

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION APPLIANCES

VICE PRESIDENCY FOR HUMAN CAPITAL

1.0 Description

- 1.1 The Vice Presidency for Human Capital of the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) has embarked in a project to improve the working conditions and environment for its workforce by upgrading the quality, quantity, and type of appliances it provides to its cafeterias, dining rooms, and other common facilities. As well as the furniture and structures themselves.
- 1.2 THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes – it does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) or a promise to issue an RFP in the future This request for information does not commit the ACP to purchase any supply or service whatsoever Further, the ACP is not at this time seeking proposals and will not accept unsolicited proposals Responders are advised that the ACP will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this RFI; all costs associated with responding to this RFI will be solely at the interested party's expense Not responding to this RFI does not preclude participation in any future RFP, if any is issued If a solicitation is released, it will be synopsized on the ACP's Website [Procurement and Sales page](#) It is the responsibility of the potential offerors to monitor these sites for additional information pertaining to this requirement

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The ACP it's looking to replace, upgrade improve the appliances located throughout its facilities for lunchroom cafeterias, waiting stations and others
- 2.2 For the moment the appliances considered are as follows: Microwave Ovens, Toaster Ovens, Refrigerators, Icemaking Machines, Stoves, Clothes Washing and Drying Machines
- 2.3 96% of the equipment utilized is of residential type or grade, some have reached their end-of-life period and need to be replaced, other have suffered damages due to the workload and working conditions, especially in places where there is high usage. We are currently looking to replace those units with commercial grade units
- 2.4 The equipment will be purchased either in small quantities at first (less than 10 units of each at the time) and in higher numbers (10 or more) when the need arises
- 2.5 Operating conditions: The Panama Canal area is a diverse operating environment, for the most part surrounded by or adjacent to water, (tropical fresh water, tropical sea water, a mix of fresh water with tropical sea water) in addition the nature of our business requires that some areas work 24 hours a day inclusive during an adverse weather conditions, those spaces can be located in an office building as well as to on board floating equipment tugs, launches and others.

3.0 Common Requirements

- 3.1** *Planned Start Date of Bid Process:* April 2022
- 3.2** *Delivery Period:* 10 or less units 5 days, 10 or above units 20 days
- 3.3** *Limitations:* Must comply with ACP regulations and Panamanian laws
- 3.4** *Safety Requirements:* UL listed required, UL certified preferred
- 3.5** *Equipment grade:* Commercial grade equipment is required unless otherwise specified
- 3.6** *Power Requirements:* Except of toaster ovens, all other equipment, is required to have a suppressor
 - 3.6.1** The surge suppressor must be incorporated into the equipment, it must be located inside the equipment housing, not added as an accessory attached to the end of the power cable where it can be easily removed by unauthorized hands
 - 3.6.2** Voltage requirements are specific for each type of appliance see the requirements section for each.
- 3.7** Construction material for all appliances must be Stainless Steel
- 3.8** Required warranty is a minimum of one year on parts and labor
- 3.9** A maintenance and repair program or proposal must be included, along with all the associated costs for it.

4.0 Specific Requirements

4.1 Microwave Oven

- 4.1.1** Light Duty and Medium Duty commercial microwave ovens are sought
- 4.1.2** minimum capacity of 8 cubic feet, and a maximum 12 cubic feet
- 4.1.3** 2 Magnetrons are required
- 4.1.4** Digital display
- 4.1.5** Digital controls must be buttons, no wheels or knobs. Buttons must be preprogramed at 30 second intervals
- 4.1.6** Voltage requirements: 115 to 120V
- 4.1.7** Power Rating: Light duty oven 1000 watts or higher and for medium duty oven 1200 watts or higher a maximum of max to 1800 watts for both

4.2 Toaster oven

- 4.2.1** Features: Timer; Power Indicator Light; Adjustable Rack; Automatic Shut Off
- 4.2.2** Cooking Modes: Bake; Toast; Broil; Air Fry
- 4.2.3** Capacity: Minimum of bread slices 6
- 4.2.4** Outside dimensions: minimum 9" H x 18" W x 15" D

4.2.5 Commercial grade is not required for this item

4.2.6 Voltage requirements: 115 to 120V 60mhz

4.3 Refrigerator

4.3.1 2 configurations are sought, single door and double door,

4.3.2 The storage space required is as follows:

4.3.2.1 Single door from 9 to 30 cubic feet

4.3.2.2 Double doors from 31 feet to 56 cubic feet

4.3.3 The unit must display the temperature inside of the storage space, the display digital or otherwise must be located on the front of the unit

