be responsible for establishing a Security Requirement Check List (SRCL). The Contracting Authority will communicate such requirements to Offerors during Contract negotiations.

Offerors are reminded to obtain the required security clearance promptly. Any delay in the award of a contract to allow the successful Offeror time to obtain the required clearance will be at the discretion of the Contracting Authority.

For additional information on security requirements, Offerors should refer to the Contract Security Program at [Security requirements for contracting with the Government of Canada – Canada.ca \(tps-gc-pwgsc.gc.ca\)](https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)

6.2 Financial Capability

Additional financial information may be required during the evaluation of bids as per the following clause:

[SACC Manual clause A9033T](#) (2012-07-16), Financial Capability. In the search feature, insert the Condition number that applies.

6.3 Controlled Goods Program - Bid

The following clause may be required if the contract will require the production of or access to controlled goods:

[SACC Manual clause A9130T](#) (2019-11-28), Controlled Goods Program. In the search feature, insert the Condition number that applies.



PART 7 – RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

The instructions, clauses, and conditions identified below, are provided as an example of the standard terms and conditions that could form part of any resulting contract and do not represent a complete list. PWGSC may update, add or delete, as applicable, the standard terms and conditions contained herein.

7.1 Statement of Work

The Contractor must perform the Work in accordance with the SOW at Annex ____ and the Contractor's technical proposal number _____.

7.2 Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the contract by number, date and title are set out in the [SACC Manual Archived - Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual | CanadaBuys](#) issued by PWGSC. In the search feature, insert the Condition number that applies.

7.2.1 General Conditions

2040 (2022-12-01), General Conditions - Research & Development, for R&D projects apply to and form part of the contract.

7.2.2 Supplemental General Conditions (if applicable)

The following supplemental general conditions apply to and form part of the contract:

- 4001 (2015-04-01), Hardware Purchase, Lease and Maintenance
- 4002 (2010-08-16), Software Development or Modification Services
- 4003 (2010-08-16), Licensed Software
- 4004 (2013-04-25), Maintenance and Support Services for Licensed Software
- 4005 (2012-07-16), Telecommunications Services and Products
- 4008 (2008-12-12), Personal Information

7.3 Security Requirement

The following security requirements (SRCL and related clauses) apply to and form part of the contract.

TBD or no security requirement applies.



7.4 Period of the Contract

The period of the Contract is from date of Contract to _____ inclusive.

or

The period of the Contract is from _____ to _____ inclusive.

7.4.1 Delivery Dates & Work Authorization

Number of Phases/Milestones To Be Determined (TBD)

Despite any other condition of the Contract, the Contractor is only authorized to perform the work required to complete _____ of the Contract _____ at a cost not to exceed \$_____. Upon completion of _____, the work will be reviewed before the contractor is authorized to commence any work for _____. Depending on the results of the review and evaluation of the work, Canada will decide at its discretion whether to continue with the work.

If Canada decides to continue with _____, the Contracting Authority will advise the Contractor in writing to commence work on _____. The Contractor must immediately comply with the notice. The _____ work activities, the _____ Report, and claim must be completed and submitted no later than the last day of the term of the Contract as specified at article ____.

If Canada decides not to proceed with _____, the Contracting Authority will advise the Contractor in writing of the decision and the Contract will be considered completed at no further costs to Canada. In no event will the Contractor be paid for any cost incurred for unauthorized work.

7.5 Comprehensive Land Claim Agreements

The region of delivery for the goods and/or services may be subject to Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements (CLCAs) .



7.6 Authorities

7.6.1 Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for the contract is:

TBD for each individual contract

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, written requests or instructions from anyone other than the Contracting Authority.

7.6.2 Technical Authority (TA)

The Technical Authority for the contract is:

TBD for each individual contract

The TA 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 TA; however, the TA 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.

