

ADVANCE CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE (ACAN)

1. Definition

An Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) allows departments and agencies to post a notice, for no less than fifteen (15) calendar days, indicating to the supplier community that it intends to award a good, service or construction contract to a pre-identified contractor. If no other supplier submits, on or before the closing date, a Statement of Capabilities that meets the requirements set out in the ACAN, the competitive requirements of the government's contracting policy have been met. Following notification to suppliers not successful in demonstrating that their Statement of Capabilities meets the requirements set out in the ACAN, the contract may then be awarded using the Treasury Board's electronic bidding authorities.

If other potential suppliers submit Statement of Capabilities during the fifteen calendar day posting period, and 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.

2. Definition of Requirements

Natural Resources Canada requires access to timely, accurate and reliable economic and financial data which focus primarily on historical macroeconomic data.

2a) the data provider must:

- Provide NRCAN with five user licenses to access their economic data service electronically from a web-based platform.
- have a Microsoft plug-in that will allow identified data to be searched, aggregated and retrieved directly from the service provider using Microsoft Excel
- Build customized financial models in Microsoft Excel which will link directly to the service provider's source data, and will update remotely through the plug-in as required.
- Provide automated notifications to users for specified investment activity.
- Fully capture all publically traded firms operating worldwide (i.e. over 99% of the world's market capitalization).
- Data must be supplemented to include privately held firms.

2b) the following detailed firm level financial data, for Canadian and internationally based firms, must be provided with the subscription:

- Mergers and acquisitions (date, value, industry going back to 1980))
- Firm ownership data, including minority ownership and shareholder transactions
- Corporate financial data (e.g. assets, liabilities, debt, and capital expenditure) with links to the source documents (100,000 companies, going back to 1980, involving public and privately held firms.)
- Credit ratings for corporate and sovereign debt following a reputable and consistent methodology, including the following: credit adjusted financials, comparability of firms on an operational, solvency and liquidity basis and a probability of default.
- Consensus forecasts (firm level and macroeconomic level)

3. Trade Agreements

Not applicable

4. Title to Intellectual property

There will be no resulting Intellectual property from this requirement

5. Contract Period

November 1st, 2015 – October 31st, 2017 (which includes a 12 month option period)

6. Estimated Cost

Initial period: \$26,145.00 (+ HST)

Optional period: \$27,452.25 (+HST)

7. Exception to the Government Contracts Regulations and applicable trade agreements

Sole Source Justification - Exception of the Government Contract Regulations (GCR) based on the following:

(d) only one person is capable of performing the contract

- S&P Capital IQ is the only data provider who captures all financial data of 100,000 companies, going back to 1980, involving public and privately held firms.
- S&P Capital IQ is the sole provider with both a web-based platform and an Excel Plug-in that allows analysts to create financial models in Microsoft Excel linking directly their datasets.
- S&P Capital IQ is the sole provider of sovereign and corporate debt credit ratings which include the followings: credit adjusted financials, comparability of firms on an operational, solvency and liquidity basis and a probability of default.

8. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor

S&P Capital IQ
130 King Street West, Suite 1309
Toronto, ON M5X 1E5

9. Inquiries on 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, preferably by e-mail, to the contact person identified in this Notice on or before the closing date and time of this Notice. The Statement of Capabilities must clearly demonstrate how the supplier meets the advertised requirements."

10. Closing Date

The closing date for a submission of a Statement of Capabilities is October 12th, 2015 @ 2:00PM

11. Contract Authority

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