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To All Potential Bidders:

Attached is a table of all bidder questions submitted for IFB 07-13, Computer to Plate Image and Proofing System, and the Department's response.

PLEASE NOTE THE CLARIFICATION IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION #10.

As a reminder, if your firm is interested in submitting a proposal in response to the IFB, the final date for receipt of bidder proposals is July 25, 2007.

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#	Question	Answer
1	Does the total footprint of 120" x 240" equate to 3048mm x 6096mm?	Yes.
2	Does the total footprint of 120" x 240" include the plate processor line?	Yes.
3	Does the total footprint of 120" x 240" include space to open side panels for service? A space of 29" on each side could be needed for access to some areas of the CTP equipment for service.	This is the maximum space available for equipment and any required access.
4	Will remote access be allowed, which gives the Kodak Response Center, located in Vancouver, BC Canada, the ability to access equipment through the Internet for diagnostic, repair and support activities?	Remote diagnostics can be arranged under special circumstances, for short term problem resolution work which can not be easily performed on site. The following security procedures must be followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Prior notification is required so that Technology Management can set up the modem attached to the server or other device; ii. Each instance of connection must be requested individually so the modem can be activated and deactivated to provide the shortest window of operation that is reasonably possible;
5	Can the 60-minute response time requirement be met by a telephone call back to the Department?	Yes.
6	Is there a penalty for not meeting the 60-minute response time? Or	The response times as outlined in Section VII.A are a

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	the one (1) day on-site service requirements on a particular call (or more)?	requirement and it is expected the vendor can comply. Penalties will be outlined during contract negotiations and invoked at the discretion of the Department.
7	Software Maintenance Requirement: Page 10 Contractor will be required to install all patches, updates, etc. The contractor will not be provided internet access to perform these functions, updates and patches....., is this correct?	Yes, this statement is correct; however, as also outlined in Section VII.B; downloads can be made available for Department personnel to download and provide to vendors on-site.
8	The proposal asks if the system has the option for punches, which the Agfa Avalon does have. They are options, and vary according to the configuration and then number of punches required. These can be upgraded after installation at any time, and they do not have to be installed prior to delivery. Do you want to have them included in the initial quote, and if so, how many configurations are required, and what are those configurations?	IFB #07-13 contains modified Product Specifications and a modified Attachment B, Bidder Attestation Checklist from that of the previously withdrawn IFB #07-05. Please verify that you are using the correct version.
9	An online processor is available which may or may not process all types of thermal plates. The plate processor can also be included as part of a plate usage contract, separate from the platesetter. Do you want to have a processor included that would run the Agfa plate that was tested and approved by the Tax department, or leave that for when the dept decides on the plates they'll be using?	The online processor must have the ability to run various plates generally used with thermal plate setters.
10	On attachment B, Bidder Attestation Checklist, item 8 asks about a single cassette with slip sheet removal. The Agfa Avalon (which was specified by the dept) comes as either a fully automated system with up to 4 cassettes, or a single cassette system with the option to manually bypass the cassette for other size plates that are not in the cassette. With the single cassette option (much less costly than the 4	The Department requires, at a minimum, a single cassette <u>with</u> slip sheet removal.

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	cassette option) there is no slip sheet removal, but it is fully automated after the plates are loaded. Will that option be acceptable to the dept?	
11	On attachment B, Bidder Attestation Checklist, item 9 asks if the system incorporates a redundant diode system. The Avalon does not use multiple diodes that are required to "stitch" multiple images back together. It uses a single GLV head to image the plate. Since the Avalon was specified by the department I would ask to have that requirement removed from Attachment B.	IFB #07-13 contains modified Product Specifications and a modified Attachment B, Bidder Attestation Checklist from that of the previously withdrawn IFB #07-05. Please verify that you are using the correct version.
12	On attachment B, Bidder Attestation Checklist, page 2 of 2, item 4 requests a 46" wide proofer. The requested inkjet proofer was an Epson 9800 which is 44" wide, and uses 8 colors of ink. Is the Epson 9800 what the department would like to have included?	IFB #07-13 contains modified Product Specifications and a modified Attachment B, Bidder Attestation Checklist from that of the previously withdrawn IFB #07-05. Please verify that you are using the correct version.
13	On attachment A, Bidders Price Proposal, page 2 of 3, Hardware Support and Maintenance. Part A covers full hardware/software maintenance pricing, part B covers time and materials pricing. There is also pricing that falls in between, which includes all parts but not labor and travel, can a part C be added to show that pricing as well?	Any additional information submitted will be considered extraneous and will not be used for the purposes of evaluating the winner. However, this option may be considered if the vendor is awarded the contract.