7.6.3 Procurement Authority

The Procurement Authority for the Contract is:

TBD for each individual contract

The Procurement Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract. The Procurement Authority is responsible for the implementation of tools and processes required for the administration of the Contract. The Contractor may discuss administrative matters identified in the Contract with the Procurement Authority, however, the Procurement Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of Work can only be made through a Contract Amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.



7.6.4 Contractor's Representative

TBD for each individual contract

7.7 Proactive Disclosure of Contracts with Former Public Servants

By providing information on its status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a Public Service Superannuation Act (PSSA) pension, the Contractor has agreed that this information will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports, in accordance with Contracting Policy Notice: 2019-01 of the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada.

7.8 Payment

7.8.1 Basis of Payment – Fixed Price

For the Work described in the _____ (insert "Contract" OR "Statement of Work in Annex _____" OR "Statement of Requirement in Annex _____" when all the Work is subject to this basis of payment) and in consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid a fixed price of \$ _____ (insert the amount at Contract award). Customs duties are _____ (insert "included", "excluded" or "subject to exemption") and applicable taxes are extra.

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

7.8.2 Method of Payment

Milestone Payments (for Fixed Price Basis of Payment)

Canada will make milestone payments in accordance with the Schedule of Milestones detailed in Annex TBD and the payment provisions of the contract if:

- a) an accurate and complete claim for payment using form PWGSC-TPSGC 1111, Claim for Progress Payment and any other document required by the contract have been submitted in accordance with the invoicing instructions provided in the contract;
- b) all the certificates appearing on form PWGSC-TPSGC 1111 have been signed by the respective authorized representatives; and,
- c) all work associated with the milestone and as applicable any deliverable required has been completed and accepted by Canada.



7.8.3 SACC Manual Clauses

A9117C (2007-11-30), T1204 - Direct Request by Customer Department

C0305C (2014-06-26), Cost Submission – Limitation of Expenditure or Ceiling Price

C4005C (2018-04-17), Travel and Living Expenses – National Joint Council Travel Directive

7.8.4 Discretionary Audit

SACC Manual Clause C0101C (2010-01-11), Discretionary Audit – Non-commercial Goods and/or Services

-OR-

SACC Manual Clause C0102C (2010-01-11), Discretionary Audit – Canadian Universities and Colleges

-OR-

SACC Manual Clause C0705C (2010-01-11), Discretionary Audit

7.9 Invoicing Instructions

1. The Contractor must submit a claim for progress payment using form [PWGSC-TPSGC 1111](#), Claim for Progress Payment.

Each claim must show:

- a) all information required on form PWGSC-TPSGC 1111;
- b) all applicable information detailed under the section entitled “Invoice Submission” of the general conditions;
- c) a list of all expenses; and,
- d) the description and value of the milestone claimed as detailed in the contract.

Each claim must be supported by (TBD at each individual contract):

- a) a copy of time sheets to support the time claimed;
- b) a copy of the invoices, receipts, vouchers for all direct expenses, and all travel and living expenses; and,
- c) a copy of the monthly progress report.



2. The Contractor must prepare and certify an original claim on form PWGSC-TPSGC 1111 and forward it to the Contracting Authority for certification with a copy to the Procurement and Technical Authorities, in an electronic format to the e-mail address identified under section entitled "Authorities" of the Contract. Portable Document Format (.pdf) is acceptable. The Contracting Authority will certify the claim and notify the Procurement Authority. The Technical Authority will inspect and certify the claim for Work and forward the certified claim to the Payment Office for the remaining certification and payment will take place.
3. The Contractor must not submit claims until all Work identified in this claim is completed.

7.10 Certifications

7.10.1 Compliance

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

7.10.2 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity – Default by the Contractor (*for Contracts over \$1M*)

The contractor understands and agrees that, when an Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (AIEE) exists between the contractor and 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.

