



ADVANCE CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE (ACAN)

1. Definition

An Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) allows departments and agencies to post a notice, for no less than fifteen (15) 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 Statement 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 Statement 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.

2. Definition of Requirement

The GeoScience World (GSW) represents a collaboration of membership organizations in the geosciences and its collection incorporates the full text of 41 major geoscience journals from 26+ societies and institutes from around the world. NRCAN Library has had a subscription since July 2015 when these print journals first become available electronically. These journals are core resources to our Earth Science Sector clients accounting for over 21,500 full text downloaded articles in 2011-12.

The purpose of this requirement is to provide Natural Resource Canada Library (NRCAN Library) at 6 sites with a subscription to and training in the use of the GeoScience World Millennium Collection and Literature Archives which consists of 36+ full text online journals and to provide the functionality of allowing direct linking to GSW from GeoRef.

NRCAN requires the supplier to provide the following product, services and features to the 6 sites:

1. GeoScience World - Millennium Collection and Literature Archives.
2. Ability to accept linking from citations found in GeoRef to the full text of journals in GSW.
3. Bibliographic Software - the ability to download search results to bibliographic software such as End Note.
4. Alerts - the ability to provide clients with alerts.
5. Search Functionalities - ability to provide a variety of search capabilities such as the following examples: browse a selection of journals or all journals at once, search by meeting, search for a geographic location by name, physiographic feature or longitude and latitude, select articles citing a particular research paper or institution.
6. Account support - ability to provide monthly usage statistics.
7. Telephone and email assistance with technical problems relating to GSW, during normal working hours at all sites across Canada.
8. Training and Technical Support - the ability to provide on-site and online training across Canada to all relevant NRCAN Library sites, as well as provision of bilingual training and marketing tools. The ability to provide timely telephone and email assistance with technical problems relating to GSW, during normal working hours at all sites across Canada.

3. Trade Agreements

Applicable Limited Tendering Provision under NAFTA (Article 1016.2)

1016.2(b) - where, for works of art, or for reasons connected with the protection of patents, copyrights or other exclusive rights, or proprietary information or where there is an absence of competition for technical reasons, the goods or services can be supplied only by a particular supplier and no reasonable alternative or substitute exists;



Applicable Limited Tendering Provision under AIT (Article 506.12)

506.12(a) - to ensure compatibility with existing products, to recognize exclusive rights, such as exclusive licenses, copyright and patent rights, or to maintain specialized products that must be maintained by the manufacturer or its representative

Applicable Limited Tendering Provision under Canada-Chile (Article Kbis-09)

Kbis-09 (b) - protection of exclusive rights, such as patents or copyrights, or in the absence of competition for technical reasons, the products or services can be supplied only by a particular supplier and no reasonable alternative or substitute exists

Applicable Limited Tendering Provision under Canada-Peru / Canada-Colombia (Article 1409)

1409 (b) where the goods or services can be supplied only by a particular supplier and no reasonable alternative or substitute goods or services exist for any of the following reasons:

- (i) the requirement is for a work of art,
- (ii) the protection of patents, copyrights or other exclusive rights, or
- (iii) due to an absence of competition for technical reasons;

4. Term of Contract

The term of the contract shall be from approximately **August 1, 2014** to **July 31, 2015**, plus four (4) additional one (1) year option periods under the same terms and conditions as the initial contract.

5. Estimated Cost

The estimated value of the initial contract is \$33,075.00 USD, plus \$33,075.00 for each additional option period for a total value of approximately \$165,375.00.

6. Exception to the Government Contracts Regulations and applicable trade agreements

Sole Source Justification - Exception of the Government Contract Regulations (GCR):

- (d) Only one person or firm is capable of performing the contract

NRCan requires access to 41 core earth science journals. GeoScience World is a database providing full text access to these 41 core earth science journals used by our researchers. The publishers of these journals have given GeoScience World exclusive rights to provide access to these electronic versions of their journals, making the Contractor the only electronic source of these journals. The various geological associations whose journal titles make up the database publish the electronic version only through GeoScience World.

NRCan Library and clients in the Earth Science Sector are able to access full text versions of these titles for research, study and information exchange activities such as interlibrary loan. GeoScience World is the only publisher to provide the electronic versions of the core earth science journal titles required.

7. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor

GeoScience World
#900 - 8200 Greensboro Drive
McLean, VA, USA
22102



8. Inquiries on Submission of Statement of Capabilities

Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide the services/goods described herein, may submit a Statement of Capabilities in writing, preferably by e-mail, to the contact person identified in this Notice on or before the closing date and time of this Notice. The Statement of Capabilities must clearly demonstrate how the supplier meets the advertised requirements.

9. Closing Date

The closing date for submitting statements of capabilities is **31 July 2014 at 2:00 p.m. EDT.**

10. Contract Authority

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