
For: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)

An Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) is a notification through the open bidding methodology of the intent to award a directed contract.

An Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) allows departments and agencies to post a notice, for no less than fifteen calendar days, indicating to the supplier community that it intends to award a good, service or construction contract to a pre-identified contractor. If no other supplier submits, on or before the closing date, a statement of capabilities that meets the requirements set out in the ACAN, the competitive requirements of the government's contracting policy have been met. Following notification to suppliers not successful in demonstrating that their statements of capabilities meets the requirements set out in the ACAN, the contract may then be awarded using the Treasury Board's electronic bidding authorities.

If other potential suppliers submit Statements of Capabilities during the fifteen calendar day posting period, and meet the requirements set out in the ACAN, the department or agency must proceed to a full tendering process on either the government's electronic tendering service or through traditional means, in order to award the contract.

Definition: CFB: Club de fertilisation de la Beauce Inc.

Applicability of trade agreements and other obligations: N/A.

Objective of the ACAN:

One of the goals of the project # 1123 (2013-2016) is to evaluate the importance of winter thaws and spring melt on losses of sediment and nutrients, notably nitrogen and phosphorus, from agricultural soils to surface waters. To this end, a small sub watershed of 240 hectares located in the basin of the Bras d'Henri River at Saint-Narcisse -de-Beaurivage (Quebec) is instrumented to collect outflow data and concentration values of nitrogen and phosphorus in the stream draining the watershed. These data are used to calculate the export of sediment and nutrients out of the watershed. However, fundamental information is necessary to interpret these results is obtaining the annual nutrient balance across the watershed. This nutrient balance is calculated from imports of nutrients (actual fertilization) and exports of nutrients (crop yields). This contract aims to obtain this essential information.

Statement of Work:

Location:

The area to be covered is presented in Appendix 1. This area is located in the Chaudière-Appalaches region in the municipality of Saint-Narcisse-de-Beaurivage.

Statement of Work:

- A collection of on-farm agronomic data (imports of nutrients and crop yields) for all farms within the watershed.



- Writing progress reports of all data collected and the methodology of calculation adopted.
- The calculation of nutrient balances taking into account agronomic data of the farms.
- Preparation of annual reports presenting the annual results at the sub watershed scale.

Timelines and deliverables:

Timelines

Deliverables

March 24, 2014 and March 31, 2014	Progress Report outlining the 2013 data collection and the methodology of calculating the balance sheet (meeting at the Club de fertilisation de la Beauce's office). Annual Report 2013.
April 1, 2014 and March 15, 2015	Progress Report outlining the 2014 data collection and the methodology of calculating the balance sheet (meeting at the Club de fertilisation de la Beauce's office).
March 15, 2015 and March 31, 2015	Annual Report 2014.
April 1, 2015 and March 15, 2016	Progress Report outlining the 2015 data collection and the methodology of calculating the balance sheet (meeting at the Club de fertilisation de la Beauce's office).
March 15, 2016 and March 31, 2016	Annual Report 2015.

Cost: The total value of the contract will be \$33,940.62 (including taxes).

Deadline: The required activities will cover the growing seasons of 2013, 2014 and 2015. Thus, the contract period will run from March 14, 2014 to March 31, 2016.

Proposed supplier:

Club fertilization Beauce inc.
111C, rue Principale
Ste-Hénédine (Quebec) G0S 2R0

Justification for use of a single-source supplier:

The agri-environmental advisory club, "Club de fertilisation de la Beauce inc. (CFB)", unites and serves farmers whose farms cover the study area. CFB is the only entity able to quickly gather confidential agronomic data and efficiently compute agronomic assessments across the watershed study.



Suppliers' right to submit a Statement of Capabilities: Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide the services described herein, may submit a statement of capabilities in writing to the contact person identified in this Notice on or before the closing date of this Notice. The statement of capabilities must clearly demonstrate how the supplier meets the stated requirements.

Closing date for the submission of the Statement of Capabilities:
March 20, 2014 at 2:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time)

Inquiries and Submission of Statements of Capabilities: requests for information shall be submitted **IN WRITING** to the contracting authority:

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APPENDIX 1