7.10.3 Canadian Content Definition

This procurement is conditionally limited to Canadian goods and Canadian services. Subject to the evaluation procedures contained in the CFP, Offerors acknowledge that only bids with a certification that the goods and services offered are Canadian goods and Canadian services, as defined and modified below, may be considered. Failure to provide this certification completed with the bid will result in the goods and services offered being treated as non-Canadian goods and non-Canadian services.



Offeror certifies that a minimum of 70 percent (70%) of the total bid price consists of Canadian goods and Canadian services as defined in section “c” of clause 3.130, as amended herein. For more information on how to determine the Canadian content for a mix of goods, a mix of services or a mix of goods and services, consult Annex 3.6. of the Supply Manual⁸.

SACC Manual clause A3050T (2020-07-01) Canadian Content Definition is amended as follows:

DELETE: Eighty percent

INSERT: Seventy percent

7.11 Applicable Laws

The Contract must be interpreted and governed and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in *(to be inserted at contract award)*.

7.12 Priority of Documents

In case of any discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list:

- a) the Articles of Agreement;
- b) the supplemental General Conditions _____;
- c) the general conditions _____;
- d) Annex __, Statement of Work;
- e) Annex __, Basis of Payment;
- f) Annex __, Security Requirements Check List;
- g) Annex __, Insurance; and,
- h) The Contractor's proposal dated _____.

⁸ <https://canadabuys.canada.ca/en/how-procurement-works/policies-and-guidelines/supply-manual/chapter-3-annexes# 3-6>



7.13 Foreign Nationals (Canadian Contractor OR Foreign Contractor)

SACC Manual clause A2000C (2006-06-16) Foreign Nationals (Canadian Contractor)

-OR-

SACC Manual clause A2001C (2006-06-16) Foreign Nationals (Foreign Contractor)

7.14 Insurance

SACC Manual clause G1005C (2016-01-28), Insurance – No Specific Requirement

-OR-

SACC Manual clause G1001C (2013-11-06), Insurance – No Specific Requirement

7.15 Controlled Goods Program (if applicable)

SACC Manual clause A9131C (2020-11-19), Controlled Goods Program - Contract

-OR-

SACC Manual clause B4060C (2011-05-16), Controlled Goods

7.16 Government and/or Canadian Forces Site Regulations

SACC Manual clause A9068C (2010-01-11) Government Site Regulations

-OR-

SACC Manual clause A9062C (2011-05-16) Canadian Forces Site Regulations



7.17 Innovation Continuum Progression

The solution's progression within the Continuum involves a 2-step process as described below:

Step 1:

Following completion and certification of satisfactory delivery of all milestone reports, the solution will be assessed to determine whether it still holds merit and departmental interest for potential advancement to a follow-on Component.

Step 2:

Should the solution be selected for potential advancement under Step 1, Canada may invite the Contractor to submit a proposal for progressing the solution along the Continuum.

Participation in a Component is not guaranteed and is at the sole discretion of Canada to proceed along the Continuum. Throughout the Continuum same or similar criteria to those in Part 4.2 Evaluation Criteria of the Call for Proposals (CFP) no. W7714-248676 will be leveraged to assess or evaluate a solution.

7.18 Public Disclosure of GHG Emissions Inventory (*applicable if a Challenge exceeds \$25M*)

The Contractor must publicly disclose its previous (*Select one*: calendar/fiscal) year's verified GHG emissions inventory within () calendar days of contract award. This may include publication on its corporate website, or inclusion in its Annual Report.

OR

Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas emissions and Setting of Reduction Targets

Within () calendar days of contract award, the Contractor must demonstrate that they have established or are working towards establishing science-based Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets through one of the following options:

1. Participation in Canada's Net-Zero Challenge or equivalent, demonstrated through provision of a letter of participation; OR
2. A company-specific strategy which must include all of the following:
 - a. Obtain verification of GHG emissions inventory and reduction for the previous calendar year by an accredited and independent third party within () calendar days after the end of the calendar year being verified.



