



## **Defence Construction Canada expands its e-procurement solution to the submission of proposals for architectural and engineering services**

Defence Construction Canada's (DCC) top priority is the health and safety of its employees, Client-Partners and industry members. In the midst of Covid-19 pandemic, DCC recognizes that paper-based proposal submissions require more physical contact than electronic submissions. DCC also recognizes that many consultants' personnel are now working remotely and have reduced capability to prepare and submit paper-based proposals. For that reason, the Corporation is activating its e-bidding capability for consultant proposals earlier than anticipated.

Starting April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, DCC will be posting new opportunities for professional services that will require the submission of proposals electronically (e-bids), using the service provider MERX, an independent private sector tendering service. E-bids for tenders, including those that require bid security, are already accepted. DCC adopted the online electronic bidding capability to enhance industry access and to allow the Corporation to manage the tendering process more accurately and efficiently from beginning to end.

### **DCC's e-bidding capability**

Firms can use e-bidding to:

- Submit their proposals (technical and cost) online at no additional cost;
- Upload their technical proposal document up to 2GB in size;
- Revise their proposal (technical and cost) at any time prior to closing;
- Receive an e-bid confirmation number once the e-bid is submitted successfully; and
- View bid results online.

### **Important information**

- Paper submissions will no longer be accepted where e-bidding is used.
- The requirement for the submission of e-bids is clearly identified in MERX.
- Technical proposals of unsuccessful proponents will be deleted from the system.
- A training presentation is available on DCC's website

DCC complies fully with Government of Canada contracting regulations to ensure a secure, efficient, fair and transparent process for procuring and managing defence and security infrastructure projects.

### **Contact information**

For more information on DCC's e-procurement capability, visit our website [www.dcc-cdc.gc.ca](http://www.dcc-cdc.gc.ca)