



Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN)

Title: Zoonotic Pathogens in Canada

Solicitation Number: 1000171934

1. The Purpose and Explanation of an ACAN

An Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) allows the Public Health Agency of Canada to post a notice for no less than fifteen (15) calendar days, indicating to the supplier community that a goods, services or construction contract will be awarded to a pre-identified contractor. If no other supplier submits, on or before the closing date, a Statement of Capabilities that meets the minimum requirements identified in the ACAN, the Contracting Authority may then proceed to award a contract to the pre-identified contractor.

2. Rights of Suppliers

Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide the services or goods described in this ACAN may submit a Statement of Capabilities demonstrating how they meet the advertised requirement. This Statement of Capabilities must be provided via e-mail only to the contact person identified in Section 12 of the Notice on or before the closing date and time of the Notice. If the Bidder can clearly demonstrate they possess the required capabilities, the requirement will be opened to electronic or traditional bidding processes.

3. Proposed Contractor

University of Saskatchewan
Western College of Veterinary Medicine
Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC)
52 Campus Dr., Saskatoon, SK
S7N 5B4

4. Definition of Requirements or Expected Results

The Contractor will undertake a specific set of projects in support of key program areas at the Public Health Agency of Canada:

- 1) West Nile virus dead bird surveillance;
- 2) Tick-associated pathogen surveillance, including Lyme Borrelia;
- 3) Canada's Inter-Agency Wild Bird Surveys;
- 4) Rabies wildlife surveillance;
- 5) Special Report to the Joint Meeting of The Council of Chief Medical Officers (CCMOH) and Council of Chief Veterinary Officers (CCVO), and
- 6) Subject matter expertise on special projects, as agreed upon.



5. Minimum Requirements

Any interested supplier must demonstrate by way of a Statement of Capabilities that it meets the following minimum requirements:

1. Eight or more years' experience conducting and coordinating studies of influenza in live and dead, wild migratory birds;
2. Eight or more year experience in coordinating a national survey of disease in wild birds;
3. Eight or more years' experience in performing post mortems on dead bird to extract relevant tissues as well as conducting frontline diagnostic tests on dead birds;
4. Eight or more years' experience in the national coordination and timely testing of all samples by participating members of Canada's Avian Influenza Laboratory Network;
5. Has an established network of wildlife biologists, wildlife rehabilitators, veterinarians and other scientists through the provinces and territories of Canada, who can detect diseases in wild animals and collect specimens for analysis; and
6. Ten or more year experience in the development an ongoing direct data input, maintenance and analysis of a national wildlife disease database carried out in partnership with federal, provincial and territorial agencies.

6. Reason for Non-Competitive Award

Under the Government Contracts Regulations exceptions, Paragraph 1 Section 6d applies; only one person or firm is capable of performing the contract.

The Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC) is the only organization that can perform the scope of work, given the history, experience and familiarity with the level of information required to complete the tasks identified in the contract:

- 1) The CWHC is uniquely positioned at the interface of veterinary medicine and existing partners from an array of disciplines including agriculture and animal health, human health and wildlife health;
- 2) The CWHC operates a national coordinated network of wildlife health-related professionals, enabling consistent and coordinated efforts across multiple jurisdictions and sectors (federal/provincial/ territorial government, private sector, veterinary colleges and NGOs) and providing a common national platform for wildlife health science, disease diagnosis, and data and information collection and sharing; and,
- 3) CWHC's role as a Collaborating Centre of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) brings an added connection to global issues of health and disease and provides Canada with an important and unique approach to health not only nationally but also internationally.

7. Applicable trade Agreements and Justification for Limited Tendering

This procurement is subject to the following:

Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT),

This procurement is not subject to the following;

- North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA): Annex 1001.1b-2, section B-excluded coverage item B002 "Animals and Fisheries Studies" and B104 Wildlife Studies



- World Trade Organization (WTO): Animals and Fisheries studies are not covered by this agreement

8. Ownership of Intellectual Property

Canada intends to retain ownership of any foreground intellectual property rights arising from the performance of the Work under the resulting contract will belong to Canada, on the following grounds; to generate knowledge and information for public dissemination.

9. Period of the Proposed Contract

The proposed contract period shall be from date of contract award until March 31, 2016. With an irrevocable option on the part of Canada to extend the period of any resulting contract by up to three (3) additional twelve (12) month periods.

10. Estimated Value of the Proposed Contract

The total estimated value of the proposed contract is expected not to exceed \$970,000.00 (taxes not applicable) for the contract period and option year periods

11. Closing Date and Time

The Closing Date and Time for accepting Statements of Capabilities is September 16th, 2015 at 2 p.m. EDT.

12. Contact Person

All enquiries must be addressed by e-mail to:

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Health Canada / Government of Canada
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