- i. Accredited means recognized by one of the following GHG accreditation bodies: the [American National Standards Institute \(ANSI\)](#), the [California Air Resources Board \(CARB\)](#), the [Standards Council of Canada \(SCC\)](#), the [International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board](#), or other accreditation bodies recognised by the [International Accreditation Forum \(IAF\)](#).
- b. Set emissions reduction targets for Scope 1 and 2 emissions in accordance with the [Paris Agreement](#).
 - i. Scope 1 emissions are direct emissions from owned or controlled sources (i.e. company facilities and company vehicles).
 - ii. Scope 2 emissions are indirect emissions from the generation of purchased energy (i.e. purchased electricity, steam, heating and cooling for own use).
- c. Document its GHG emissions reduction targets for Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions in a corporate strategy document.
- d. Publicly disclose emissions reduction targets. This may include publication on its corporate website, or inclusion in its Annual Report, for example.
- e. Publicly disclose its previous calendar year's verified GHG emissions inventory. This may include publication on its corporate website, or inclusion in its Annual Report, for example.

The Contractor must advise the Contracting authority within () calendar days of contract award, which of the two (2) GHG emissions reduction strategies the contractor will adopt for the duration of the Contract including any planned or unplanned option periods. The Contractor must provide bi-annual updates to the Contracting authority on its progress in achieving its GHG reduction targets.



7.19 Joint-Venture (if applicable)

- a) The Contractor confirms that the name of the joint venture is _____ and that it is comprised of the following members: [list all the joint venture members named in the Contractor's original bid].
- b) With respect to the relationship between the members of the joint venture Contractor, each member agrees, represents and warrants (as applicable) that:
 - 1.1. _____ has been appointed as the "representative member" of the joint venture Contractor and has full authority to act as an agent for each member regarding all matters relating to the Contract;
 - 1.2. by giving notice to the representative member, Canada will be considered to have given notice to all the members of the joint venture Contractor; and,
 - 1.3. all payments made by Canada to the representative member will act as a release by all the members.
- c) All members agree that Canada may terminate the Contract at its discretion if there is a dispute among the members that, in Canada's opinion, affects the performance of the Work in any way.
- d) All members are jointly and severally or solitarily liable for the performance of the entire Contract.
- e) The Contractor acknowledges that any change in the membership of the joint venture (i.e. a change in the number of members or the substitution of another legal entity for an existing member) constitutes an assignment and is subject to the assignment provisions of the General Conditions.
- f) The Contractor acknowledges that all security and controlled goods requirements in the Contract, if any, apply to each member of the joint venture Contractor.

Note to Offerors: This Article will be deleted if the Offeror awarded the Contract is not a joint venture. If the Contractor is a joint venture, this clause will be completed with information provided in its bid.



ANNEX 1 – EVALUATION CRITERIA

Screening Criterion (SC)

Screening Criterion (SC) (Offeror's proposal must address)	
SC-1: Financial Proposal	Evaluation Schema (Screening – Pass/Fail)
The Offeror must: Complete the Financial Proposal in the Electronic Proposal Form. a) The proposed solution's Financial Proposal must not exceed the individual contract maximum: • Component 1a - \$250,000,00 • Component 1b - \$1,500,000,00 • Component 2 - \$5,000,000,00 b) The cost proposal for the first half of all milestones combined, must be no greater than 70% of the total cost for the proposed solution.	<u>Pass</u> The Financial Proposal does not exceed the individual contract maximum and the cost proposal for the first half of all milestones combined is no greater than 70% of the overall Financial Proposal total. <u>Fail</u> No information or insufficient information is provided to enable concrete analysis of the Financial Proposal. <i>or</i> The overall Financial Proposal total exceeds the individual contract maximum. <i>or</i> The cost proposal for the first half of all milestones combined is greater than 70% of the overall Financial Proposal total.



Please ensure that you refer to the proposal form for the maximum characters allowed for each question.
This will determine the level of detail expected.

