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TITLE: SERVICES OF A CONTRACTOR TO MANAGE THE SITE OPERATING COMPANY THAT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LIMITED'S NUCLEAR LABORATORIES UNDER A GOVERNMENT-OWNED, CONTRACTOR-OPERATED MODEL

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THIS IS AN UPDATE REGARDING THE EXPECTED ISSUANCE OF THE REQUEST FOR RESPONSE
EVALUATION (RFRE)**

1. Executive Summary

The Government of Canada (Canada) is intending to procure the services of a contractor to manage the Site Operating Company that will be responsible for the management and operations of what are today known as Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's (AECL's) Nuclear Laboratories under a Government-owned, Contractor-operated (GoCo) model.

The procurement process for this requirement was launched on June 20, 2013 with an Industry Day attended by 110 participants from 55 organizations. The Industry Day served to provide information on the intended procurement process and to answer the more than 80 questions that were raised.

The Industry Day was followed by the issuance of a Request for Information (RFI) on July 19, 2013, that closed on August 23, 2013. As part of the RFI, site visits were offered to both Chalk River and Whiteshell Laboratories. Twenty-one written responses to the RFI provided detailed feedback on many aspects of the procurement, and a further eighteen one-on-one meetings with industry allowed for further engagement with global leaders.

The RFI provided the opportunity for Canada to consider adjustments to the future stages of the procurement process, notably on:

The overall procurement process;

High-level expectations/scope of work; and

Mandatory technical qualification criteria.

2. Update

Please note that the RFRE has not yet been issued. There is no precedent for nuclear GoCo contracting in Canada and the Government is working diligently, leveraging the experience of third-party nuclear, financial and legal advisors to develop a process that will be fair and result in good value for government and industry. Additional information on the timeline, including the anticipated release of the Request for Response Evaluation (RFRE), will be provided shortly.

3. Enquiries

The Government of Canada procures goods and services on behalf of departments and agencies using Buy and Sell, the Government Electronic Tendering Service. Suppliers are encouraged to continue to monitor the web site at www.buyandsell.gc.ca for further updates.

All industry enquiries and other communications related to the procurement process should be directed exclusively to the Contracting Authority.

This notice is a general information update and responding to this notice is not a prerequisite to participating in any future solicitation(s) in this regard.

Additional updates prior to a release of the RFRE will be provided as amendments to this notice, as needed.

Thank you

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