

PROCUREMENT TIMELINE: FIXED-WING SEARCH AND RESCUE AIRCRAFT



2010

National Research Council review

Council reviews project requirements and recommends a capability-based approach and revisions to the statement of operational requirements

2011

Industry day

Canadian aerospace industry is consulted on new procurement strategy

2012

Fixed-Wing Search and Rescue Secretariat

Created to ensure a collaborative approach to the procurement process

Fairness monitor

Oversees procurement process for openness and transparency

No fairness-related issues were identified

Industry workshop

Industry and Canada discuss the relationship between original equipment manufacturers and Canadian support service providers

Ongoing industry engagement

Project updates include industrial and technological benefits and the aircraft maintenance and support operation requirements

2013

Draft Request for Proposals

Canada shares draft with aerospace industry for feedback, and a source list of potential bidders is established

Base site visits

Potential bidders visit main operating bases across the country

One-on-one meetings

Canada meets with industry to discuss numerous topics with industry related to the draft Request for Proposals

Independent third-party review

Third party reviews evaluation plans, methods and tools and finds that they are consistent with promoting competition and best value

2014

Training session

Canada delivers a training session to potential bidders on airworthiness requirements

One-on-one workshops

Canada holds four workshops with aerospace industry to ensure understanding of aircraft performance and configuration

Ongoing industry engagement

Discussions on requirements for industrial and technological benefits, including Value Proposition

2015

Request for Proposals

Canada posts the notice to Buyandsell.gc.ca, and Request for Proposals documents are shared with the list of potential bidders

Two-step bid evaluation process

Three companies participate in the optional process

2016

Request for Proposals closes

Three bidders submit proposals

Bid evaluation

Canada evaluates bids, and proposed aircraft are tested at the manufacturers' facilities

Contract award

Airbus Defence and Space is awarded a contract for highest overall score and best value for Canada

Partnered with Newfoundland-based PAL Aerospace to deliver maintenance and support work in Canada

Upcoming

2019

First aircraft delivery

19 Wing Canadian Forces Base Comox, British Columbia

Initial training begins

New training facility

Full operation of new facility at 19 Wing Comox

2022

Final aircraft delivery

Beginning of the maintenance and support operation contract for the aircraft



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