CFP6 - Proposal Forms Character Counts			
	Comp 1a	Comp 1b	Comp 2
MC 1	3000	4000	5000
MC 2	3000	5000	8000
PRC 1	3000	5000	8000
PRC 2	3000	5000	8000
PRC 3	3000	5000	8000
PRC 4	3000	5000	8000
PRC 5	3000	3000	3000
PRC 6	3000	5000	8000
PRC 7	Financial Tables		

Mandatory Criteria (MC)

Mandatory Criteria (MC) (Offeror's proposal must address)	
MC-1: Current Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of Proposed Solution	Evaluation Schema (Mandatory – Pass/Fail)
The Offeror must: a) Accurately identify the current TRL¹ of the proposed solution; and b) Describe the research and development (R&D) activities that have taken place to advance the proposed solution to the stated TRL. Components are broken down as follows: • TRL 1 to 3 = Component 1a • TRL 4 or 5 = Component 1b • TRL 6 to 9 = Component 2	<u>Pass</u> The proposal provides sufficient and clear evidence to demonstrate the R&D that has taken place to advance it to the TRL identified in the proposal. <u>Fail</u> No information or insufficient information is provided to substantiate the solution's TRL identified in the proposal.

¹ [Technology Readiness Levels \(TRLs\)](#)

MC-2: Alignment of Proposed Solution to S&T Challenge	Evaluation Schema (Mandatory – Pass/Fail)
The Offeror must: Describe the proposed solution and how it addresses and aligns to the identified S&T Challenge by including a description of the scientific and technological basis upon which the solution is proposed, and clearly justify how the solution meets the Essential Outcomes.	<u>Pass</u> The proposal clearly articulates a solution that addresses and aligns to the identified S&T Challenge, includes a description of the scientific and technological basis upon which the solution is proposed, and clearly justifies how the solution meets each of the Essential Outcomes identified in the Challenge statement. <u>Fail</u> No information or insufficient information is provided to describe how the proposed solution addresses and aligns to the identified S&T Challenge. <i>or</i> No information or insufficient information is provided to describe the scientific and technological basis upon which the solution is proposed, and/or how the solution meets the Essential Outcomes identified in the Challenge statement. <i>or</i> The proposed solution does not address and align to the identified S&T Challenge.

Point-Rated Criteria (PRC)

Proposals that meet all the screening and mandatory criteria will be evaluated and scored in accordance with the point-rated criteria identified in the evaluation criteria. A total of one hundred (100) points is possible to achieve. Proposals must achieve the minimum pass mark of seventy (70) points to be declared responsive and proceed to be evaluated against the Strategic Decision Parameters. Proposals that fail to meet the minimum pass mark will be declared non-responsive and will not be evaluated further.

Point-Rated Criteria (Offeror's proposal to address)	
PRC-1: Scientific and/or Technical (S/T) Merit of Proposed Solution	Evaluation Schema (Point-Rated)
The Offeror should: Describe how the proposed solution is scientifically and/or technically sound and based on state-of-the-art² thinking and practice within the methodological field of the Challenge by: a) Justifying how the proposed solution is supported by sound and logical S/T evidence; and b) Justifying how the S/T concepts of the proposed solution are based on state-of-the-art thinking and practice in the relevant methodological area.	<u>0 points</u> No information or insufficient information is provided to enable concrete analysis of either sub-criterion. <u>5 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information that the solution meets <u>one</u> of the two sub-criteria. <u>10 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information that the solution meets <u>both</u> sub-criteria.

² **State-of-the-art:** using the most recent ideas, methods, processes, science and technology available in the relevant subject matter areas.



