

Title: IHS Standards Expert Subscription

1. Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN)

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.

2. Definition of the requirement

The National Energy Board has a requirement for the electronic access to technical standards and other references materials via an electronic subscription service. This access is required by Operations Business Unit (Ops BU) in full –text PDF format on a 24/7 basis. The Ops BU requires searchable and linked access to the latest editions of these materials to ensure that NEB-regulated companies construct and operate facilities in a manner that is safe, secure, and environmentally responsible. The Ops fulfills these responsibilities by

- assessing applications
- verifying compliance with statues, regulations and conditions of approval
- responding to emergencies
- enforcing applicable legislation, regulations, company commitments and the NEB directions
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3. Criteria for assessment of the Statement of Capabilities (Minimum Essential Requirements)

Any interested supplier must demonstrate by way of a statement of capabilities that its product/equipment/system meets the following requirements:

- Provide digital access to a list of more than 1.3 million technical standards, codes, related documents and other references from over 370 developing organizations, including the CSA, the American Petroleum Institute and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.
- Provide online library tool that has the capability to search, filter, create favorites, create custom lists, receive alerts to changes, receive link to related documents, have multi language interface, be supported in English and French

Deliverables include but not limited to

- Alberta Fire and Building Codes

- ASME BPVC SEC IIA
- ASME BPVC SEC V
- ASME BPVC SEC VIII DIV 1
- ASME BPVC SEC IX
- ASME ADVANTAGE
- CSA PETROCHEM
- API BLOCK 1-25 CC2MR

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

This procurement is not subject to any trade agreements(s)

5. Justification for the pre-identified supplier

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6. Government Contracts Regulations Exception(s)

The following exception(s) to the *Government Contracts Regulations* is invoked for this procurement under subsection 6(d) - "only one person is capable of performing the work"

7. Period of the proposed contract or delivery date

The proposed contract is for a period of one (1) year from November 29, 2015 to November 30, 2016.

8. Cost estimate of the proposed contract

The estimate value of the contract is \$ 30,146.03 (GST/HST extra)

9. Name and address of the pre-identified supplier

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10. Suppliers’ right to submit a statement of capabilities

Suppliers who consider themselves fully capable of providing 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.

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

The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is October 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. MST.

12. Inquiries and submission of statement of capabilities

Inquiries and statement of capabilities are to be directed to:

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