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Mr. Yves Giroux
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Dear Mr. Giroux:

I am writing in response to a 2 October 2018 email request from a member of your staff inquiring about accessing the Request for Proposals for the Canadian Surface Combatant.

With regards to this request, we are prepared to share the Request for Proposals for the Canadian Surface Combatant with you. National Defence officials will liaise with your staff to arrange the delivery (the Request for Proposals must be provided on removable media due to its volume).

Please note, the Request for Proposals was released to the pre-qualified bidders by Irving Shipbuilding Inc., and it has not been released publicly. Furthermore, the Canadian Surface Combatant Project Conditions Precedent phase is ongoing. Due to the sensitivity of this information, we respectfully request that you do not release the Request for Proposals document and data publicly. Your staff will need to identify personnel with the required NATO SECRET security clearance for the classified portions of the Request for Proposals.

As I know you are aware, there is a long history of collaboration between National Defence and your predecessors on the Canadian Surface Combatant. National Defence officials remain available to meet with your staff to discuss any additional information you may need about the Canadian Surface Combatant.

I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,


Jody Thomas

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