PRC-2: Novel and Innovative Solution	Evaluation Schema (Point-Rated)
The Offeror should: Describe how the proposed solution is novel³ and innovative⁴ over existing solutions by: a) Justifying how there will be new knowledge, science and/or technology improvements integrated into the work of the proposed solution. These include novel concepts, approaches or methodologies, tools, or technologies; b) Justifying how there will be enhanced capabilities and/or improved efficiencies created over current state-of-the-art and existing solutions; and c) Justifying how the proposed solution has future potential to lead in creating new knowledge and/or technology enhancement over existing solutions.	<u>0 points</u> No information or insufficient information is provided to enable concrete analysis of any of the sub-criteria. <u>5 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information that the solution meets <u>one</u> of the three sub-criteria. <u>15 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information that the solution meets <u>two</u> of the three sub-criteria. <u>20 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information that the solution meets all <u>three</u> sub-criteria.

³ **Novel:** Is not known or not an obvious derivative of an existing way of doing things.

⁴ **Innovative:**

- A new technology or new process that is not currently available in the marketplace.
- New knowledge advancing knowledge in social science.
- Significant modifications to the application of existing technologies/processes that are applied in a setting or condition for which current applications are not possible or feasible.
- An improvement to an existing technology/process that represents a significant improvement in functionality, cost or performance of goods and services that are considered state-of-the-art or the current industry best practice.



PRC-3: Impact of Proposed Solution	Evaluation Schema (Point-Rated)
The Offeror should: Describe how the proposed solution will create an impact in the field of the Challenge by: a) Justifying how the proposed solution will help in solving a gap or critical barrier in the Challenge. b) Justifying how the proposed solution will enhance the development of scientific and/or technical capability. c) Justifying how the proposed solution will mature the concepts, methods or technologies that drive the field of the Challenge.	<u>0 points</u> No information or insufficient information is provided to enable concrete analysis of any of the sub-criteria. <u>5 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information that the solution meets <u>one</u> of the three sub-criteria. <u>15 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information that the solution meets <u>two</u> of the three sub-criteria. <u>20 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information that the solution meets all <u>three</u> sub-criteria.

PRC-4: Feasibility and Approach of Proposed Solution	Evaluation Schema (Point-Rated)
The Offeror should: Describe the feasibility and the approach of the proposed solution to address the Challenge by: a) Justifying how the proposed solution is applicable and could be accomplished in practice within the field of the Challenge; b) Justifying how the approach is adequately developed, well-reasoned and appropriate; and c) Identifying risks and providing appropriate mitigation plan(s) to address them or any uncertainties that may impact the feasibility of the work plan.	<u>0 points</u> No information or insufficient information is provided to enable concrete analysis of any of the sub-criteria. <u>5 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information that the solution meets <u>one</u> of the three sub-criteria. <u>15 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information that the solution meets <u>two</u> of the three sub-criteria. <u>20 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information that the solution meets all <u>three</u> sub-criteria.



PRC-5: Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA Plus) of Proposed Solution	Evaluation Schema (Point-Rated)
The Offeror should: Demonstrate the GBA Plus⁵ analysis that has been conducted and how it applies to the proposed technical solution. This analysis must be applied to the proposed technical solution, and not the offeror or its business practices. a) Describe the analysis that has been conducted against the proposed technical solution, identifying any GBA Plus factors that have been considered; and b) Describe whether GBA Plus considerations have been identified and how they have been incorporated into the proposed technical solution, or whether no GBA Plus considerations were identified as relevant at this time.	0 points No GBA Plus analysis was undertaken and there is no plan to do so. 2 points No GBA Plus analysis was undertaken; however, the plan to undertake such analysis in the continued development of the solution is clearly articulated. 5 points GBA Plus analysis was undertaken and no GBA Plus considerations were relevant at this time. <i>or</i> GBA Plus considerations have been identified and incorporated into the proposed solution.