4.3.4 The doors are required to be glass doors

4.3.5 It must have at least 3 racks for placement

4.3.6 A top mounted compressor is preferred

4.3.7 Voltage requirements: 115 to 120V is preferred but 208 to 230 is accepted

4.4 Freezer

4.4.1 2 configurations are sought, single door and double door,

4.4.2 The storage space required is as follows:

4.4.2.1 Single door from 9 to 30 cubic feet

4.4.2.2 Double doors from 31 feet to 56 cubic feet

4.4.3 The unit must display the temperature inside of the storage space, the display digital or otherwise must be located on the front of the unit

4.4.4 The doors are required to be glass doors

4.4.5 It must have at least 3 racks for placement

4.4.6 A top mounted compressor is preferred

4.4.7 Voltage requirements: 115 to 120V is preferred but 208 to 230 is accepted

4.5 Icemaker

4.5.1 4 sizes are sought,

4.5.1.1 Countertop Ice dispenser

4.5.1.2 Small 50 to 150 pound of Ice daily production

4.5.1.3 Medium 165 to 265 pounds of daily Ice production

4.5.1.4 Large > 300 pounds of ice daily production

4.5.2 Type of Ice produced Can be: Full Cube, Half Cube or Crescent Nugget ice only for the Countertop

4.5.3 Condensing unit type, Air cooled except for the large, this one can be water cooled or Air cooled

4.5.4 Voltage requirements: 115 to 120V is preferred but 208 to 230 is accepted

4.6 Stove

4.6.1 Free standing model

4.6.2 Induction Heating is required

4.6.3 30 inches wide

4.6.4 4 burners

4.6.5 Oven must have air fryer function included

4.6.6 Cooktop surface ceramic is preferred

4.7 Washing machine

4.7.1 Non-Coin Operated

4.7.2 Heavy Duty Cabinet

4.7.3 Steel Base

4.7.4 Stainless steel Wash Shaft

4.7.5 Front loading is preferred but top loading will be accepted also

4.7.6 Cylinder (drum size) volume between 35 and 45 cubic feet

4.7.7 A minimum Capacity of 8 kg

4.7.8 Drive type: Direct Drive is preferred, however inverter drives, and gearbox drives will be accepted, belt systems will not be accepted

4.7.9 Voltage requirements: 115 to 120V is preferred but 208 to 230 is accepted

4.8 Dryer Machine

4.8.1 Electric

4.8.2 Vented Or Heat Pump Systems only

4.8.3 Front loading required

4.8.4 Non-Coin Operated

4.8.5 Heavy Duty Cabinet

4.8.6 Steel Base

4.8.7 Capacity 12 kg to 20 kg

4.8.8 Voltage requirements: 115 to 120V is preferred but 208 to 230 is accepted

5.0 Responses

- 5.1** Interested parties are requested to respond to this RFI providing, detail specs on the equipment they offer
- 5.2** The respondents must be authorized dealers and proof of it must be provided since it will be part of their requirements during the final bidding process
- 5.3** The company must have at least 6 years of operation, in the selling distribution and maintenance of such equipment
- 5.4** The proponents must be authorized by the manufacturer as a maintenance and repair center, who will take care of attending claims or repairing equipment when the occasion arises
- 5.5** Papers must be submitted in Microsoft Word for Office 2007 (or later) or Adobe Acrobat 80 (or later) compatible formats, due no later than April 30th 2022 23:00 EST responses shall be submitted via e-mail to CH-AreasComunes@pancanal.com POC Zarik A Rodriguez or Ana Golder.
- 5.6** Proprietary information, if any, should be minimized and MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED as such.
- 5.7** Submissions shall include the following as a minimum: Name, mailing address, overnight delivery address (if different from mailing address), phone number and e-mail of designated point of contact.

6.0 Questions

- 6.1** Questions regarding this announcement shall be submitted in writing by e-mail to the point of contact

Summary

THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY to identify sources that can provide [Appliances for Common Areas] The information provided in the RFI is subject to change and is not binding The Panama Canal has not made a commitment to procure any of the items discussed, and release of this RFI should not be construed as such a commitment or as authorization to incur cost for which reimbursement would be required or sought Submissions will not be returned