

ADVANCE CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION (ACAN)

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has a requirement for the provision of repair and maintenance services for Studer reel to reel reproducers, Panasonic Professional Digital Audio (DAT) playback decks, SVHS video playback machines and Simon Yorke Designs Archival Turntables.

The purpose of this Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) is to signal the government's intention to award a contract for these services to B & L Electronics in Embrun, Ontario. Before awarding a contract, however, the government provides other suppliers with the opportunity to demonstrate that they are capable of satisfying the requirements set out in this Notice, by submitting a statement of capabilities during the fifteen calendar day posting period.

If other potential suppliers submit statements of capabilities during the fifteen calendar day posting period that 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.

If no other supplier submits, on or before the closing date, a statement of capabilities meeting the requirements set out in the ACAN, a contract will be awarded to the pre-selected supplier.

Requirement

The work described herein is being done to support the audiovisual digitization activities undertaken by Stewardship Branch, LAC. Without these services, there would be no conservation copying of historically significant audio and video recordings held on reel-to-reel, DAT, SVHS and disc formats. The digitization of these formats requires the use of well-maintained, specially modified equipment that has not been in production for over 15 years nor supported by any manufacturer in the last 10 years.

The required services include the repair of Studer reel to reel reproducers, Panasonic Professional DAT recorders, SVHS machines and archival turntables. Specifically this includes:

- 15 Studer A810 reel to reel reproducers (serial numbers: 5785, 7152, 7154, 7815, 4555, 5383, 5302, 5307, 3517, 7149, 5944, 3261, 6629, 6006, 6104)
- 4 Studer A807 reel to reel reproducers (serial numbers: 2518, 4090, 4133, 12029)
- 3 Studer A827 reel to reel reproducers (serial numbers: 1462, 1062, 1305)
- 3 Panasonic SV3700 Professional Digital Audio Decks (serial numbers: AAOI01921, AA4B16703, AA0K101222)
- 3 JVC Professional SVHS playback decks (serial numbers: 800579, 801099, 800659)
- 2 Simon Yorke Designs PAT (Professional Archival Turntable)
- 1 Simon Yorke Designs CAT (Compact Archival Turntable).

Plus any Studer reel to reel reproducers, DAT machines, and SVHS machines LAC acquires over the 3 years of this contract.

Contract Period

LAC is seeking to award 1 contract for a period of 3 years with the possibility of 2 contract extensions of 1 year each.

Estimated Value

The period of the proposed contract is August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2018. The estimated cost of the proposed agreement is \$25,000 (excluding GST) per year.

Deliverables and schedule

All work is to be performed on an "as and when required basis".

Location of the work

The service supplier is in the National Capital Region. LAC will, where and when possible, deliver the equipment to the service supplier.

On occasion, when equipment can't be moved, work may be required to be carried out on LAC premises at 625 Boulevard du Carrefour, Gatineau, Quebec.

Method of Acceptance

All work supplied by the Contractor will be submitted to a visual inspection carried out by a LAC conservator. A test tape/disc will also be played back to ensure functionality. Any work that does not meet the LAC inspection will be returned to the Contractor with a request for a reassessment and explanation on the part of the Contractor. After this process, work that still does not pass inspection will be redone by the Contractor at no additional charge.

Justification for the selection of this supplier

The proposed supplier has unique experience in the construction, repair and modification of reel to reel, DAT, SVHS and archival turntable equipment. The proposed supplier has proven unique expertise and skills in the manufacture of replacement parts for obsolete audio equipment, the manufacture of precision equipment within exacting standards required for legacy analogue and digital audio playback, demonstrated knowledge of audio electronics as related to magnetic tape playback, amplification and turntables, demonstrated knowledge of the custom, equipment modifications required as related to playback speed, playback equalization, alignment and calibration, skills in the construction of custom equipment for obsolete tape and grooved media formats, and in problem solving solutions to archival audio equipment.

Consequently, the department has invoked exception (d) of the Government Contracts Regulations - only one firm is capable of performing the Contract.

Name and Address of Proposed Contractor

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Minimum essential requirements

Any interested supplier must demonstrate by way of a statement of capabilities that it meets the following requirements:

- Five years of experience in the last 15 years conducting professional installation, repair, modification and maintenance of legacy broadcast and industrial audio machinery.
- Knowledge and understanding of the operation and maintenance of Studer reel to reel machines, Panasonic DAT machines, JVC SVHS machines and Simon Yorke Designs Professional Archival Turntables.
- A diploma/degree in related field (i.e. Electronics Engineering Technologist Diploma)
- Certified factory training on Panasonic SV-3700 Professional DAT Playback decks.
- Certified Industrial/Professional training on JVC SVHS playback machines.

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 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.

The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is July 6, 2015 at 2pm (EST).

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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