

## **Advance Contract Award Notice – 16-22120 – Optimizing NRC’s Contributions to Canada’s National Research and Innovation Agenda**

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 undertake a comparative analysis of national innovation systems, develop recommendations and provide advice with respect to the role and approach for NRC.

In fulfilling the work objectives for the project, the Consultant will need to submit a research paper describing how organizations similar to NRC work, both in Canada at the national and the provincial level, and internationally

The paper should include the following elements:

- a) a description of comparable organizations in other jurisdictions and the role they are intended to play in an innovation ecosystem
- b) the key factors that drive successful research organizations, including approaches to strategic direction, structure, governance, financial management, human resources and performance metrics.
- c) lessons learned and best practices based on experiences in both Canada and internationally.

The paper will have a particular focus on issues such as how to optimize the interface with industry, approaches to priority-setting and project identification, and decision-making related to ongoing project management and assessment and resource allocation.

### **Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier:**

The National Research Council Canada NRC is seeking an independent, senior level, third-party consultant in the area of innovation theory and practice. The consultant has significant hands-on knowledge and experience in academia (several years as an academic chair working in the innovation field) and in the management of two research and technology organizations (National Research Council for 6 years and Alberta Research Council for 12 years). The consultant has contributed to a number of prominent advisory boards and committees at both the provincial and federal levels, including the Industrial Research Assistance Program Advisory Board and the Environmental Protection Advisory Board. His network includes many leading RTOs and government officials around the world. The combination of this executive level experience and established network of government and business officials involved in innovation around the world is not otherwise available.

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

- Must be a senior level executive in the area of innovation theory and practice for at least 18 years
- Significant hands-on knowledge and experience in academia with experience teaching domestically and abroad
- Previous experience as an academic chair working in the innovation field
- Previous experience leading the management of at least 2 publicly funded Research and Technology Organizations for at least 18 years
- Have demonstrated strong contribution to a number of prominent advisory boards and committees at both the provincial and federal levels
- Have an extensive network with many leading RTOs and government officials around the world.

The National Research Council Canada wishes to issue a contract in the value of \$77,000 (plus applicable taxes) to the proposed contractor.

**Cost Estimate of the Proposed Contract: \$77K**

**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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