

Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN)

Local Internet Access Services (LIAS) – Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut For areas subject to Comprehensive Land Claim Agreements (CLCA)

1. Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN)

Shared Services Canada has a requirement for the provision of services as specified under “Definition of the requirement” below. The purpose of this Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) is to signal the government's intention to award a contract for these services to a pre-selected supplier. Before awarding a contract, however, the government would like to provide 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 15 calendar day posting period.

If other potential suppliers submit a statement of capabilities during the 15 calendar day posting period that meet the requirements set out in the ACAN, the government will 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 may be awarded to the pre-selected supplier.

Shared Services Canada has an existing contract with Bell Canada for LIAS covering the same regions excluding CLCA areas. SSC may consider a contract amendment to the existing LIAS contract with Bell Canada should SSC not receive a statement of capabilities from other suppliers to provide services in these areas.

2. Definition of the requirement

Shared Services Canada has a requirement for Local Internet Access Service (LIAS) that will provide it along with other Government Departments (OGDs), with the ability to access the Public Internet Services at various locations/areas in Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut that are subject to Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements (CLCA).

The LIAS will provide access to the Public Internet using commercially available Internet access technologies. One of the intended uses of LIAS is to deploy as a transport medium to connect Departmental Wide Area Networks over secure Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) from various locations, essentially where direct physical connections to departmental Intranets are not available, including remote business and offices.

The proposed contract is for a period of 2 years from Contract award date with an irrevocable option on the part of Canada to extend the period of any resulting contract by up to 1 additional 1 year period.

3. Criteria for assessment of the Statement of Capabilities (Minimum Essential Requirements)

- a) The Respondent must demonstrate and provide specific examples how they are able to meet the following mandatory requirements.

Reference No.	Mandatory Technical Criteria	Met/Not Met
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M-001	The Bidder must demonstrate that they have developed, implemented and operated a Local Internet Access Service solution over a period of at least 24 continuous months in the last 3 years leading up to the response closing date.	
M-002	The Bidder must demonstrate that they have provided a Service Desk to an organization for a period of at least 24 continuous months in the last 3 years, where the Service Desk operated 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year (24/7/365).	
M-003	The Bidder must demonstrate that they have capability to support IPv4, IPv6 and/or a combination of IPv4 and IPv6 traffic at some designated SIPs, depending on location in a coverage area.	
M-004	The Bidder must demonstrate capability to deliver Internet services across the whole province or territories covered by their bid and provide details such as areas covered by the Bidder's own service and network reach and extended reach to other areas via subcontracting or dealing arrangements with other partners.	

- b) The Respondent must meet all requirements as specified in ANNEX B – Statement of Work.
- c) Since the Supply Chain Integrity (SCI) assessment is required prior to any contract award for this work, at SSC's discretion, the Respondent must submit a complete Network Diagram, IT Products List and Subcontractor list (if applicable) in accordance with ANNEX A to be reviewed and approved by Canada for further evaluation and evidence of its statement of capabilities.

4. Applicability of the trade agreement(s) to the procurement

The National Security Exception (NSE) has been invoked and therefore the trade agreements are not applicable for this procurement.

5. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier

Bell Canada is the only known supplier capable of providing the LIAS that meets the minimum essential requirements as identified above and therefore recommended to LIAS senior management that Bell Canada be procured as SSC's LIAS Contractor for CLCA areas.

6. The following exception(s) to the Government Contracts Regulations is invoked for this procurement:

Subsection 6(d) - only one person is capable of performing the work.

7. This procurement may be subject to one or more of the following CLCA's:

Yukon

- Umbrella Final Agreement
- Champagne and Aishihik First Nation Final Agreement
- Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Final Agreement

- First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun Final Agreement
- Selkirk First Nation Final Agreement
- Teslin Tlingit Council Final Agreement
- Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Final Agreement
- Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement
- Ta'an Kwach'an First Nation Final Agreement
- Kluane First Nation Final Agreement
- Kwanlin Dun First Nation Final Agreement
- Carcross/Tagish First Nation Final Agreement
- Nisga'a Final Agreement
- Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement

Northwest Territories

- Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement
- Inuvialuit Final Agreement
- Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement
- Tlicho Land Claims Agreement

Nunavut

- Nunavut Land Claims Agreement

8. Name and address of the pre-identified supplier

Bell Canada
160 Elgin Street
Ottawa, Ontario K2P 2C4

9. Suppliers' right to submit a statement of capabilities

Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide the goods, services or construction 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.

10. Closing date for a submission of a statement of capabilities

The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is September 16, 2015.

Only Suppliers that have submitted a response will be notified in writing of SSC's resulting decision to continue with a competitive or non-competitive procurement.

11. Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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ANNEX A

The IT Product List Form is attached as a separate document.

ANNEX B – Statement of Work

The Statement of Work (SOW) is attached as a separate document.