

Advance Contract Award Notice – 16-22121 – Policy Options Associated with a Canadian Northern Corridor

An ACAN is a public notice indicating to the supplier community that a department or agency intends to award a Standing Offer Contract 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.

Statement of Requirement:

NRC is seeking to engage a Consultant to submit a discussion paper outlining the fundamental components of a northern transportation corridor and provide an analysis and recommendations outlining the role Government of Canada policy might play in encouraging and leveraging benefits from a Canadian northern corridor.

In fulfilling the work objectives for the project, the Consultant's paper should include the following elements:

- a) an overview of resource-related opportunities reliant on new infrastructure to achieve market access
- b) given that existing infrastructure is based on the concept of north-south trade, an explanation of how access to tidewater to reach offshore markets would facilitate Canadian economic development
- c) identification of the capacity and gaps that currently exist in infrastructure required to access tidewater.
- d) possible synergies arising from development of a corridor, such as an east-west hydro grid and opportunities to improve education, health, employment and investment opportunities for first nations
- e) a preliminary assessment of technology and innovation advances likely needed to be incorporated into infrastructure and resource development approaches to ensure sustainable, energy efficient, safe and secure development
- f) potential roles the Government of Canada and NRC could play in the development of a northern transportation corridor designed to promote northern resource industries' ability to access tidewater and, by extension new foreign markets including how the Government of Canada might leverage its capacities to support and encourage the development of such a corridor through policy or direct involvement.

Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier:

The National Research Council Canada is seeking an independent, senior level, third-party consultant with experience in the area of policy related to a Canadian northern corridor. The consultant has multi-decade experience in northern and remote areas,

transportation and logistics, resource development, economic development, research and innovation and government. He has extensive experience providing services to large construction, infrastructure and technology development projects in Canada, the US and elsewhere and is recognized as one of the foremost transportation and logistics experts in the North. The consultant has managed two research and technology organizations, the National Research Council and the Alberta Research Council, giving him both federal and provincial perspectives. The consultant is a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineers and Engineers Canada. This individual has a unique combination of experience and knowledge that is not otherwise available.

Criteria for assessment of the statement of capabilities (minimum essential requirements):

- Must be a senior level executive with experience in the area of policy related to a Canadian northern corridor.
- Must have multi-decade experience in northern and remote areas, transportation and logistics, resource development, economic development, research and innovation and government
- Must have extensive experience providing services to large construction, infrastructure and technology development projects in Canada, the US and abroad
- Must have recognized expertise with transportation and logistics in the North
- Must be a fellow with the Canadian Academy of Engineering

The National Research Council Canada wishes to issue a contract in the value of \$49,000 (plus applicable taxes) to the proposed contractor.

Cost Estimate of the Proposed Contract: \$49K

Name and Address of Pre-Identified Supplier: Dalcor Innoventures Ltd.
8915 Saskatchewan Drive,
Edmonton, T6G 2B1

Supplier's Right to Submit a Statement of Capabilities: Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide 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.

Inquiries and statement of capabilities are to be directed to:

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