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INTRODUCTION

This notice is for the purpose of notifying industry of an upcoming Industry Day engagement session to discuss the procurement for the management and operation of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's (AECL's) Nuclear Laboratories. Responding to this notice is not a prerequisite to participating in any future solicitation(s) in this regard.

Canada is expected to issue a comprehensive, competitive, procurement process for the management and operation of AECL's Nuclear Laboratories pursuant to a Government-owned, Contractor-operated (GoCo) model.

The Industry Engagement Session will be held on June 20th, 2013 in Ottawa. Preregister by June 17th, 2013.

An Industry Day is planned for June 20, 2013 and preregistration by June 17, 2013 must be arranged through the designated PWGSC Contracting Officer below. Canada is seeking to engage with Industry early, and at certain stages in the procurement process, in order to solicit industry feedback on the business requirements and related procurement strategy.

BACKGROUND

On February 28, 2013, the Minister of Natural Resources announced that the Government would engage in a competitive procurement process to restructure the management and operation of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's Nuclear Laboratories and that an information session for industry would be held to launch this process. The Government is seeking to implement a Government-Owned, Contractor-Operated (GoCo) model, as is done in other jurisdictions, such as the United States and the United Kingdom.

This competitive procurement process will follow government best practices in engagement, oversight, transparency and due diligence, including the use of third-party advisors.

Recognizing the wealth of expertise and unique facilities at the Laboratories, the Government is taking this next major step in restructuring Atomic Energy of Canada Limited to put in place the conditions for Canada's nuclear industry to succeed in the future. This is in keeping with the conclusions of the Government of Canada's Review of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and draws on input from the industry and other stakeholders following a Request for Expression of Interest issued last year.

The Government will focus the Nuclear Laboratories on three key objectives: managing its radioactive waste and decommissioning responsibilities; performing science and technology activities to meet core federal responsibilities; and supporting Canada's nuclear industry through access to science and technology facilities and expertise on a commercial basis.

The Government is still assessing the value of investing federal tax dollars in longer-term nuclear innovation. Over the coming months, the Government will work to understand the potential business case for a forward-looking, industry-driven nuclear innovation agenda.

The announcement can be found here:

<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/media-room/news-releases/2013/6890>

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

Industry will be engaged in a multi-phased consultative process as a follow on to the Request for Expression of Interest that concluded in April 2012. Further consultations are expected throughout the procurement process.

INDUSTRY DAY

The purpose of this consultation will be to engage Industry to present an overview of the expected procurement strategy for the future solicitation(s) for the restructuring of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's Nuclear Laboratories, including an overview of the procurement process and timelines, and to give Industry an opportunity to comment. Suppliers interested in this process are encouraged to participate in this engagement process; however it is not mandatory to do so. Not attending the Industry Day will not preclude an interested participant from participating in any future solicitation(s) in this regard.

All substantive and non-proprietary questions and answers discussed during this engagement will be summarized and made available to all suppliers participating in the Industry Consultation Process.

The Industry Engagement Session will be held on June 20th, 2013.

PREREGISTRATION CLOSING DATE

Participants may attend Industry Day either in person or by web casting. Registration for Industry Day is limited to a maximum of three in-person representatives from each Supplier; there is no limit on the number of participants attending by web cast. Registration for each participant, both in-person and web cast participants, is required by June 17th, and only those who have preregistered may attend.

Registration of each participant is to be submitted in writing or electronically to the Contracting Authority identified below indicating their intention to attend the Industry Day either in person or by teleconference and indicating their language of choice for the presentation. Any documents distributed at the Industry Day will be provided in both official languages.

The Industry Day will be a full day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and held at a downtown Ottawa location; details will be provided in future correspondence to those preregistered.

NOTES TO INTERESTED SUPPLIERS

This Industry Consultation process is not a bid solicitation and a contract will not result from this Industry Day notice. Any feedback received by Canada in response to this Industry Consultation process may or may not be used by Canada in the development of future competitive solicitation(s) and does not create any obligation for Canada legally or otherwise, to accept any suggestions received.

Suppliers are encouraged to continue to monitor the Government Electronic Tendering Services (GETS) for further information on the future solicitation(s) for the restructuring of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's (AECL's) Nuclear Laboratories.

All enquiries and other communications related to this Industry Consultation process must be directed exclusively to the Contracting Authority.

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