Advance Contract Award Notice – (Reference Number 15-22001)

An ACAN is a public notice indicating to the supplier community that a department or agency intends to award a contract for goods, services or construction to a pre-identified supplier, thereby allowing other suppliers to signal their interest in bidding, by submitting a statement of capabilities. If no supplier submits a statement of capabilities that meets the requirements set out in the ACAN, on or before the closing date stated in the ACAN, the contracting officer may then proceed with the award to the pre-identified supplier.

Requirement: The National Research Council Canada wishes to award a preventive maintenance agreement to Bruker AXS Inc for the following equipment: XRF Spectrometer S4 Pioneer, D8 Advanced X-ray powder diffraction instrument and S2 Picofox X-ray Total Reflection X-ray Fluorescence instrument. Bruker AXS is the original equipment manufacturer for these instruments and is the only know supplier that can adequately address these maintenance needs.

The vendor is the original company from which these instruments were purchased. The vendor is thus the only company authorized and capable of performing the service support for these instruments which is in accordance with the safety requirements and guidance for analytical X-ray Equipment (Safety Code 32).

Government Contracts Regulations Exception: The following exception to the Government Contracts Regulations is invoked for the procurement under subsection Section 6, (d) only one firm is capable of performing the work, of the Government Contracts Regulations set aside the requirement to solicit bids. - Additional deliveries by the original supplier that are intended either as replacement parts or continuing services for existing supplies, services or installations, or as the extension of existing supplies, services or installations, where a change of supplier would compel the entity to procure equipment or services not meeting requirements of interchangeability with already existing equipment or services.

The National Research Council reserves the right to award additional service contracts as described in this ACAN once all the option years have been exercised.

The proposed contract is from April 2015 to April 2018

Cost Estimate of the Proposed Contract: \$148,982.40 USD

Name and Address of Pre-Identified Supplier:

Bruker AXS 5465 East Cheryl Parkway Madison. WI 53711-5373

Supplier's Right to Submit a Statement of Capabilities: Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide the services described in the ACAN 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 advertised requirements.

Closing Date and Time: 14:00 EDT, Thursday April 30, 2014

Inquiries and statement of capabilities are to be directed to:

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