

ADVANCE CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE (ACAN)

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 Requirements

The department of Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) has a requirement to collect aliquots of quartz-rich sand from the bagged chip samples of archived petroleum well cores available from the GSC, Suncor, and NEB archives at or near the base of the Beaufort Formation strata.

The vendor will thereafter prepare accelerator targets and measure ^{10}Be and ^{26}Al in quartz using accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS). Interpret the data using a $^{26}\text{Al}/^{10}\text{Be}$ burial method to compute the age of deposition

3. Criteria for Assessment of the Statement of Capabilities

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

1. 3 years or more of experience in :
 - Terrestrial Cosmogenic Nuclide Dating analysis and interpretation.
 - Laboratory equipped to process samples for Cosmogenic Nuclide Dating
 - Experience collaborating with Geological Survey of Canada in research activities
2. An in-depth knowledge and understanding of Terrestrial Cosmogenic Nuclide Dating as demonstrated through a documented history of peer-reviewed publications and multiple (Over 3) projects employing the technique.

4. Trade Agreements

This procurement is subject to the following trade agreement(s):
North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA);

Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT).

5. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier

We intend to deal directly with the supplier mentioned in section 11 below as, it is the only known supplier that meets the mandatory criteria set out in section 3 above.

Should Canada receive a statement of capabilities from a supplier that contains sufficient information to indicate that it meets the requirements set forth in this ACAN, a competitive process will be triggered with a technical and financial evaluation methodology of the bids proposed by the potential bidders

6. Exception to the Government Contracts Regulations

The following exception(s) to the Government Contracts Regulations is (are) invoked for this procurement under subsection 6(d) – “only one person is capable of performing the work”.

The identified provider, Dalhousie University, is the only one able to meet all of the criteria identified in paragraph 3 above.

7. Exclusions and/or Limited Tendering Reasons

The following exclusion(s) and/or limited tendering reasons are invoked under the:

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA): Article 1016, 2, b)
Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT): Article 506.12 (b))

8. Ownership of Intellectual property

Canada intends to retain ownership of any Foreground Intellectual Property arising out of the proposed contract on the basis that the main purpose of the contract is to generate knowledge and information for public dissemination.

9. Contract Period

From Contract Award to March 31, 2017 with option years that might extend the contract to 31 March 2019.

10. Estimated Cost

The estimated value of the contract is \$130,530.15 plus taxes inclusive of the proposed 3 option years

11. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor

Department of Earth sciences
Dalhousie University
1459 Oxford Street,
PO Box 15000
Halifax, Nova Scotia
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12. Suppliers' right to submit a 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.

13. Closing Date

The closing date for a submission of a Statement of Capabilities is 5 December, 2016 at 14:00 Mountain Standard Time (MST).

14. Contract Authority

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