Overview of the Draft Terms for Auctions of Government of Canada Ultra-Long Bonds

Characteristics	Government of Canada Ultra-Long Bond Auction
Bidders	 Government securities distributors (GSDs) can bid directly through the <i>Communication, Auction and Reporting System</i> (CARS). Customers can bid indirectly through GSDs. Customers may submit bids through multiple GSDs.
Auction Size	Maximum auction size will be specified in the call for tender.
Pricing Mechanism	Uniform pricing (successful bids are allocated at the cut-off yield).
Auction Allocation Process	 Non-competitive bids are accepted first. Competitive bids are accepted in rising order of yield until full issuance amount is allotted.
Bidder Identification Number	 To bid competitively, customers require a Bidder Identification Number (BIN) or an ultra-long BIN. Only the draft Terms for Auctions of Government of Canada Ultra-Long Bonds is applicable to customers with an ultra-long BIN.
Competitive Auction Limit	 GSDs and customers both have a maximum competitive bidding limit of 50 per cent of the total tender size on their own behalf. GSDs have a maximum submitting limit of 100 per cent for its own account and on behalf of customers.
Non-Competitive Auction Limit	 GSDs are not allowed to place non-competitive bids. GSDs can bid up to \$10 million on behalf of customers. Each customer can bid for a maximum of \$5 million. Customers do not require a BIN or ultra-long BIN to bid non-competitively; however, GSDs are required to list non-competitive bids by customers separately.
Net Position Reporting	GSDs and customers are not required to report their net position of ultra-long bond holdings at any time.
Compliance	GSDs and customers are not required to complete an annual compliance report for their participation in ultra-long bond auctions.
Minimum Bidding Obligation	 GSDs and customers do not have a minimum bidding obligation. The Bank of Canada is eligible without restriction to participate in each auction. However, there are no current plans for the Bank of Canada to participate in ultra-long auctions.
Call for Tenders	 Official call for tender issued at least one day prior to the auction. Any call for tenders for ultra-long bonds would be communicated outside of the <i>Quarterly Bond Schedule</i> during the course of the fiscal year.
Bidding Format	Bids will be placed in the form of yields.
Number of Bids per Auction Participant	GSDs and customers can submit up to seven competitive bids.