⁵ [Gender-based Analysis Plus \(GBA Plus\)](#)

PRC-6: Alignment of Desired Outcomes	Evaluation Schema (Point-Rated)
The Offeror should: Demonstrate the scientific and technological basis of how the proposed solution addresses the Desired Outcomes, if identified, of the Challenge statement. Note: If no Desired Outcomes are identified in the Challenge statement, any information provided by the Offeror in this section will not be evaluated, and Offerors will receive 15 points.	<u>0 points</u> No information or insufficient information is provided to demonstrate that the proposed solution will address any of the Desired Outcomes. <u>5 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information demonstrating that the solution will address <u>less than 50%</u> of the Desired Outcomes. <u>10 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information demonstrating that the solution will address <u>between 50% and 99%</u> of the Desired Outcomes. <u>15 points</u> The proposal has provided sufficient and clear information demonstrating that the solution will address all, <u>100%</u>, of the Desired Outcomes.



PRC-7: Alignment of Proposed Solution Costs	Evaluation Schema (Point-Rated)
The Offeror must: Complete the Financial Proposal in the Electronic Proposal Form. The Financial Proposal is to align with the work proposed, and specifically: a) Is realistic for the technical approach proposed; and b) Is appropriate with, and is reasonably relative to: i. each labour category proposed per milestone; ii. the number of labour hours proposed per milestone; iii. the types and categories of materials, equipment, and other direct costs; and iv. each task for which travel and cost incurred is proposed, the travel costs incurred are explained and reasonable.	<u>0 points</u> The Financial Proposal does not align to the work proposed. <i>or</i> No information or insufficient information is provided to enable concrete analysis of the criteria. <u>5 points</u> The Financial Proposal adequately aligns to the work proposed; however, minor details may be missing. <u>10 points</u> The Financial Proposal aligns to the work proposed, provides realistic costs, and all costs are reasonably relative to the work proposed in the Workplan.



ANNEX 2 – ADVANCEMENT ALONG THE COMPETITIVE PROJECTS INNOVATION CONTINUUM

1. General

Following completion of the initial Component of a Competitive Projects contract, if Canada is still interested in the innovation, the Offeror may be invited to advance along the Competitive Projects Continuum for the purpose of further advancing the TRL of the solution. The final report will be used to assess the solution's suitability for a follow-on Contract. Any resulting contracts will follow the contract award process at section 4.5 Contract Award Process, of this Call for Proposal (CFP). A request for proposal does not guarantee that a follow-on contract will be awarded.

Advancement to a follow-on Component is not guaranteed. It is at the sole discretion of Canada to decide to invite the Offeror to proceed along the Innovation Continuum.

2. Objective

The objective of advancing along the Continuum is to continue the R&D efforts of the originally proposed solution to further the TRL of the solution, with the goal of developing a prototype and/or testing a solution for the selected Challenge.

3. Entry Period

The Entry Period will begin upon successful completion of the initial contract resulting from CFP006 W7714-248676.

If during this 6-month period, an eligible Offeror has not been requested to submit their documents as outlined in section 1.2 IDEaS Program Overview, of the CFP, the Offeror will no longer be able to continue the advancement of Research and Development activities under CFP006 W7714-248676.

Canada reserves the right to modify the Entry Period at any time for any reason. An Offeror may withdraw their proposal from consideration by providing written notice to the Contracting Authority.

4. Framework

All Contracts will be issued in accordance with the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat (TBS) Directive on management of Procurement and the following framework:

- a) Eligibility: Offerors must continue to meet Program, CFP, and Challenge Eligibility.
- b) Basis of Selection: Canada's assessment of the Final Technical Report.
- c) Maximum Contract Dollar value: As identified in section 1.8 of the CFP.



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- d) Eligible Innovations: Innovations eligible for a contract must be the same as developed under the original Component of work and demonstrate the potential to clearly address the Essential Outcomes, and Desired Outcomes (if applicable) identified in the Challenge.
- e) Contract Period: As identified in section 1.8 of the CFP.
- f) Contracting Authority: Public Works and Government Services Canada will be the Contracting Authority.
- g) Terms and conditions: Contracts will be subject to the Resulting Contract Clauses found in Part 7 of the CFP.